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The gallant little army of Finland continues to put up a supreme defence against the overwhelming masses of the Russian steam-roller. [^] These latest pictures from the scene of operations show the Finnish ski-patrol trying to glean a little warmth before setting out on a specially hazardous job. These troops are particularly selected for their courage and their task is to destroy the enemy patrols. In the bitter cold of the endless Arctic winter- they travel in lorries to the front line. Deep snow cushions trees and earth alike, and with a temperature 30 below, it's a tough proposition for even these hardy sons of the North. But Finland has set the world a magnificent example of unflinching bravery in the face of tremendous odds- and she will go through with it to the bitter end- never counting the cost. As soon as Russian bombers are sighted, Finnish ~~anti-aircraft~~ ^{anti-aircraft batteries} ~~artillery~~ come into action. Their firing is deadly and accurate- and a heavy toll is exacted from the enemy. Round after round of ammunition blazes forth at the bombers of the Soviet army, bent on their task of wanton destruction and sacrifice of lives. But the ski-patrols of Finland remain unperturbed as they go out to meet the foe- patrols that know not the word fear- They take their lives in their hands. they know the price they have to pay. Meanwhile volunteers for Finland have come forward in large numbers. Colonel Kermit Roosevelt has been placed in command of ^{a section of} ~~the force~~ in the International Brigade. The Colonel who is a relative of President Roosevelt, has a few words to say.