

# Newspapers and Magazines 1900s

## 21ST PROSPECTOR VANISHES IN HUNTING LOST GOLD MINE

The fabulous “Lost Creek mine” may have claimed its 21st victim.

Twenty persons have died in the last half century in search of the mine in the upper reaches of the Pitt river, a mountainous district 45 miles north of Vancouver.

Alfred Gaspard, 60-year-old prospector, may be the 21st victim. He has not been heard from in several months. He was flown into Pitt lake headwaters in July and two weeks later a second plane dropped him 400 pounds of food—enough to last a bush-wise prospector about five months.

Prospectors saw him the next two or three days in the rugged country and then he disappeared. In November, Royal Canadian mounted police officers made an aerial search, but bad weather halted the hunt. Yesterday, a R.C.M.P. constable and a guide started a ground search.

Friends said that Gaspard had been fascinated by the tales of the lost mine.

Legend has it that an Indian discovered the mine in 1890, coming out with a fortune of gold to New Westminster, B.C., near there. The Indian, named Clumach [sic] made several trips to the mine, each time returning with a pack of gold.

He died on the gallows in 1892 at New Westminster after confessing the murder of eight women.

Each trip he took an Indian woman to the mine. None returned and he kept the location of “Lost Creek” secret.

One American, who came back with a fearsome tale of hardship and disaster and a packload of \$10,000 in gold, died a short time later.

He said, the creek lost itself in mountain tunnel, but he gave no other details.

Twenty other men have hunted for the lost mine. None returned.

## **21st prospector vanishes in hunting lost gold mine**

*The Charleston Daily Mail, 28 February 1951*

## **21st man feared lost hunting old gold mine**

*The Winona Republican-Herald, Minnesota, 28 February 1951*

## **“Lost Creek Mine” claims 21st Victim**

*The Bee: Danville, Va., 28 February 1951*

## **Lost Jinx Mine may have claimed its 21st victim**

*The Portsmouth Herald, NH, 28 February 1951*

## **Believe fabulous “Lost Creek” mine may have claimed its 21st victim; Mounties hunt missing prospector**

*Fitchburg Sentinel, Mass., 28 February 1951*