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## CONDITIONS CHANGE RAPIDLY IN ALASKA

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Wages Are Higher and Labor  
Less Plentiful, Declares Ex-  
pert Canneryman.

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**E**CONOMIC conditions are changing rapidly on the coast of Siberia and in Japan, and wages have become much higher for every class of labor in those countries in the last year, according to G. G. Suddock, expert canneryman, who has just returned from a point on the Siberian coast about 1,400 miles north of Hakodate, Japan, where he operated a salmon cannery for a Russian company. Suddock is a guest at the Hotel Seattle.

"The coast of Siberia is very much like that of Alaska," he said. "The streams carry about the same amount of salmon, and there is much mineral in the mountains. There is a little of scrub timber close to the shores and some fairly good timber a couple of hundred miles or so inland.

"In previous years we have been able to get all the Japanese, Russian, Chinese and Korean labor that was needed, but this year there was a shortage. We were unable to get any Russians, and most of the Japanese have been taken for shipbuilding and other industries in Japan. Wages have gone up very considerably."