

Seward, Other Cities Included In Land Claims

(From Seward Phoenix Log)

The cities of Seward, Cordova, Whittier and Valdez have been included in a 17,000 square mile chunk of Alaska which was claimed by the natives who belong to the Chugach Native Association.

The filing lays claim to the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula and the area bordering on the Prince William Sound. It also lays claim to the underlying offshore ocean floor, which could prove highly significant to petroleum operations, if upheld by the courts.

The native group claims that its members constitute an identifiable group which has inhabited the area since time immemorial.

The claim was filed by the firm of McCutcheon, Groh and Benkert by members of the Association and the villages of Tatitlek, Port Graham, and English Bay.

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Thin Sea Ice Expert Impresses Guy Okakok

By Guy Okakok
Barrow Correspondent

BARROW, (Special)—There are few old people living here in Barrow. One we know quite well is still lively. He told us that he is over 80 years of age.

About 18 years ago, I went out with him and we happen to see open water right in the middle of the young ice.

We stopped to look at this water and while we're looking, a seal comes up through this

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pond. We couldn't do any shooting as this seal was out of range.

He told me then if I ever walk on the thin ice.

I said to him, "I do sometime when no one was looking."

He then grab his spear and test it. His spear went through the young ice.

"Now wait a minute," I said to him, "you can't walk on this thin ice. You're going to break through."

He never even answered me. He kept on walking as if he is walking in a real thick ice. I tried it but came right back where I started from.

Man, this person really knows his way. I never even tried it afterward.

His name is Dick Bolt, man from Pt. Hope. Dick Bolt is over 81 now and he is still lively.

Dick Bolt has told me of his perilous adventures but due to papers, I won't put it down, but later on I will.

Rendered Whale Fat

Eskimos in Fairbanks have been asking for Kapsirak, meaning whale fat with oil out.

The Eskimos here got lots of oil here and some said they can sell any amount person requested. Any person wants Misigak, maning liquid whale oil, or Kapsirak, all frozen, please contact me anytime, then I can tell these people who has Kapsirak and Misigak.

Man Says Indian Family's Land Made Into Minnesota State Park

By Albert Engmann
Paradise, California

I wish you people would be able to help Indians who were treated unjustly in the past and are still living, like for instance, Mrs. Mary Woodenfrog. She is now is a sanitarium at Nopeming, Minn.

Her father, Jim Woodenfrog and her brother, John Woodenfrog (Wa-she-ga-mi-gish-gung) had allotments in Kabetogoma Lake. Her father and brother died a number of years ago.

The Indian agent induced them to trade their properties of 80 acres each for allotments

in the Bois Fort Reservation in northern Minnesota. Jim's 80 acres was at that time worth at least \$10,000 and John's was worth \$5,000 as both allotments had virgin timber on them while the 80-acre tracts in the reservation were rocky, cut over land worth at most \$5 dollars per acre.

According to the Treaty of 1854, any Indian leaving the reservation immediately was recognized as an American citizen. So the agent should have advised them to prove up their properties under the Homestead, or Stone and Timber Laws, and they would still have a right to allotments in the reservation.

The federal government traded land with the State of Minnesota, so that is the way Jim's property became a state park. It is known as Woodenfrog State Park.

Even without the improvements, Jim's land would be worth \$40,000 now.

I knew those Indians since 1910.

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Wolverine Fights

(From Kiana News)
By Johnnie Smith
Kiana, Alaska

Daddy and I were hunting. I was 12 years old then. Daddy kill caribou at Oveeveeruk.

Daddy and I, when we went to get the caribou the next morning, a bear he start to eating the meat. We got close to it. I looked down below it and saw something coming up. I thought it was a dog.

Daddy looked at it and knew right away it was a wolverine. I never saw a wolverine before that.

My Daddy told me to be quiet and watch. People always say the wolverine is a good fighter.

The bear saw the wolverine getting close and was growling at him. Seems like the wolverine wasn't afraid of the bear. When the wolverine got close to it, the brown bear jump at him. He missed him. He was too slow.

Then we see the wolverine fight that bear. We see it biting behind the bear's neck, on the side. Bear was too show. He try to fight the wolverine alright but it looked like he was fighting by himself.

Finally the bear give up and walked away. Then Daddy shot the bear.

The wolverine didn't chase the bear and we never shot it.

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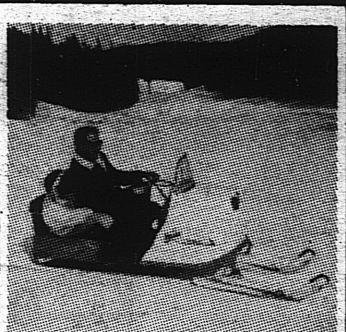
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