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ALASKA'S GROWTH

Territory May Become Depopulated Unless Conditions Are Changed

BUREAUS HAMPER PIONEERS

Seattle, Sept. 17.—What is the matter with Alaska? John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, answers that by the statement that Alaska's woes are caused by a shortage of population.

That answer is also echoed by John Noon, of Seward, pioneer Alaska prospector, who is now in Seattle ready to visit Philadelphia and other eastern cities, to urge nation-wide co-operation in ridding the country of bureaucratic government.

"Alaska offers no opportunity for a poor man," declared Mr. Noon today. "The territorial resources are tied up by forty-three bureaus, commissions and departments. Few mines and mills are operating. A man taking up a 160-acre homestead in Alaska would have to have \$3500 cash on hand in order to live the first year, for the governto live the first year, for the govern-ment in requiring that one-sixteenth of the land be cleared compels the home-steader to spend \$2000 in the first year

steader to spend \$2000 in the first year for clearing expenses."

Mr. Noon cited the vast Matanuska coal fields as an example, the fields now reached by the government railroad and which contain an excellent coal for naval purposes. In the near future it is the hope of the government that this coal will supply the Pacific fleet with fuel. To inspect the Matanuska fields was one of the chief objects of the recent trip of Secretary Payne and Secretary Daniels to Alaska. Daniels to Alaska. 'A few years ago there were 400

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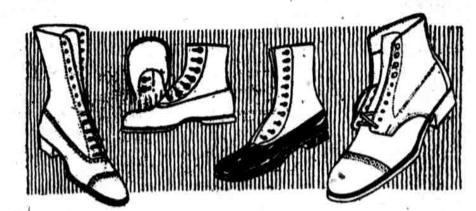
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In the Subway

By VIRGINIA REYES

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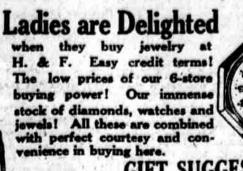
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