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Missionaries in China have canceled orders for 100,000 religious books since the trouble began.

Alaska is a paradise for sportsmen. No other such hunting domain exists in the United States.

Laborers are so scarce in Switzerland that they have to be imported not only from Italy but Bohemia and Silesia.

The steelet caught in Siberian rivers, compares with the pompano from the Gulf of Mexico as the most delicious fish in the world.

A few months ago, in a letter, Andrew Carnegie asked a friend to find out how much he was worth. He replied that he did not know and thought it unnecessary. Yesterday he supplied the information, stating that he had given away $60,000,000 and had $30,000,000 left.

TROOPS STARVING

DEPLORABLE CONDITION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A war correspondent with the British army in South Africa A. G. Hales, in a recent dispatch to a London paper, scathingly denounces the officials in charge of the army commissariat both at home and in South Africa and condemns the unwonted display of red tape which impedes the work and efficiency of the troops, all of which he classes as criminal slackness. He says:

Let me tell you how our army in Africa is treated in the matter of food. Our troops are dying like flies from dysentery and enteric fever, and the doctors are clamoring for fresh meat, fresh vegetables, fresh milk, fresh eggs, and all the delicacies that are necessary to the sick man. Fresh meat, vegetables, milk and eggs are to be had in abundance in the country, but the commissariat officials refuse to buy them. They say that they have no authority to buy, and that they must obtain their supplies from the stores at the base. Consequently, the sick men are dying by the hundred, and the army is losing the services of thousands of men who, if properly fed, would be able to return to the ranks in a few days. Is it not criminal that this should be allowed to go on? Is it not criminal that the Red Cross Society should be compelled to supply the troops with the necessaries of life which the commissariat officials refuse to supply