

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The taking of testimony in the case brought by the State of Michigan against Wisconsin to settle the long debated question of the boundary between the two states was on last week in Menominee. Among the witnesses examined was A.L. Burrige of Crystal Falls. Burrige was one of the engineers who made the survey for the boundary commission. He testified that the Cram Map, used by Wisconsin in determining the boundary was not a map but a sketch made by Captain Cram from information received from Indians and other sources and was utterly false that it in no way related to present Government maps. It was stated that Cram never had a compass on the west branch of the Montreal River or he could have gotten at least the direction of the flow of the river correct. The boundary dispute centers on whether the east branch of the Montreal River which is 25 feet wide or the west branch which is 35 feet wide should be used to establish the boundary between the adjoining States.