

makeup it is that inspires respect bordering on fear in white man and Indian alike. Two of these men are a match for ten times their number simply because the outlaw knows that in opposing their authority he is waging war on the British government itself. The United States

country will be practically worthless, unless coal and cheap transportation are supplied in order that the comparatively poor claims can be worked with profit.

The Canadian government has pre-empted all veins of coal that have been or may be discovered, rightly concluding



A PASSENGER TRAIN ROUNDING ROCKY POINT, ON THE WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILROAD.

*From a photograph by Hegg, Skagway.*

would require more men, and a much larger outlay, to do the same work.

Cool headed mining experts who look at Alaska and the Yukon District in a dispassionate way, agree that it is the greatest mineral country in the world, but claim that when the placers of the few rich creeks are worked out, the

that this mineral is a most valuable product in a country where there is little wood for fuel to thaw the frozen ground—practically the only method of mining.

The railway from Skagway to Lake Bennett has so reduced freight rates that today the miners in Dawson can order supplies direct from the States at a cost

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