

HUGE WEALTH LIES UNTAPPED

Enormous Resources of United States Still Patent Secretary Fall Presents His First Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—An untapped wealth estimated at a minimum of one hundred and fifty billions of dollars is contained in the more than 400,000,000 acres of land still held in the public domain, Secretary Fall of the interior department says in his first annual report made public today.

Coal and oil form the bulk of this wealth. The total coal deposits being estimated at 110,000,000 tons and the oil deposits at 1,325,000,000 barrels with an additional 50,000,000,000 barrels of shale oil.

"History is now repeating itself," says Secretary Fall, "and after a period of unlimited expenditure in war measures and in preparing for war, in the creation of a navy, etc., it has been found necessary to curtail such expenditures to the very utmost. I am justified in calling attention to the fact that the department of interior—the home department—is fully equipped and prepared to do its part in the development of those great natural resources which must be so developed if the tax burden upon this and future generations is to be borne at all."

Strong Policy Urged.

Secretary Fall devotes a considerable part of his report to reclamation projects and in this connection he urges that "an affirmative strong policy be announced by the executive."

"The necessary advances can be made from year to year without becoming an excessive burden upon the tax payers," the secretary says, "and as has already been proven by experience, one year's crop upon one acre of reclaimed irrigated ground will be of value largely in excess of the total amount expended in rendering such area productive. Under the present system, or any proposed legislation, of course the cost of such project will be repaid and meanwhile the added wealth yielded will lighten the tax burdens upon all the taxpayers of the country."

Referring to pending bills providing for further reclamation activities, Mr. Fall says that if they are enacted additional opportunity for labor will be offered the unemployed and at the same time homes made for those who desire them.

Thorough Organization.

"This department," he adds, "is thoroughly organized with sufficient force and is ready to carry on any work which such an enlightened policy as suggested might be assigned to it in reclamation or other development of our national resources."

Discussing the situation, the interior secretary declares the resources of that territory, "and of the wealth to be drawn therefrom in the future are almost incalculable."

"There are 21,000,000 acres of lands in forests in that territory," he says, "and many millions of acres upon the public domain upon which settlers may depend for mining, timber, lumber for houses, etc. There are millions of acres of land fitted for agriculture and the agricultural resources are such that a large population can be supported in Alaska without the importation of foodstuffs from the United States or other countries."

Undeveloped Resources.

"Alaska's resources have not been developed for various reasons, among others the lack of transportation and largely because of the fact that these resources are administered through some thirty-eight bureaus and various departments of this government. In my opinion authority to administer the laws relative to Alaska's natural resources must be vested in some department of this government that the activities charged with the administration of such laws may be properly co-ordinated."

Transportation is necessary of course and the government has assisted insofar as the construction of a railroad from Seward to Fairbanks is concerned, which road will be ready for operation within a few months. Vast deposits of valued metallic minerals and great coal mines are known to exist and must be made accessible to the railroad and to coast transportation.

"While no extensive oil develop-

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ments has as yet been made it is well known to this department that indications of valuable oil deposits exist from Point Barrow to the Seward peninsula."

TAXPAYER FINDS SIDEWALKS POOR

North Side People Protest Against Walks Being in Poor Condition and Ask for Relief.

The Observer is in receipt of the following letter relative to sidewalks in the north side of the city which explains itself:

Editor Observer:—What is the matter with La Grande? Is the city so short of funds that they cannot keep their sidewalks in proper repair, or is it that the city officials are indifferent to the needs of the people north of the railroad tracks? As I understand it, the property owners on the north side are paying the same percentage of taxation as those on the south side. Nevertheless it seems a great deal more difficult to get anything done on the north side. Most of the people living on the north side are just plain working people but I am sure that we all enjoy the use of good sidewalks as well as the business men on the other side. The walks are bad in a great many places on the north side,

but I have in mind one place where I know what I am talking about. There is one block of wooden sidewalks in regard to which complaints have been made to the city office ever since early last spring. This is on Jackson between Birch and North Depot streets. At first there were only a few broken boards but as time went on the broken places have increased. There is only one place where the walk has been repaired and that is in front of Tom Plummer's property. Five weeks ago I counted the broken boards in this block and there were thirteen. I reported it to the city office and was told it would be fixed at once. Three weeks ago the number of broken boards had increased to fifteen and I again called at the city office and was told that the reason it had not been fixed was that the property owners had to have notice of the necessity of repairing them, but that that time had now expired and that the city would now repair the walk and charge it to the property owners. Another board has been broken in the last few days, but still no move has been made to repair same. Part of the walk is built up from the ground, making quite a deep hole for the city in the long run to have these walks repaired than to have someone go through the walk some dark night, get hurt and then sue the city for some great sum. There was an instance of this just recently in one of the coast cities where the injured person was awarded \$10,000 damages. Can someone explain why there is shamingly no attention paid to complaints from the north side? MRS. J. G. STITZINGER.

HUNDREDS ARE MILDLY INSANE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The suicide of Col. Charles W. Whitteley, leader of the famous "lost battalion," should serve as a "shocking reminder of how the poison of war leaves its trace in men's souls long after the fighting is over," according to John Thomas Taylor, chairman of the legislative committee of the American Legion here.

Taylor, who has been in close touch with the situation surrounding sick and wounded service men since the armistice, declares that thousands of men are in the same mental condition as was Col. Whitteley, a condition credited with causing his suicide. Mr. Taylor says, in a summary to the nation "to save its broken defenders before it is too late."

"Nearly 50,000 mildly insane veterans have passed through our hospitals since the armistice," the Legion official declares in a statement. Despite our efforts, the government has not yet built one good hospital for the care of these men nor established one good rehabilitation center for their cure. If a highly educated well provided veteran like Whitteley surrenders, what may we not fear for the thousands of discouraged, broken-minded and often destitute men kicked around from pillar to post by their government?"

More than one-third of the 30,000 disabled veterans now receiving treatment are mentally disabled, according to Mr. Taylor. Of those 10,000, almost 7,500 are scattered through the country in asylums for the criminal and pauper insane.

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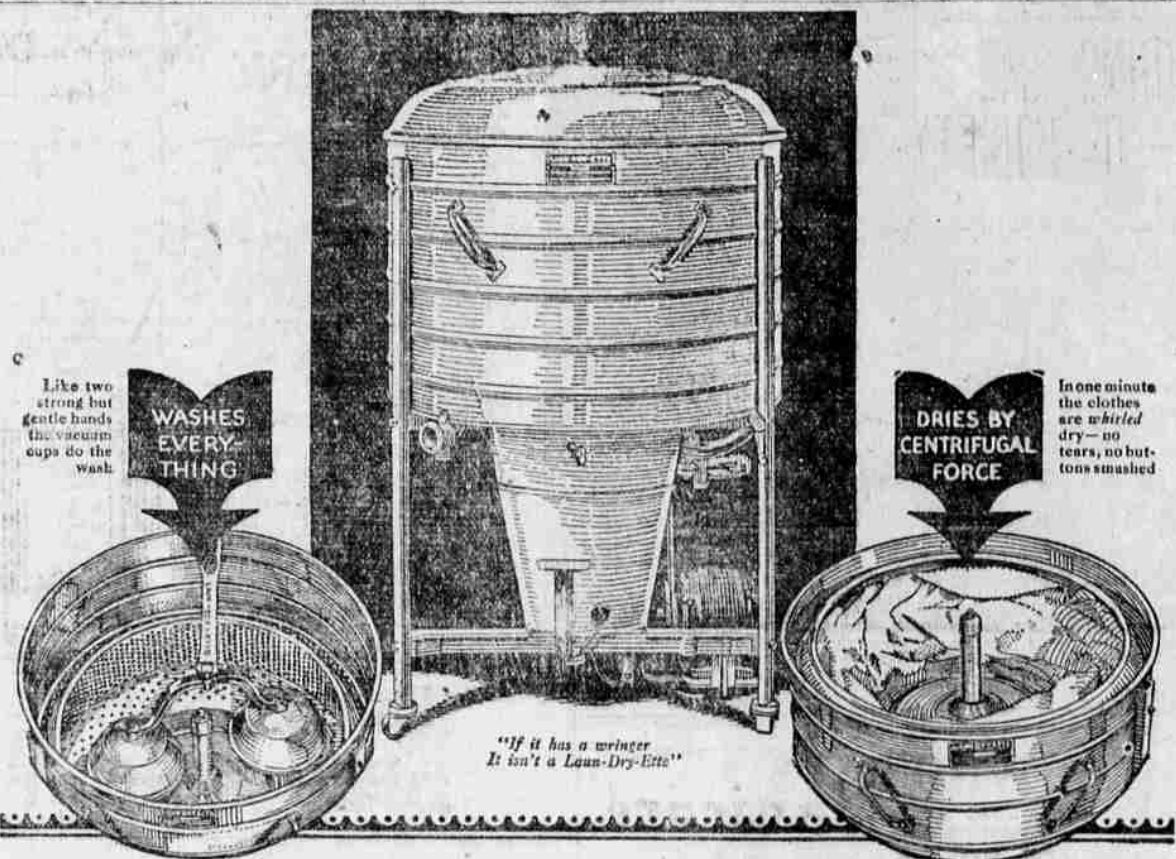
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