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## “MYSTERY MINE” MAY HAVE ANOTHER VICTIM

The mystery-shrouded legendary “Lost Creek Mine” may have claimed its 21st victim.

A Royal Canadian Mountie and guide started out Tuesday to hunt for Alfred Gaspard, 60-year-old prospector who disappeared seven months ago in his search for the fabulous gold mine in the rugged upper reaches of the Pitt river, 45 miles north of here [Vancouver].

The story goes that 20 other men have hunted the mine’s treasure during the last half century. None returned.

Gaspard was flown to Pitt Lake headquarters last July. Two weeks later a second plane dropped him about four hundred pounds of food—enough to last a bush wise prospector about five months.

Gaspard’s friends said that he has long been fascinated by tales of the lost mine, which was reportedly discovered by an Indian in 1890.

The Indian Slumach, brought out a fortune in gold from several trips to the mine. On each trip he took an Indian woman with him, but none of them came out.

He died on the gallows in 1892 at New Westminster B.C., after confessing the murders of eight women. The secret of the mine died with him.

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## Fear prospector, 60, 21st victim of mine

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