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Alaska

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Place: Chicago
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Description:

Including Early Alaskan Railroads!

The Rand McNally map of Alaska is a detailed illustration of the region, capturing the vast expanses of this northernmost state with a degree of precision that highlights both its natural features and man-made elements.

The map presents an extensive layout of Alaska, marking out towns, mountains, rivers, lakes, and islands with an impressive level of detail. The larger settlements are clearly denoted, and the crisscrossing network of waterways and the outlines of towering mountain ranges lend an understanding of the challenging Alaskan terrain.

Among these features, the map includes specific insets of the Seward Peninsula Mining District and the Mt. McKinley District, two regions of significant historical and economic importance.

The Seward Peninsula, jutting out into the Bering Sea, was the site of a remarkable gold rush at the turn of the 20th century. This was sparked by the discovery of gold in Anvil Creek in 1898, which led to the establishment of the town of Nome. The map details this mining district, capturing a period of vibrant activity and growth.

In contrast, the Mt. McKinley District, encompassing the highest mountain peak in North America, now known as Denali, represents the awe-inspiring natural beauty and diversity of Alaska. Although the district is more known for its wilderness and national park today, in the early 20th century, it was also a site of mining activity, particularly involving copper and lode gold.



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Highlighted in red on the map are locations of five early railroads of Alaska. These railroads played an integral part in the economic development of the region. The most prominent among them were the White Pass & Yukon Route, the Copper River & Northwestern Railway, and the Alaska Northern Railroad. The Council City & Solomon River Railroad and Tanana Valley Railroad are also shown.

The White Pass & Yukon Route, built during the Klondike Gold Rush, was primarily used to transport gold from Yukon to the port at Skagway. The Copper River & Northwestern Railway, on the other hand, was constructed to access the rich copper deposits of the Kennecott Mines.

Detailed Condition: