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NEW HUNT FOR "LOST MINE;" THIS TIME BY HELICOPTER

A cautious prospector who has carefully hidden his identity is toiling over craggy mountains of Pitt Lake country with clues, he believes, will lead to the fabulous wealth of Lost Creek gold mine.

He risks the curse of the killer Indian, Old Slumach, who took his secret of the mine's location with him to the gallows, following the murder of a half-breed on the Pitt River.

The curse of Slumach, who shot game with bullets made of gold, has taken already the lives of 20 to 30 prospectors who have scoffed at superstition since the Indian was hanged in 1891.

Sworn to Secrecy

C.C. Agar, operations manager of Okanagan Helicopters knows the identity of the prospector. But he is sworn to secrecy.

The gold seeker had carefully studied the stories of the mysterious mine, and having panned the evidence from mere fables over a period of four years, chartered Okanagan Helicopters to fly 45 miles north of here into the Pitt Lake area.

When he flew in and when he has a rendezvous with a helicopter to fly out again Agar is not saying.

Hanged for Murder

The stories of Slumach and his mine say he killed eight squaws whom he forced to carry out loads of gold, in order to preserve his secret.

High living on the hidden cache of wealth which he renewed by continual trips into the wilderness was ended when a New Westminster court sentenced him for murder in November 1890 and he was hanged there two months later.

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