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## Sad Plight of Alaska Indians.

A special despatch from Washington to the New York Globe, dated March 11, said:

Once more the Senate has had its attention called to the miserable condition of the Alaska Indians. The latest advices are contained in a report from the Grand Jury of the Federal Court in the Third Judicial Division at Valdez, which has been brought to the attention of the United States Senate by Senator Nelson.

According to the report, the native Indians in many parts of the Third Division are in a starving condition, brought about to a great degree by white and civilized people. The fish on which the natives subsist are becoming scarcer every year because the cannery men are placing traps and nets at the mouths of the various rivers and streams, thus preventing the fish from ascending them.

Even in trapping the Indians are no match for the men. The latter are said by the Grand Jury to be trapping all over the region and are using improved traps and methods, thus depriving the Indians of the furs which would other

wise be a source of steady income for them.

Worse still, white men are furnishing intoxicating liquor to the Indians, and debauching them and their families.

The Grand Jury recommends that a law be passed making it a felony to sell, give, or furnish intoxicating liquors to any Indian in Alaska, and preventing Indians from entering saloons or loitering about them. The Copper River Indians are also said by the Grand Jury to be in a starving and destitute condition and immediate action for their relief is urged. Recommendations are also made for the grouping of the Indians in various localities or communities, and placing them under the care and control of competent persons who would have the power to compel them to work and provide for themselves the necessaries of life.

"Wealth," remarked the man who moralizes, "can be made a great influence for good."

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "and yet when you start in with the kind of a man who has to be hired to be good, it's mighty hard to get your money's worth."—Washington Star.