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THE LAST TRIP IN SEARCH OF MINE—VENERABLE PROSPECTOR SAYS IF HE DOESN'T FIND IT THIS TIME HE WILL GIVE IT UP.

New Westminster, B.C.

Wilbur Armstrong, a Washington prospector of seventy-two, plunged into the mountains of the Pitt range recently on his tenth trip in search of Slumagh's mine. For ten years Armstrong has made his pilgrimage every summer, but this, he says, will be the last if it proves as barren as the others.

Armstrong is not the only man who has headed search parties in the attempt to locate this hidden treasure, whose location is asserted to be within twenty miles of the head of Pitt lake, yet which has been discovered by but one man, who is now dead, since Slumagh, the Indian after whom it was named, was hanged in the jail yard at New Westminster in 1891.

Walter Jackson, the second discoverer, panned out thousands of dollars' worth of gold when he located it in 1901. Burying the main part of his treasure he came out with dust and nuggets to the value of \$8,000 intending to return and stake claims at his leisure. But he fell sick, and being about to die, bethought him of Andrew Hall, who had grubstaked him at Guytos [?] many years before. He wrote to Hall and drew a chart. Hall finding himself in need of money in the Yukon sold the letter and chart to a cousin of Armstrong, to whom the document finally came.

Jackson's description of his find, which is in a creek in a canyon to which there is no outlet except by an underground channel, says in part:

"In going upstream I found a place where the bedrock is bare, and you will hardly believe me when I tell you the bedrock was yellow with gold. In a few days I gathered thousands, and there was thousands more in sight. Some of the nuggets were as big as walnuts....I saw there were millions practically at the surface. I buried part of the gold under a tent-shaped rock with a mark cut on the face."

The last trip in search of mine—Venerable prospector says if he doesn't find it this time he will give it up.

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Ten trips after Slumagh's Mine

Philadelphia Enquirer 7 November 1915

Search for lost gold mine—Millions loose in ground, but can't locate it.

Lincoln Daily News (Nebraska) 16 November 1915

Seeks lost gold mine

Marble Rock Journal (Iowa) 29 December 1915