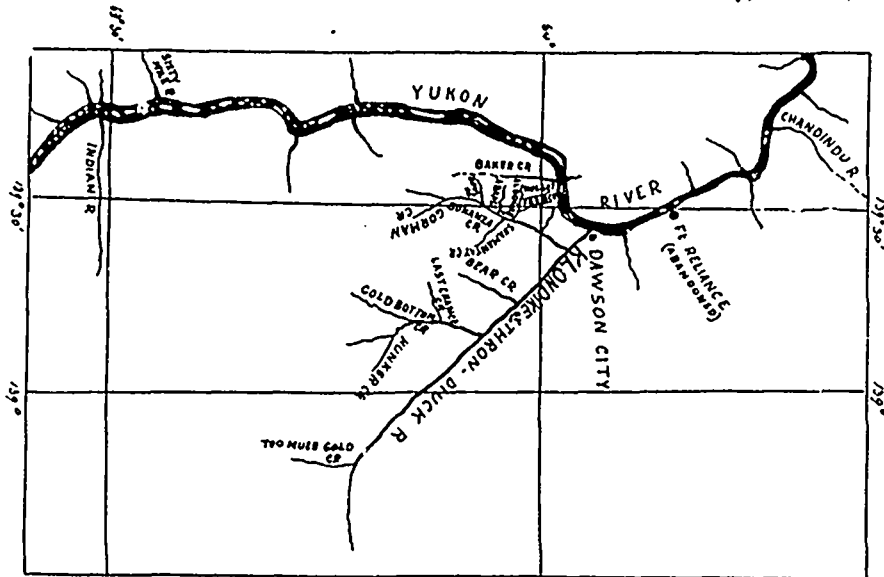


Transvaal, but there seems to be but little doubt that it will be the source of even greater wealth. Coal has been found on the Lewes River, above Five Finger Rapids. On Coal Creek, five miles below Forty Mile Creek, it has been discovered in ledges five to seven feet thick, and on Twelve Mile Creek there are also extensive deposits, as well as on the Chandindu River.

The Klondike is variously recorded on maps and charts as Thron-diuck, Throndik, Chandik, Tondak, Klondik, and Klondike. The first spelling is considered by Mr. Ogilvie to be the correct one. One authority gives "plenty of fish" as the meaning of the word, and another gives "reindeer," and it is put on some charts as the Deer or Reindeer River. The word Klondike seems likely, however, to come into general use.



In January, this year, still further deposits of coal were found in the upper reaches of the Klondike. It appears to be nearly all lignite coal of a good quality, and at the present date there appears to be little doubt that the quantity is sufficient to supply cheap fuel for a large population, not only for manufacturing and mining, but for domestic use.

The other minerals discovered and reported on officially are galena, in combination with gold, asbestos and copper, specimens of native copper having been brought in by Indians during the past year. What other minerals may be found only time and the perseverance of the prospectors in those regions can determine.

It would be impossible to give a correct estimate of the amount of gold already taken out of the Klondike. The table made of the finds made by miners returning on a single small steamer, the "P. W. Weare," showed that eight of these passengers brought down a total of \$460,000, and other passengers had amounts varying from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Some of these passengers, however, refused to disclose the amount of their finds. The captain of another steamer, the "Portland," estimated the amount of gold brought down on his ship at \$1,000,000. These and other boats returned from Alaska all within the month of July, and the total amount brought down this season has been calculated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. It is on record that

