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ALIENS ILLEGALLY HERE

Rather startling figures on the alien situation in this country were submitted to the Senate by Secretary of Labor Doak in response to a resolution voted in December. He placed the number of aliens now illegally in the United States at 400,000. Of this number he thought about 100,000 were subject to deportation, but since the present force of immigration officials succeeded in deporting only 16,631 last year he feels that 20,000 this year is as much as could be counted on. The illegal entries were made, he said, under the quota laws of 1921 and 1924, the larger part coming through Mexico and Canada, while ships' deserters amounted to about 11,000 a year. The data were asked for in connection with the unemployment situation. Among the recommendations made by Secretary Doak were that field officers as well as himself be allowed to sign warrants for arrest of aliens, and that the law be widened and clarified so as to permit deportation on grounds other than "crimes involving moral turpitude."

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