Mrs. Caraway Calls Attention To Carroll County's Strontium.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Because of the efforts that Senator Hattie W. Caraway has made to aid in the use of Arkansas products by the government, her attention has been directed to a deposit of strontium in Arkansas. This mineral has hitherto had to be imported into this country and during the war considerable difficulty was had in securing a supply for war materials. It is used in signal shells by the army and navy and it is also being experimented with to toughen thin casings. It is said that a deposit in Carroll county can supply all of the needs of this country for years. Senator Caraway is bringing this to the attention of the supply agencies of the government.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Senator Hattie W. Caraway is bringing to the attention of the government, especially the Military branches, a little known Arkansas product—strontium. It is a whitish metal, first detected in the mineral strontianite at Strontian, Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1877, and later was shown to be present in small quantities widely distributed in a large variety of rocks and soils. Its earliest uses were as red fuses in fireworks and in certain processes of sugar refining. Now it is used in signal shells by the Army and Navy and it is being tested as a toughening agent for thin casings. Practically all of it is imported, but it is said that a deposit in Carroll county can supply the government's needs for years.