

Expedition of American Nature Association

The Alaska Expedition (First) Of the AM. N. Assoc.

The object of this expedition to the islands of the North Pacific and the Bering sea was to gather natural history material for popular articles for "Nature Magazine", a close study of the remarkable bird and mammal life of the region and get still life photographs for illustration and to get a complete series of motion pictures for educational work.

The part of the country was selected because it is one of the newest parts of the earth, it is a country in the making in more ways than one. Volcanic action is changing the very nature of the land, Mountains have been heaved up, the wind and the rain are in constant strife to wear down and level the new peaks, Plants are striving to cover the new land, birds and animals are finding new homes and living in new environment. Glaciers are wearing away the mountains and carrying the loads of rock and grinding them to make soil and the melting waters are moving the carloads of sediment to form new valleys for a more habitable place for man to live.

In other words in this ~~great~~ part of the great Alaska territory one may find the most advantage place on the continent to study Nature in all her moods and how she works to perform the natural maricals. Here are the highest mountains of the continent, the biggest mammals, most striking studies in plant life, the myriads of sea birds life, the greatest stretches of unknown country, The summer home of the water fowl host that swarm around the cliffs and spread out to the flats and marshes and have barely time to rear families and yet start early enough to get to the southland before winter begins.

No other expedition was better equipped for a successful season. Mr. Campbell Church, owner of the specially built yacht Westward, sea worthy, ~~very~~ large enough to weather any of the coastal storms and not too large to explore many bays and inlets ~~never~~ never seen by the larger tourist boats or boats of commerce.

A cruiser built for the owner and his family with the conveniences of a ~~house~~ floating home. Eighty-six foot, full Diesel-powered, with auxilary sails. A large combined living and dining salon on deck, three commodius double cabins below with bath, hot and cold, salt and fresh water with open fire place



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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Alaska Steamship Company is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alaska and is engaged in the transportation of passengers and freight between Alaska and other ports; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Alaska Steamship Company has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company to issue bonds for the purpose of raising funds for the improvement of the Company's fleet and facilities; and

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IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Alaska Steamship Company is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of raising funds for the improvement of the Company's fleet and facilities;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the Alaska Steamship Company has caused this resolution to be signed and the corporate seal of the Company to be hereunto affixed this 1st day of January, 1926.

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Representing the Association on the Alaska cruise and exploration were

Mr. and Mr. William L. Finley, associated with this organization from its beginning and familiar with material most acceptable to Nature Magazine's readers. Mr. Finley is at his best in the field with still life and motion picture cameras in portraying the home life and habits of wood's folks and telling of his experiences and travels in motion picture lectures. Mrs. Finley is an expert assistant in the field and a keen observer ~~and~~ with ability to put a human interest touch to bird and animal friends in the field.

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