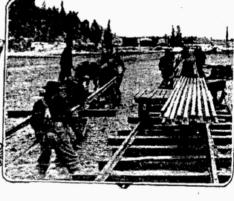
FIRST SPIKE DRIVEN ON GOVERNMENT RAILROAD IN ALASKA—SOURDOUGH STAMPEDE CONTINUES







new land of eppertunity—at left, Miss "Babe" White driving first spike for \$31,000,000 govern-lasks; above, a "sourdough" camp at Ship Creek, now anchorage; below, laying the terminal Views in the new land of oppment railroad in Alaska; above, a track at anchorage beac

UNITED STATES' \$31,000.000 LINE FIELDS BEGUN.

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Anchorage, Alaska, May 19.—The first apike has been driven for the railroad for and spike has been driven on the spike has been driven on the spike has been driven on the spike has been driven and the spike has Alaska. the first rails are laid.

Already the track stretches down to the water's edge and is being rapidly pushed inland. Lieut. Frederick Mears, recommended by 'O. Goethnis for the job of building the road, has rushed work night and day. In fact, the first work on the new road which stretches

work on the new road which stretched for the coast to the Yukon, was started just before midnight one day. Chairman Edes of the ruitroad commission will make his headquarters at Soward. Commissioner Riggs will be located at the Tanana side. The old line located at the Tanana side. The old line of the Alaska Northern will be re-driven by Miss "Rabe" opened. Surveyors are now out along white child born at S this and other parts of the project. has been "Rabe" to all Today Ship Creek became Anchorage, this part so long, that

thi issued by the postoffice department. It is the present plan of the railroad commission to use this as the summer terminal for the line from here to the Matanuska coal field. The winter terminal for the coal fields as well as the terminal for the Pough transportation from the Yukon and Tanana districts. will be Seward.

have sped here by dog sledge and have sped here by dog sledge and launch. There is hardly a place to sleep. Restaurants, log cabin hotels.

steep. testaurants, log caoin notes, pool halls, barber shops, everything but sulcons, have suddenly sprung up. Many of the more exuberant ones, thinking they landed on prize territory have discovered that they are on the site selected for the terminal switch will have to yards. Their buildings come down or be moved.

The stampeders are having a lot of The stampeders are having a lot of trouble getting ashore with their sup-plies and tools. Every small craft in sight is being used as a lighter and it's almost impossible to get ashore from the liners without getting wet. But this is a hardy band which is here to build this railroad. There are now build this railroad. T women in Agchorage and more coming daily.

The first spike on the new road was driven by Miss "Babe" White, the first white child born at Ship (Treek. She has been "Babe" to all the ploneers of Today Ship Creek became Anchorage, this part ao long, that now, grown to that name being awarded it in a built-awarded, the last as long, that now, grown to that name being awarded it in a built-awarded, she is still known by no the issued by the postoffice department, other name. At this writing the first It is the present plan of the railroad cuarter mile of the road had beeen laid, commission to use this as the summer. The work had to be done at night terminal for the line from here to the white the tide was out as the track Matanuska coul field. The whiter for-levtands eight down to the sea or at the extends right down to the sea and the terminal is really under water at high tide

Work on the tunnels and cuts al Ill be Seward.

Turnagain hrm will be started
The sooners are still coming in by summer and completed within this twe

years. A small fleet of barges and flat-bottom steamers are here to con-vey supplies along the arm to the va-rious t. anel camps. Actual construcmain line is schedtion work on the nuled to begin June 1

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