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Ready to invade Alaska, land of totems, salmon and gold, eighty-four American youths representing nearly every part of the country, were in Seattle today. They arrived on a special Northern Pacific train from Chicago where they assembled for the journey overland and were to sail from Seattle late today on the steamship Dellwood of the Alaska Steamship Company for a twelve-day cruise of the west coast of Prince of Wales Island.

Eighty-four sets of fishing tackle were placed aboard the Dellwood to be used during the cruise. The boys will fish off the ship and off piers in Southeastern Alaska, using hand lines.

One of the leaders of the party will be Dr. Edgar A. Rogge, Seattle, who will look after the health of the boys. His hobby is skiing and he will lecture on the subject in addition to treating any ailments acquired by the youths during the cruise. Dr. Rogge is a graduate of the University of Washington and George Washington University Medical School.

Willard Hildebrand, a former lineman on University of Michigan football teams, and now a United States forester, will be in charge of the cruise. He has had four years' experience at boys' camps.

William L. Finley, a naturalist of Portland, will accompany the boys and give lectures illustrated by moving pictures. Richard Hubbel will be editor of The Malemute, a daily newspaper to be published aboard the Dellwood. The cruise is sponsored by The Youths' Companion and American Boy Magazine.

Youths Plan 'To Command' Dellwood

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90 Teen-Age Boys
Visit Ketchikan
On Southbound Ship

Highlights of a nine-day cruise to Southeastern Alaska for youths of teen ages from various parts of the United States is to be the "operation" of the steamer Dellwood—under direction of the ship's personnel — by officers elected by members of the third American Boy tour.

Election will be held aboard the vessel, southbound from Ketchikan, tomorrow to determine successful candidates. Already a group of youths comprising the "Sourdough party" has nominated Donald Marshall of East Lansing, Michigan, for captain, and the "Cheechako party" has named Sam Mecke jr. of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, as its candidate for the honorary posi-

tion of master of the Dellwood.

Similarly, boys will be elected tomorrow to be assigned to every officer on the Dellwood to put in a full-day shift to learn just what transpires as a ship is underway.

NATURALIST IS ABOARD

The project is one of many educational events arranged by Willard Hildebrand, former Michigan university football player, who is directing the tour. He was in Ketchikan for a week in 1933 with Dr. D. L. Baxter, forestry professor at the university, to gather specimens of tree diseases in Alaska.

Dr. William L. Finley, Portland, Oregon, naturalist—who is interested in encouraging travel to Alaska and in preservation of the fisheries industry — is accompanying the party to give illustrated lectures.

Having been in Alaska several times since 1926, he has collected 35,000 feet of motion pictures of wildlife in all parts of the Territory.

Active in encouraging recrea-

Other Poor Fish

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In the absence of detailed figures showing his mathematical calculations there is no reason to doubt assertions of William L. Finley, of Portland, Ore., anent potential costs of transportation over government-improved waterways. Finley, field naturalist of the American Nature association, bemoans federal expenditures of more than \$2,000,000,000 on inland waterways because such transportation is "about 70 years out of date" as well as far too costly to be an economic success.

He tells taxpayers in extraordinarily elucidating manner what business men with less descriptive ability have been attempting to publicize for many moons. In some instances, he relates, costs of river transportation to the states would have been cheaper if the freight had been put in railroad cars and the states had paid the total bill. Added to public costs, of course, are the actual freight charges, which also must be paid by ultimate consumers.

As a specific case in point he relates that if plans for more dams on the Columbia river are carried out, to provide additional inland waterway transportation, the development's cost will exceed \$100,000,000, adding that, "if we take the top figure of the amount of freight the promoters claim will be moved up and down the Columbia, the actual cost to taxpayers will be an average of \$50 a ton."

While Finley's comment was merely incidental to his attack on Columbia reclamation projects which he insisted eventually would destroy a \$200,000,000 fishing industry, because it would end salmon runs there, it should make other poor fish who pay the bills for huge uneconomic federal experiments sit up and take notice.

tional use of the out-of-doors and in conservation of natural resources, Dr. Finley is vice president of the national Isaac Walton league, vice president of the National Wildlife federation, official of American Nature association and writer for Nature magazine.

The trip of boys from all sections of the nation is sponsored by American Boy Magazine and originated at Chicago July 2.