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o'clock in the morning a killing frost descended on the polatoes and vegeathles, and farming on the Tenanna took a set back. I was told that a fog saved the gardens further up the

"Too bad," said "Austrian Joe." "Too late to ship in potatoes now." The folders and boom literature ent out picture Fairbanks and the surrounding country as a wonderful agricultural section, yet the boats hat come up from Nome bring loads of the very staff the folders state is being raised in su it alread nee where

it is unloaded. It isn't a farming country. I don't believe it ever will be. The seasons are too short and the weather too uncertain. When the sun does shine on its long summer schedule, everything grows wonderfully fast, but the sudden and unexpected changes in the weather, and a killing frost, will ruin everything in an hour. In my judgment crop raising in Alaska is as uncertain and hazardous as mining.

TRAIN DRAFTED MEN There were only two places to eat in Tananna, and you could take your N. R. A. Organizations Have Already choice-and there was no choice. Two chinks had restaurants side by side, Schools of muskerry, the army peo. and they had a closed combination on ple call them, but nevertheless they competition. Meals were one dollar turn out in short order men trained each, and there was no discount to in the art of shooting, and these men tourists. A longshoreman would sit in turn are also capable of imparting at the lunch counter and order the instruction. In other words, each same meal as I did and pay four bits student who successfully passes a for it, and then the Celestial would course in marksmanship automatical- ring up one dollar for me, at the same time, while I watched the figures on It is quite a problem that the war the cash register. It appears to me a department has facing it in teaching splendid exhibition of nerve. But something like 45,000 men in each tourists are considered legitimate of the sixteen cantonments scattered prey. But I will say that the meals throughout the country, in the rudi- were good and well cooked, barring ments of rifle shooting. Before a sin- some trifles. One of the trifles, or gle American soldier is sent to the a pair of them, were two able-bodied firing line in Europe he should be mosquitoes floating around in my a qualified marksman of first-class coffee cup. I called the chink's ator better. Those of our soldlers who tention to the natatorium and he recannot be taught to shoot straight marked, "Get in water." I asked for should be transferred to some other another cup of coffee, and he replied, branch of the service where they are "Makee no dif, get in next cup"

not required to shoulder or shoot a teft the coffee for the next man. When the weather cleared we slop-The best drilled soldier in the ped out to a little stream where some world is absolutely useless unless he miners were prospecting — fighting knows how to use a bayonet and to the water and cave-ins and trying to get a hole down to bed rock. One of To teach marksmanship to 800,000 them told me there was "a prospect" or more men is a big task. The low- there. "A prospect." These two est possible estimate would call for words are heard all over Alaska. 10,000 teachers. There are more They are the miners' hope, the grubthan this number of men available stakers' curse. "A prospect." Men who are qualified as shooting in chase them for years and years. They structors and it is these very men go through hardships and suffering who are agitating the organization known nowhere else on God's earth. of schools of marksmanship in every They work 18 hours a day at the state and in localities adjacent to hardest possible labor, live like beasts and half starve. Skin rashes break The National Rifle Association of out because of filthy bodily condi-America claims something like 3,000 tions, scurvey sometimes follows; affiliated rifle clubs. In each of these rheumatism is common and strong

clubs are many expert riflemen, and men soon break down for life. many of the clubs have already fur- After seven days the steamer Alice nished a number of officers for the came in. It arrived in the night and Reserve and National Guard. As these early the next morning I paid my bill clubs are located in every section of and took my grip and went aboard. the country, already organized, it The big gang plank was not yet does seem that the logical plan would down, only a long, limber plank, be to call upon each club to organ- about a foot wide. It took some school for the instruction of its nerve to walk it, but I was desperate members and of all citizens who can. to get aboard—and I made it safely

not go to the front but wish to do The purser was just getting up. 1 their bit by helping where help is presented my ticket. He looked over his list, handed it back and re-Let every rifle club not wait for marked: "Nothing doing, full up." further encouragement from any In vain I argued I had a through source, but go to work at once and ticket, and must go on that boat or organize schools for marksmanship. I would miss the Umatilla at St. Mich-The more men who are taught to aels. "Can't take you, everything is

shoot the better it will be for the full. See the agent." Again I negotiated the narrow efficiency of the troops yet to be plank and found the "agent," and I To be a good soldier and obey or- insisted that I had a through return ders is one thing, to be a well drilled ticket and it was up to the company soldier is another, but to be able to to give me possage, but he said the hit what you aim at is everything, best he could do was a "standee." Let the schools for marksmanship This he explained was a canvas covering, with some blankets, and the passenger could hunt his place on the lower deck-he could sleep on the floor around the boiler or on the wood pile. It didn't do any good to protest that my ticket was not steer-Specialist

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