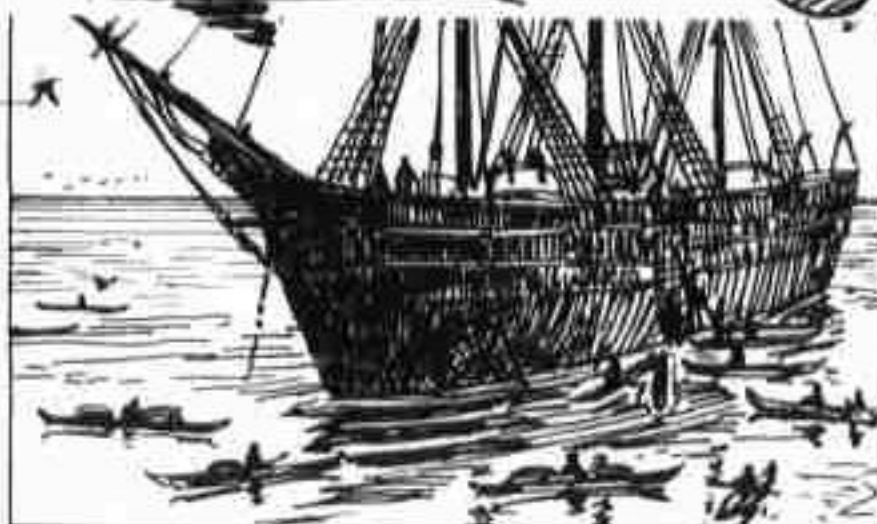


EPISODE II: THE ALEUT MEETS BARANOV IN LORD OF ALASKA

Part 5

IN SPITE OF OUR CASUALTIES, BARANOV WAS UNDAUNTED. WE BURIED OUR DEAD AND PUSHED ONWARD, LOOKING FOR FURS.



THAT YEAR AND THE NEXT, WE KILLED MANY SEA OTTERS. THEIR FURS WERE SENT TO RUSSIA ON BOARD LARGE RUSSIAN SAILING SHIPS.

Over the next year, we will be printing the book *Adventures in the Alaska Economy* as a serial. Every week we will present approximately one and a half pages. The book, an economics text presented in comic book form, is the result of a collaboration between economics professors Steve Jackstadt, Lee Huskey and artist John Dawson.

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AS WE KILLED MORE AND MORE OTTERS THE SUPPLY OF FURS DWINDLED. WE HAD TO RANGE FARTHER AND FARTHER FROM OUR BASES ON KODIAK AND NUCHEK ISLAND TO GET FURS. THE FURTHER SOUTH WE HUNTED, THE MORE DANGER WE FACED FROM ATTACKS BY THE FIERCE TLINGITS, AND THE MORE EXPENSIVE IT BECAME FOR BARANOV TO GET FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES OUT TO THE HUNTING PARTIES. MANY ALEUTS WANTED TO RETURN HOME. THE HUNTING WAS VERY DANGEROUS.



ESPECIALLY WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT THE TLINGITS HAD GUNS!

Episode II Lord of Alaska

The Russians continued to mistreat the Aleuts, forcing them to pay "taxes" in the form of furs and requiring Aleut men to participate in long hunting expeditions which brought large profits to the Russians. Russian hunters however, never really learned to handle the bidarkas, hunt sea otters, or process the furs. The Aleuts, by virtue of their superior hunting skills, gradually gained bargaining power with the Russians and demanded trade goods like cloth and iron tools in return for their services.



THE SOURCE OF THE GUNS WAS ONE CAPTAIN HENRY BARBER. RED BEARD HE WAS CALLED. CAPT. BARBER UNDERSTOOD ECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND KNEW THAT THE TLINGITS WANTED GUNS. BARBER DID A BOOMING BUSINESS TRADING GUNS AND CARTRIDGES—EVEN SMALL CANNONS—FOR FURS.

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