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## The Red Man Must Work

**Commissioner Leupp's Efforts to  
Compel the Indians to Till Land  
Allotted Them and Help Them-  
Selves.**

It is often said that the Indians are being driven off their reservations and that it is only a question of time when they will be exterminated. Perhaps as a distinct and separate race they will in time disappear, but they are not dying out, at least not very fast, and at the present time, anyway, their lands are not being taken from them without a substantial return of some kind. The United States government is doing much to teach the red men how to take care of themselves and is instructing those whose lands are dry and barren how by irrigation to make them to blossom like the rose.

The recent trouble with a band of Utes in North Dakota has called attention to the effect of the present Indian policy of the government under Indian

Commissioner, Francis E. Leupp, who has given years of study to the Indian problem with a view to reaching a scientific solution of it. The difficulty with the Ute band was the subject of a conference at the White House, and the decision was reached to continue in this case the policy of the Indian bureau of furnishing the red men opportunity to work and in case of their failure to take advantage of the opportunity to leave them to their own resources. The belligerent Utes put their case thus: "On our reservation we heap hungry. No food. Woman and papoose die because. We no go back. We fight first till all dead."

But if the Utes were hungry it was partly because of their own improvidence, and the government gave them the chance to work for their rations. In negotiating with the disaffected Utes the government agents were aided by the old Sioux chief American Horse, who counseled the discontented warriors to heed the advice of their white brothers and leave the warpath.

The government has made up its mind that it is no real kindness to the red man to continue indefinitely the

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