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Resources of the Arctic Region. The Arctic regions seem to have been misunderstood. They are wonderfully fruitful, or may be made so by a little of the care which man has lavished on other parts of the earth.

No less an authority than Stefansson, the scientific explorer, says that the Arctic and sub-Arctic lands can provide great quantities of food, particularly wool, meat and milk. He has gone so far as to lay before the Canadian parliament a plan for introducing and domesticating on a big scale the animals necessary for this purpose.

They are the reindeer, which furnishes milk and meat, and the musk ox, which furnishes wool. There are from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 square miles, he says, in Arctic North America, where ordinary cattle cannot live, but which can provide grazing ground for these animals the year around.

It is no untried theory that Mr. Stefansson submits. The United States government introduced more than 1000 reindeer in Arctic Alaska 20 years ago, and they have been increasing rapidly ever since, the herds doubling their numbers every three years under Eskimo care and every two years under the care of white men.

The Canadian government seems to be much impressed with the idea. The railway men say that transportation can be arranged. There will surely be no difficulty about the refrigeration problem. We may yet see the whole Arctic region, and most of the

great Arctic continent be utilized to the benefit of man. Alaska offers opportunities for much development along these lines, and the United States should surely not be behind Canada in the matter.

They Are Liable to Suspicion.

It is well to listen very critically to any hard fact tale told by a uniformed peddler. In fact, any man in addition to a sailor's uniform who comes to the door vending buttons or any other petty commodity, whether he has a tale of woe or not, is liable to suspicion.

The federal labor department has been investigating this sort of business in many cities, and reports that it has not found a single case of a uniformed man selling things on the streets because he was forced to do so. Many of these men, the department finds, have never been in the service at all. They have bought the uniforms for the purpose.

They are shamelessly capitalizing the uniform, which ought to be as sacred as the flag, for their petty or nefarious traffic. They make a good thing out of it, too. Many men attracted by the military authorities have been clearing \$10 to \$25 a day.

Protesting to the Last Minute.

As the final hour approaches for the German representatives to hand in a decision as to whether they will sign or not sign, comes in the report today the "definite statement" that the peace covenant will be rejected in its present form. That attitude will be maintained up to the last minute, and a rule that is as good as any to go by is that whatever Germany declares she will do, she will not do, and the thing which she now says is impossible will finally be found possible.

The limit of time will be up tomorrow, and twenty-four hours more should give a definite line on just how far the bluffing program will go before recognition is taken of the dotted line.

It is declared by reports received yesterday that no argument will be permitted and no extension of time will be given. And Marshal Foch is reported as saying that everything is ready for action in case Germany does not accept.

STATISTICAL NOTES

- Cleveland is said to be short 12,000 men for war work. Tobolsk province, Siberia, has an area of 600,000 square miles. London, England, before the war sheltered 25,000 German subjects. Philippine island 1917 exports were valued at \$25,004,000. The United States received \$93,225,000 of the total.

A WANTED AD WILL DO IT.

The Bookworm

Nothing interests the soul life of a country like the lives of its citizens. The life of Russia in its period of apparently hopeless struggle is depicted in "The Little Grandmother of the Revolution," reminiscences of Catherine Breshkowsky, "Memoirs of a Revolutionist," by Prince Kuropatkin, and "Life Story of a Russian Exile," by Marie Sukloff.

To contrast with these, we have the lives of citizens of our own country which picture a totally different environment. While each is the illustration of a different type of American, all have in common the quality of Americanism.

Beginning with the still entertaining and practical Ben Franklin, and ending with the transported Mary Antia, we find them all eager to take advantage of the opportunities offered in this United States. Hamlin Garland's "A Son of the Middle Border," is an unqualified description of the hardships of life in the middle west, suffered by the American pioneers who pushed through to the free land of each new frontier.

Thayer's "Life and Letters of John Hay," contains comment on American political and diplomatic affairs from the civil war to the administration of Roosevelt, while the autobiography of Andrew D. White covers an even longer period of public service.

Helen Keller's "Story of My Life" and Booker T. Washington's "Up From Slavery," could have been written in no other country. "Honest Abe," by Alonzo Rothchild, and his "Lincoln, Master of Men" are some of the many works on particular traits of Lincoln's many-sided character.

"The Life of Mary Lyon," by Beth Bradford Gilchrist, is part of the story of the struggle for the education of women begun by the establishment of Mt. Holyoke seminary.

John Muir's "The Story of My Boyhood and Youth," is popular with high school students. This is the story of a Scotch boy who emigrated to the United States with his parents. Other stories of adopted citizens which have become popular, are "A Far Journey," by A. M. Ribbany; "Steiner's 'From Alien to Citizen,' and Jacob Riis' 'The Making of An American.' Anna Howard Shaw's 'The Story of a Pioneer' is another account of education and successes acquired under pioneer conditions.

Lovers of "Tom Sawyer" cannot but be interested in the three volumes of Albert Bigelow Paine, "Mark Twain; a Biography."

Turning from the lives of those who have struggled with poverty and other hardships, we come to two biographies which have been taken from the library but, once, although they give us a portrait of the best and finest in American life. One is the autobiography of Charles Francis Adams

one of the most brilliant men in a remarkable family. A great railroad administrator; if his following analysis of American railroad conditions had been appreciated in the seventies we should possibly never have been entangled in the difficulties of modern transportation problems. The other is the life of Julia Ward Howe, by her daughters, Mrs. Laura E. Richards and Marie Howe Elliott. If America could be said to have an aristocracy Mrs. Howe would belong to it, from her family, her wealth, her marriage, her public work or her literary ability. The account of her life covers a wide acquaintance with the most prominent Americans and foreigners of many years, and work for social uplift through two or more generations.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all concerned and to William Milloc and Mrs. A. E. Halston, that the City of La Grande intends and purposes to construct at the expense of the property to be affected, wooden sidewalks in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor adopted and now on file with the city recorder, along the west side of North Fourth street, abutting lots 5, 6, and 7, block 2 Riverside Addition and south 52 feet of lot 7, block 1, Nelson's Addition to La Grande, Or. That the property to be affected and benefited by said improvement, the reputed owner thereof and estimated cost of construction is as follows: Lots 6, 7, and 8 of Block 2 Riverside Addition to La Grande, Or., reputed owner Mrs. A. E. Halston, estimated cost \$79.00. South 52 feet of lot 4, Block 1 of Nelson's Addition to La Grande, Or., reputed owner William Miller, estimated cost \$47.00; That the Commission of said city will meet on Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1919, at the Commission room in the city building in La Grande, Ore., at 8 o'clock p. m. and hear and determine all objections, remonstrances and claims of grievance by any persons interested and that the preliminary assessment for said improvement is now on file with the city recorder. Dated this May 28th, 1919. J. E. STEARNS, Recorder of the city of La Grande, Daily May 21-22-23-24-25-26-27.

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