

# VAST ALASKA LAND NOW BEING OPENED

## Reindeer Meat is Among Products Uncle Sam Would Popularize.

By CALEB JOHNSON.  
 Had your reindeer steak yet?  
 The introduction of reindeer meat as a staple food product is the Government's latest method of getting the rest of the United States interested in Alaska. In the larger cities reindeer steaks, chops and roasts are being served in many hotels and restaurants, and it is expected that in time a great meat-packing industry will develop in the northern territory.

Alaska is getting closer to the rest of the nation all the time. Now the United States and Canada are co-operating in the construction of a great motor highway which, when completed, will make it as easy for automobile tourists to visit Alaska as it is now for them to drive to Florida. The driving force behind this latest project is the indefatigable Col. Samuel Hill of Seattle, who more than anyone else has been responsible for the building of good roads in the Northwest. It will take only 750 miles of new construction to complete the highway link between the Mexican border up the Pacific Coast through Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska, and the new road will pass through the famous Peace Portal which stands on the International Boundary line.

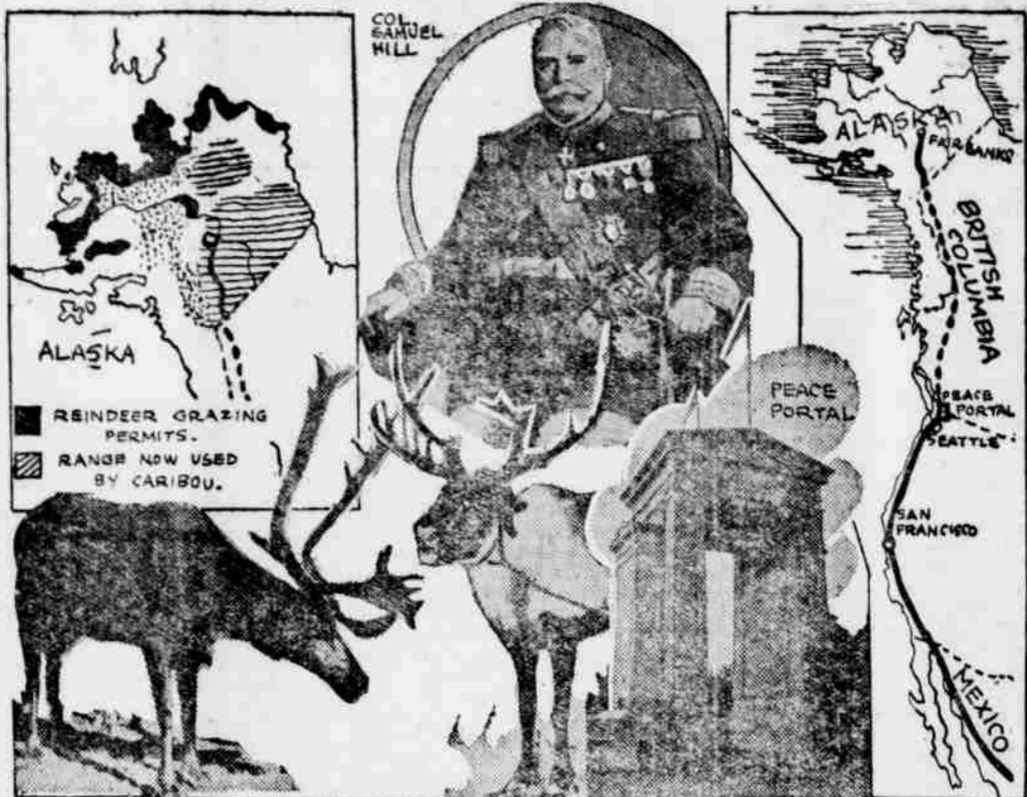
Although Alaska has been the property of the United States since it was bought from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000, large parts of the territory are still unexplored. Nobody knows what riches may yet come out of this northern wilderness. So far, products worth more than 200 times the original cost of the territory have been yielded, chiefly in gold, salmon, seal furs and lumber. There is at least one oil field and a good grade of steam coal is found at several points. The United States navy is making an aerial survey of the whole territory, photographing it from the sky. This survey has already resulted in the discovery of a waterfall capable of generating at least 20,000 horsepower, and of forests which can supply all the wood-pulp the United States needs for paper making.

Few realize how big Alaska is. You could put into it all of the Atlantic Coast states from Maine to Florida, add Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi and still have room to spare. In all of this territory there are only about 55,000 inhabitants, of whom half are Eskimos. Yet the climate in a large part of Alaska is milder than in most of the northern parts of the United States, the principal drawback being that it gets pretty warm in summer. In the interior the thermometer sometimes goes to 60 below in winter and rises to 90 or more in July, but along the coast, where the warm Japanese current tempers the climate, it seldom drops below zero and 80 above is about the highest in mid-summer.

There are considerable areas of good farming land, where wheat can be grown economically, but there are less than 600 farms in the whole territory so far. The Government estimates that 60 million acres are adaptable to farming. One drawback has been lack of transportation facilities. The Alaska Railroad, owned by the Government, is extending its lines and the proposed new highway will open up sections heretofore inaccessible. It will be many years, however, before the interior of Alaska will be very easy to get at, except as industries develop and establish their own means of communication.

The reindeer herds, which pasture in the great ranges in the northwestern part of the territory, have developed from a few which were brought to Alaska years ago from Lapland, to provide food for the

### New Road to Aid Development in Alaska



Col. Samuel Hill of Seattle, famous international capitalist and promoter of good roads, is behind the project to build the connecting link between British Columbia and Alaska which will make a continuous motor road from Mexico to the Far North. The road will pass through the Peace Portal which stands on the International boundary line. The Reindeer meat industry in Alaska is being fostered by the Government which owns great herds which serve as food for the Eskimos.

Eskimos. They now number more than a million head, of which 700,000 are females, and are increasing at the rate of 300,000 or more a year. It is the Government's purpose to induce capital to establish packing-houses for the slaughter and shipment of reindeer meat, which can compete with beef in quality and price, and to establish colonies of farmers to take up free land on which to grow grain to fatten the reindeer for market.

Other industries which are being tried out experimentally in Alaska are sheep-grazing and fur-farming, the latter with considerable success.

Alaska is the last great unexplored part of the United States. There are still more than a hundred million acres which have never even been seen from an airplane. Young men with the pioneer spirit which has made this country what it is are the ones to whom Uncle Sam is looking to open up this great territory.

#### ROYALTY

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Some of the results of the Great War may be debatable, but that it finally exploded the old idea of royalty ruling by Divine mandate is all to the good.

#### COOPERATION

The purpose of the Federal Farm Board is to convert farming from a hit-or-miss mode of living into a

business. It can share in the nation's general prosperity only by adopting business methods. In the process, many farmers will have to give up farming and go into something else. That may sound harsh, but it is the plain logic of the trend of events.

William M. Jardine, former Secretary of Agriculture and himself a practical farmer, says there are too many farms and farmers. In any sound business, producers regulate their output to the demand for their products. Farmers have never done that because they have never worked together.

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#### DAWES

They are talking about Charles G. Dawes for Mayor of Chicago. The election will be in April, 1931. If the former vice-President, present Ambassador to Great Britain, can be nominated, he probably can be elected. If he is elected, Chicago

will get the most complete cleaning up it has ever had. The trouble will be to get the nominally Republican but actually bi-partisan machine to let him be nominated. The ostensible basis of opposition will be that he is not a resident of Chicago but of the adjoining city of Evanston.

#### POPULATION

Take out your watch and look at the seconds hand. Count thirteen

seconds. Somewhere in the United States a baby has been born. Follow the hand to the 3-second mark. Someone has died. Watch it for a minute and a half. Another immigrant has landed on our shores. Hold it for five and a half minutes. Somebody has sailed away from America to stay.

The average of all those computations, worked out by the United States Census office, is the addition of one person to our total population each 23 seconds. While you slept eight hours last night, 2,215 babies were born, 1,208 persons died. The net increase in population is 3,624 a day. At midnight on December 31, as the first stroke of 1930 sounded, there were 121,873,140 living inhabitants of the United States, the Census people figured.

If there were no immigration and nobody left the country, the excess of births over deaths would add 3,000 a day to our population, or more than a million a year.

#### COLD

The other day I saw a covered truck on Sixth Avenue, New York, with the name of an ice-cream maker on the side and the words "Temperature 105 degrees below zero." Freezing ice cream so solid that it will keep for weeks if stored at any temperature below 32 degrees is only one of the commercial applications of the new freezing process in which both liquid air and solid carbon dioxide are used.

Fish, meats, fruits and vegetables go so quickly and thoroughly that their juices do not form ice-crystals to rupture the fibers are now on the market in the large cities. They taste, when thawed, just like fresh food. Chicago packers are preparing to put out frozen meats in the form of single steaks, chops, roasts, each sealed in cellulose and shipped in containers designed to keep them frozen until delivered to the consumer.

If this method develops as it promises, the world center of the meat industry may shift from the United States to Argentina, Australia or South Africa, where land and labor are cheap and cattle and sheep can be raised at small cost.

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**EDITORIAL**  
 Early to bed and early to rise, cut the weeds and swat the flies, mind your own business and tell no lies; don't get gay and deceive your wives, pay your debts and use enterprise, and buy from home merchants if you want to be wise.

**ALBERT ADMINS, Manager, Editor.**

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