

GOLD BOOM IN FAR NORTH RIVAL TO YUKON RUSH

Great Bear Lake District Is Scene: Perils Worse Than Those of Alaska.

By United Press
CAMERON BAY, Great Bear Lake, Alberta, Feb. 21.—Conditions reminiscent of the Yukon gold rushes and early California mining booms are being re-enacted in the Great Bear lake district, close to the Arctic circle.
Meals cost an average of \$2 each. Housing facilities necessarily are far from luxurious.
Transportation is furnished only by airplanes as far as speed, or regularity is concerned—and not all can afford such travel.
Great Bear lake, 200 miles long as the crow flies, is 1,200 miles north of Ft. McMurray. Fr. Norman, where the world's most northerly oil wells are operating, and a trading

station at Aklavik are among the nearest centers.
Hundreds of prospectors, willing to bear the rigorous weather and perils outliving those of Alaska, flocked to the region with reports of the discovery of rich gold, silver and radium bearing deposits.
Forty-seven different minerals have been discovered in the district, a majority of them occurring in such quantities that even the most cautious mining experts have described the find as "extraordinary."
Large deposits of pitch-blende have proved among the most profitable discoveries to date. Eight to ten tons of the material are required to produce one grain of radium—but one grain is worth \$50,000.
Further development of the field is anticipated with announcement that a radium recovery plant to treat the ore has been opened at Port Hope, Ontario.
Great Bear lake is about the size of Lake Huron, and is said to have the longest shoreline of any fresh water lake in the world.
Wealthy Widow Is Dead
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Catherine Howe, 87, widow of S. E. Howe, manufacturer, and reputed to be one of the city's wealthiest residents, died Sunday from complications which followed a fractured hip.

MAYORS FIGHT MOVE TO TAX CITY UTILITIES

Plan Branded as Blow at Municipal Ownership of Plants.

Battle to strike from the administration utility bill the provision for taxation of municipally owned utilities was started Monday by mayors of Indiana cities before the senate corporations committee.
"Ft. Wayne is not going to stand for this taxation," Mayor William Hoesey of that city told the committee in branding the provision "revolutionary" and without precedent.
While objecting to several features, the mayors centered their fight on the taxation provision after attending a meeting of the Municipal Rights League.
Mayor William Dentlinger, Connersville, charged the bill in its present form would give the public service commission authority to put into effect the system-wide rate-making

basis, which is contrary to the federal court decision making the city the rate-making unit, as in the Martinsville case.
Dentlinger pointed out that "the utilities are not fighting this bill" and suggested there be substituted for it the special session utility bill "which the utilities did fight."
Mayor Earl Conrad, Warsaw, told the committee there was no chance under terms of the bill, for his city to own a utility. He told the Democratic members of the committee: "We supported you because we thought we were going to get a chance for the little fellow. We expected a new deal."
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