

course an important one, but that will adjust itself when the necessity arises for using Alaska lumber in the States.

All along the Alaskan shores canneries have been established, and an immense product of canned salmon is sent down every year for domestic and export use. I will say something more in detail about these canneries further along. The cod-fish banks of Alaska contain a source of undeveloped wealth from which we shall doubtless hear large results in the future; they are estimated to be more than four times greater in area than those of Newfoundland; and the halibut fisheries are reputed to be proportionally extensive. Every now and then we would see a whale spouting at a little distance as we sailed along, and here and there a lonely seal would go swimming by, but we did not go within a good many hundred miles of the famous seal islands, and so I can say nothing from personal observation in regard to the production of furs therefrom.

The mineral resources of Alaska are as yet pretty much confined to the gold mines, the only one of which we visited was the famous Treadwell mine on Douglass Island. This is a large and well-equipped concern; it is said to have the biggest stamp-mill in the world, and I think it highly probable that the assumption is a correct one. We spent part of a day examining the premises, penetrating the mine and looking at the operation of reducing the ore. Nobody will give any figures to outsiders in regard to the output, but from the quietness of parties interested it is safe to conclude that the mine is a very rich and profitable one. Douglass Island, on which it is located, is said to be a mountain of gold ore ten miles long by one-half as wide, and other mines will doubtless be in operation there ere long.

Our stop at the Kasaan fishing village was brief, but full of interest. It was the first native settlement that we had had an opportunity to inspect, and the passengers scattered in every direction looking for souvenirs, which were purchased from the natives in the form of carved horn spoons, bangles, baskets, furs, etc. There is a cannery here,