## FIRST SPIKE DRIVEN ON GOVER NMENT RAILROAD IN

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Viows In the now land of opportunity-at left, Miss "Babe" White driving first apike for $\$ 31,000,000$ government railrond in Alaska; above, a "sourdough" camp at Ship Creek, now anchorago: below, laying the terminal traok at anchorage beach.

UNITED 8TATES $\$ 31,000.000$ LINE
TO TAP RICH COAL FIELDS BEGUN.
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Anchornge, Alanka, May 19.-The first apike has bren driven for the $\$ 31,000,000$ Kovernment railroad for Alaskn. The first tles are down and the first rails are indd.
Already the track etretches down to the water's edge and is being rapidiy pushed Iniand. Lileut. Frederick Mears, recommended by foo. Goethals for the job of building the road, has rushed job of bulding the road, has rushed
work night and day. In fact. the first work night and day. from the coast to the Yukon, was started Just before midnight one day.

Chairman Edes of the ruitrond commission will make his headquartors nt Soward. Commissioner Rigga will be located at the Tanana side. The old line of the Alnaka Northern will be reopeped. Surveyors are now out along this and other parts of the project.
Today Shlp Creek became Anchnrage that name beinif nwarded it in a bulle In lasued by the postoffice depariment.
it is the present plan of the rallrnal cummiasion to use this as tho nummer torminal for the line from here to the Matanuska coal rielit, The winter terminal for the roni fields in well as tha
terminal for through transloortation terminal for throukh transliortation
from the Yukon and Tanana districta from the Yukon
will be Seward.

It be Seward. Turngain hrm will he started this
The sooners are still comtng in by summer and completed within two
bortleads. The Alaskan "sourdoughs" have sped here by dog sledge and launch. There is hardly a place to mlerp. Restaurants, log cabin hotels. ponit halis, barber shops, everything but suloons, have suddenly sprung up.
Many of the more exuberant ones, thinking they landed on prizo territory have discovered that they are on the alte selected for their huldinga will have to yards. Their bulldinge will have to
come down or be moved. The atampeders are having a lot of trouble getting ashore with their supplies and tools. Every amall craft in aight is belng used as a lighter and it's almost Impossible to get ashore from the liners without getting wet. Hut this is a hardy hand which is here to build this rallrond. There are now ibout 700 men and 50 women in Aahorage and more coming dally.
The first apike on the new road wns Iriven by Mlss "Rabe" White, the first white child born at ship ('reek. She has twen "Itahe" to nill the ploneers of tha part so ture that now, grown in armanhouct, she is still known by no ther name, At this writing the first The work had to the done at nikht whith the tide was out na the track extenala right Aown to the gea and the reminal is really under wator nt high V. 2
years. A small fleet of barges and flat-bottom steamers are herge to convey aupplles along the arm to the various t.anel camps. Actual construc-
tlon work on the main line is scheduled to begin Juna 1.
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