

Gold In Hoosier Hills

With chisel, he removes bed rock from stream bed.

Colorful Hoosier Prospector Hoping for That 'Big Strike'

By VICTOR PETERSON

DIAMOND JACK fondled a small pile of glittering dust in the palm of his hand. Nearly blind, he squinted as he held the dust close to his eyes.

Diamond Jack has gold fever, an incurable disease. Each day is a promise of a gold strike and his hopes are high. This might be the day of the big strike in "them there" Hoosier hills.

The 60-year-old prospector, whose real name is Hugh Marshall, dreams of riches from Hoosier earth. Scientists say no.

THERE'S gold in Indiana, but it exists in minute quantities.

Indiana gold and diamonds are exposed in weathering and disintegration of granite boulders brought down by glaciers from Canada 50,000 to two million years ago.

If Diamond Jack knows this, he doesn't care. Every morning he leaves his tent camp along a side road near Centerton, Ind., and heads into Morgan County hills with wire brush, chisel, scrapping cup, shovel, buckets, sluice and pans piled in a wheelbarrow.

FROM SUN UP to sun down he grovels in the hollows. He loads the rock, pebbles and silt into the barrow and wheels it over gravel roads to Sycamore Creek which is swift and deep enough for sluicing. About four trips a day are all he makes. The task is back-breaking and muscle-tiring.

Since 1912 he has worked Indiana hills. This has been a good summer—he has found \$25 in golden dust, the total since 1912 about \$100. To make

"Panning is tedious but a particle of gold may remain."

"I intend to die a rich man," Diamond Jack prophesied. He fondled a small pile of glittering Indiana dust in his hand. This tiny portion of crude gold spurred his hope of making his "big strike" in the Hoosier hills. If he misses finding his fortune here, he's heading back to California next spring. Here is his story:

ends meet, he saws wood at night by lamplight. in bills, he carried in a suitcase.

HE ALSO carefully searches the earth for diamonds. He has found three in the tons and tons of soil he has moved. He uncovered the fabulous stones in 1912, 1913 and 1937.

The last he sold to an Indianapolis scientist. It would cost one and a third karats with a retail value of \$133.

It hasn't been cut. Cutting would cost as much or more than the value.

BUT THE years haven't always been lean for Diamond Jack. He began prospecting in California in 1908. He estimates his total take from Mother Earth at \$70,000.

"Nothing to show for it," he said. "Been robbed three times."

He was 17 when he made his first and greatest strike. In five months he took \$49,800 from California deposits. Then he headed for Chicago, deposited \$18,000 in a bank. The rest,

Over a mile of gravel road to a creek, Diamond Jack wheels his load for sluicing.



Diamond Jack moved tons of earth for the gold dust in his hand.

Discovery in Alaska Seen as Aid to Study of Ancient Man

Artifacts of Prehistoric Eskimo Culture Found in Semi-Underground Village

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (UP)—Alaska, which the United States bought from Russia "for a song," promises to give scientists the answers to many mysteries of the early American man.

The most recent find has been reported by Dr. Henry B. Collins Jr., archeologist of the Smithsonian Institution, who reported the excavation of a prehistoric, partly subterranean Eskimo village along with evidence of two ancient cultures.

The village, according to Dr. Collins, consisted of one-room houses with walls of stone and whale bones, and with whale bone roofs. The dwellings, he said, were erected in excavations two to three feet deep in the permanently frozen soil, with the roofs above the surface. The scientists entered the dwellings through underground passageways. They surmise that through the long Arctic winter the ancient inhabitants must have lived buried under the drifting snow.

THE BOOSTS were granted near the end of a six-month strike deadline the justices had set.

In stating their case for an increase, the justices said the prices of "West Indian goods" were seven times higher than previously.

One of the major items of West Indian trade in those days was rum.

College Bars Down

BOYNE CITY, Mich., Nov. 27—A state law prohibiting all racial and religious discrimination in the admission of students to college became effective in New York at the beginning of the school year. Jointly sponsored by a Democrat and a Republican, it was called the first law of its kind in the country.

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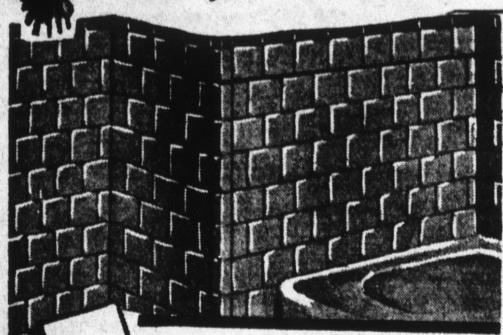
Diamond Jack, Indiana gold miner, at home.

In a home-made rocker and sluice, the prospector washes the gold-imbedded rock.

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