

May 22, 1915.

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Honorable Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am unofficially advised that you propose visiting Alaska during the present summer, leaving Seattle on July 30th. Would you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience what points in Alaska you propose visiting during your itinerary.

I have not made a trip through the various districts of Alaska since 1913, and I had intended to visit the interior and Nome during the summer, leaving Juneau about June 10 next. This would enable me to visit the various points on the Yukon river and Fairbanks, thence going to Nome and connecting with a steamer at that place which is scheduled to make the coast towns of western and southwestern Alaska enroute from Nome.

I would very much like to meet you should you visit the Territory, and would like to subordinate my proposed trip to your wishes. If you should deem it best that I remain in Juneau until your arrival here and then, possibly, accompany you on your trip, will you kindly wire me upon receipt of this as to your wishes in the matter.

I may add that should I remain here until your arrival it

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would be impossible for me to visit the interior and base this season,
inasmuch as it will be necessary for me to return to Juneau not later
than August 15 in order to prepare my annual report.

I have the honor to be,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

May 24, 1915.

R/int.

Dr. George Otis Smith,
United States Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have to thank you for the
new two-sheet wall map of Alaska, which has just been
received. Permit me to compliment you upon its ex-
cellence. With assurances of my personal esteem,
I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 24, 1915.

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith official signature card which has been signed by the Governor at the request of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, New York City. I have the honor to request that the Governor's signature be verified by some one in the Department who is familiar therewith and that the signature card be then forwarded to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at New York City.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 1, 1915.

D/Misc.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher covering my salary for the month of May, 1915, for administrative action of the Department and payment by the Auditor.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, June 7, 1915. U. S. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. 69X

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Request permission visit Interior Alaska and Home leaving Juneau about twelfth or fifteenth instant, including absence from Territory while traveling from White Pass coast to Eagle, and returning to Juneau via Seattle if cannot make steamer connections to return via coast of Alaska. Expect reach Juneau on return between first and fifteenth August. Purpose of trip entirely official.

GEORGE S. COVINGTON,

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 13, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be forwarded
to this office the following supplies:

200 blanks, Form 1-0150, voucher for personal services

250 blanks, Form 1-323, voucher for traveling expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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To the Secretary of the Interior

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Voucher No. 12: This voucher as now submitted bears notations showing amounts refunded by me on May 21, 1915 and June 15, 1915, aggregating \$4.40. The voucher as originally submitted claimed \$56.60. The refunds made as stated aggregate \$4.40, leaving the amount now claimed under this voucher \$52.20. Duplicate certificate of deposit accompanies the accounts herewith to cover refund of \$2.45 made on account of this voucher this date, and 2 cents made on account of Voucher No. 9 above referred to.

Corrected abstract of disbursements and a corrected account current accompany the accounts herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

June 15, 1915.

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*filed with a/c
for March 31-1915*

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letters of June 5 (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) with respect to my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1915, which accounts were returned with the letters referred to for further attention.

I again submit the accounts herewith with the following explanations:

Voucher No. 91 Upon investigation I find that the charge for electric light service for the Executive Mansion for the month of October is correct as stated in the voucher. The apparent discrepancy referred to in the Department's letter of the 5th instant arises from the fact that the explanatory note in the Proposal and Acceptance form which accompanied the voucher did not correctly state the electric light company's rate for the Executive Mansion. The note in question stated that the \$10 per month minimum rate covered the first one hundred kilowatts used, any excess over 100 Kw. to be charged at the rate of 7½ cents per Kw. As a matter of fact I find that the Company's rate for the Executive Mansion was \$10 per month minimum for the first 100 Kw. and ten cents per Kw. for the excess over the first 100 and up to 250 Kw; any excess over 250 Kw. being charged at 7½ cents. This rate was effective to and including October 31, 1914, after which date the Company's rate was changed so as to provide that any excess over the first 100 Kw. used would be charged at the rate of 7½ cents per Kw. A corrected Proposal and Acceptance bearing date July 1, 1914, has been obtained and accompanies Voucher No. 9 herewith in lieu of the one originally submitted. The charge for December services at the Executive Mansion should have been \$12.03 instead of \$12.05 and I have today included a difference of two cents in a repayment which I have made to the appropriation for contingent expenses of this office.

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To Secretary of the Interior,

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Voucher No. 161 This voucher covers charges for reimbursement of telegraph expenses at Juneau, together with other incidental office expenses. Request is made that a receipted bill for the charges be secured from the telegraph company and attached to the voucher, "for the reason that the name of the telegraph company to whom you paid the charges does not appear in the account."

All of these telegraph charges were paid to the Juneau office of the United States Signal Corps and covered the transmission of the messages over the Western Union or Postal Telegraph lines at government rates between Seattle and the points of destination stated in the telegrams. The following notation has been made on each of the telegrams in question: "Signal Corps, United States Army, Juneau, Alaska." It has never been the custom to obtain receipted bills from the local Signal Corps office covering telegraph charges for transmission of official messages at government rates over the telegraph lines in the States, and in view of the explanations given above I assume that such a receipt is not necessary in this case.

Voucher No. 131 Request is made that the "copy" referred to on the face of this voucher be included in the account. The "copy" referred to was simply a typewritten memorandum of the lettering desired on the hand dater in question, and an impression of the dater stamp is now shown upon the face of the voucher, which I trust will be satisfactory.

Certification of all of the vouchers included in the accounts for March 31, has been made in accordance with the Department's request. The Department's letter of May 1, which is referred to in the letter of June 5, instructed that certification should be made on all vouchers on Form 1-015a but did not state that certification was required on all vouchers submitted with the accounts. It is now my understanding, however, that every voucher submitted with my accounts, regardless of its nature, is to be certified by me in addition to being signed by me as Special Disbursing Agent.

Voucher No. 111 In accordance with the Department's instructions and in conformity with Department regulations, this voucher has been rewritten and I believe is now in proper form for Departmental consideration. In connection

To the Secretary of the Interior

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with this voucher I have to offer the following explanations:

1. Item of November 6, Auto to Wharf, Juneau, amount \$1. The auto service in Juneau is limited and there is no standard of charges. It is simply a case of paying whatever the driver may ask. The amount paid in this instance, however, is reasonable considering the conditions which obtain in Juneau.

2. Item of November 9, Taxi to Hotel, 75 cents, and Item of November 10, Taxi to depot, 75 cents. While the charges for these services are in excess of the allowance specified in the Department Regulations, I respectfully submit that they should be allowed inasmuch as it was necessary to make these payments in order to secure the services of the taxi and there was no street car line available.

3. Item of November 11, Taxi, Portland to Horningside Sanitarium and return, amount \$5. I did not take a subvoucher for this special service for the reason that I did not know such sub-voucher was necessary and for the further reason that I believe I should not be expected to be compelled to write a taxicab receipt in the street while the chauffeur and curious people look on. The taxi in question was engaged on the street and I was driven to the Sanitarium, which I wished to reach in the early morning. The distance from Portland to the Sanitarium is approximately four miles and there is no street car connection, I understand, nearer than a mile distant from the institution. The taxi remained at the institution while I made a hurried investigation of conditions, and returned me to Portland. The charge is, I believe, reasonable under the circumstances and I respectfully submit that it should be allowed.

4. Item of December 1, Hotel Alexandria, Los Angeles, room rent, amount \$24. As noted on the voucher, the amount of this item was refunded by me on May 21, 1915, but the item is included in the voucher now submitted in order that my accounts may be properly balanced.

5. Item of December 12, Laundry, 50 cents. As noted on the voucher, the amount of this item was refunded by me on May 21, 1915, but the item is included in the voucher now submitted in order that my accounts may be properly balanced.

To the Secretary of the Interior

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Corrected abstract of disbursements and a corrected account current accompany the accounts herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

June 19, 1915.

D/Int.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to request that if convenient this office be given a further supply of the Department's Circular of General Information Regarding the Territory of Alaska. Owing to the numerous inquiries which are continually received the supply which was sent this office some time ago by the Department has been exhausted, as has also our supply of the Governor's Report for 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 21, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Department's telegram of the 18th instant (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) was received after banking hours on the 19th, the same reading as follows:

"Your requisition for sixteen hundred fifty dollars contingent expenses honored by Treasury under your new bonds. Immediately close accounts under bond dated June second nineteen thirteen depositing balance to credit Treasurer of United States."

Acting upon the Department's instructions I have today closed my accounts under bond of June 2, 1913, depositing with the First National Bank, Juneau, the unexpended balance of funds to my official credit, being the sum of \$882.93. Certificate of Deposit No. 832 of this date covers the repayment, the duplicate thereof being attached to the Account Current which is transmitted herewith.

The following papers in connection with my accounts are herewith submitted:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current, with C/D #832 attached.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 34 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd) J. F. Stoney
Governor.

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JUNEAU, JUNE 23, 1915. O. N. Govt. NIGHT Paid.

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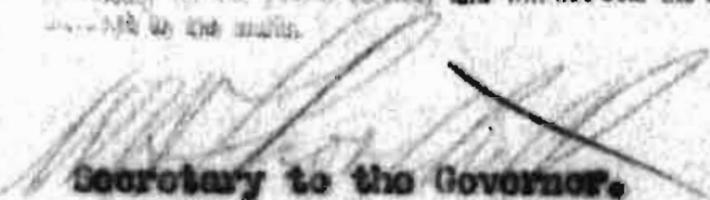
Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Request be advised relative payment June salary under new bond. Should voucher be submitted as heretofore for settlement by Auditor? If payment to be made by me request advise as to securing credit of necessary funds. Respectfully ask answer by wire.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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June 25, 1915.

D/Int.

Honorable R. O. Shelse,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant addressed to him, enclosing copies of circular issued by the Department of Commerce regarding the preparation of cards to be used in the compilation of the official register for 1915 and transmitting also fifty cards for use in reporting the employes engaged under the supervision of this office.

There are enclosed herewith the following cards:

1. Three cards covering the personnel of the Governor's office. Complete information is contained on these cards.
2. Ten cards covering the personnel of the game protection service in Alaska. Information as to the state, territory or country of birth of each of these persons will be supplied as soon as the same has been received by this office.
3. Four cards covering the personnel in the service of the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska. Information as to the state, territory or country of birth of each of these persons will be supplied as soon as the same has been received by this office.

As you are no doubt aware, the Territory of Alaska constitutes but one congressional district, the people of the Territory electing a delegate to the House of Representatives. There is no county organization in the Territory.

There are returned herewith twenty-nine unused cards.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures.

Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU, JUNE 20, 1915. O. B. Govt DAY rate paid.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Request credit nine hundred dollars from appropriation contingent expenses Territory Alaska nineteen fifteen, under bond June tenth. Balance by books this date subject to check sixteen hundred fifty dollars. Additional credit needed complete payment accounts fiscal year nineteen fifteen and account having to make refund on twenty-first instant of entire balance then to my credit with Treasurer U. S. when closing accounts under former bond. Lack of time prevents mailing requisition regular way and necessitates telegraphing.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith statement signed by John Heinlein, of Hot Springs, Alaska, dated May 21, 1915, on Form 2b, covering shipment of certain furs, pelts, etc., from the Territory of Alaska. As shown by the envelope accompanying the statement, the latter was directed to this office instead of to the Department.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

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July 6, 1918.

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, who is on an official trip through the interior of the Territory, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo (initialed CWC-TJM) with respect to the extension of the facilities of the Postal Savings System to the principal post offices in the Territory of Alaska, and requesting to be furnished with a correct certified list showing the names and locations of all banking institutions regularly incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Alaska, together with information as to the locations of any licensed branch banks and a list of any foreign corporations licensed to do a banking business within the Territory.

In response to your request there is transmitted herewith a certified list of the various Territorial and National banks in Alaska. This list is certified to by Honorable W. G. Smith who is Territorial Treasurer and Secretary of the Territorial Banking Board. There is also enclosed a copy of Mr. Smith's letter of the 5th instant addressed to this office, which contains some additional information with respect to the banking situation in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

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July 6, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith his requisition for the sum of \$4,500 to be placed to his official credit from the appropriation for salary of the Governor and incidental and contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1916.

In making this requisition it is the understanding of this office that, beginning July 1, 1915, the Governor's salary is to be paid upon voucher and check in this office, together with the regular incidental and contingent expenses of the office.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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July 7, 1915.

D/Misc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith voucher covering his salary for the month of June, 1915. The Governor was absent from the Territory and the duties of his office only upon authority of the Department's telegram of June 6th, copy of which is attached to the voucher.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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July 7, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith his accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", for the period from June 19 to 30, inclusive, 1915, under head of June 10, 1915. The accounts include the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.

As shown by the account, no disbursements were made during the period covered.

The additional credit asked for in telegram of June 30th, of \$900, has not been taken into the account for the reason that no advice has as yet been received regarding the placing of same to the Governor's credit with the Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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July 7, 1915.

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, and in further reference to payment of deficiency mileage amounting to \$227.70 due to the late Senator Elwood Bruner who was a member of and in attendance at the First Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter, of date June 24, 1915, addressed to this office by William S. Howe, Esq., Attorney at Law, Sacramento, California, written in behalf of the widow of the late Senator Bruner.

In view of the comparatively small amount due the estate of the late Senator Bruner, and of the circumstances set forth in Mr. Howe's letter, I have the honor to request that if consistent with rules and regulations governing, the Department authorize the payment of this claim to the widow of the late Senator Bruner without the intervention of probate proceedings. In the event the matter can be so arranged, it is respectfully requested that this office be instructed as to the particular form of voucher or receipt to be used in arranging settlement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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July 8, 1915.

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith his accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Legislative Expenses Territory of Alaska, 1915," for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1915. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Account current
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 108 inclusive
4. Oaths of office of the twenty-three newly elected members of the Legislature. Three members of the Senate - Senators Hilliard, Tanner and Sutherland - were hold-overs from the first session of the Legislature and their oaths of office were filed with the accounts covering that session.
5. Seventeen oaths of office of employes of the Senate and House.
6. Certificates of attendance of members and employes of the Senate for the months of March and April.
7. Certificates of attendance of members and employes of the House for the months of March and April.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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July 12, 1913

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Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of date June 1st, requesting to be supplied with an inventory in duplicate of all properties, furniture or equipment of any sort on hand which has been purchased from the Federal Appropriations heretofore made for Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska and now on hand.

To facilitate the preparation of the inventory in question, I beg to request that this office be advised as to whether or not it is the Department's wish that articles of stationery, such as typewriter paper, carbon paper, pens, pencils, inks etc. etc. should be included in the inventory. The items of furniture and other equipment of a more or less permanent character which have thus far been purchased are comparatively few, the greater portion of the expenditures for supplies being devoted to the purchase of stationery and incidental supplies necessary in connection with the sessions and most of which have, of course, been used during the sessions, only a miscellaneous assortment of odds and ends being left on hand at the close of each session.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1918.

D-Int.

Hon. R. C. Shelse,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your letter of the 15th ult. addressed to the Governor, requesting information for use in the compilation of the official register for 1915, I have the honor to give you herewith the information regarding the following named employes engaged under the supervision of this office which was lacking on the cards transmitted with office letter of the 25th ult:

J. A. Baughman,	born in the state of Ohio
Aron Ericson	born in Sweden
Peter S. Erickson	born in Denmark
Jos. A. Bourke	born in New York
Robt. E. Steel	born in California
Julius Sternberg	born in Illinois
Adam Schneider	born in Germany
James A. Shaw	born in Massachusetts

Information concerning the place of birth of the other employes whose cards were transmitted with office letter of the 25th ult. will be sent you as soon as the same has been received by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 15, 1915.

D-Int.

Honorable R. C. Shelse,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 12th instant, I wish
to make a correction in the last name listed therein. It should
read Joseph A. Snow instead of James A. Snow.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 31, 1915.

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Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to the settlement of claims for deficiency mileage due to members of the First Legislative Assembly of Alaska, I have the honor to enclose herewith vouchers signed by Thomas Gaffney and Charles D. Jones, both of Nome, Alaska, covering claims for the amounts due them.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, July 26, 1915. O. B. Govt. ~~XXXX~~ paid.
Secretary Interior,

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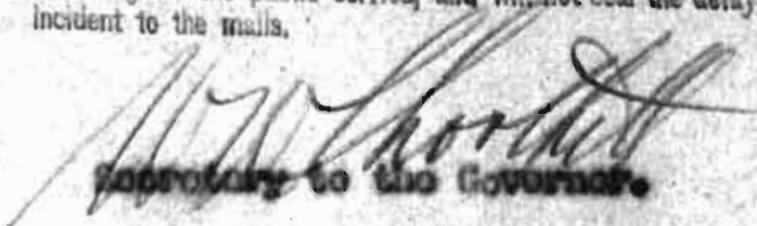
Washington, D. C.

Referring letter Assistant Secretary June sixteenth instant my
requisition June twenty-nine made to cover approximate balance of appro-
priation "Contingent Expenses, Territory Alaska, nineteen fifteen," after
Treasurer had received my repayment of June twenty-one of eight hundred
eighty-two dollars ninety-three cents on closing accounts under old bond.
With this repayment the balance of appropriation subject to requisition
would be nine hundred five dollars eleven cents. Respectfully request
my requisition for nine hundred dollars be honored.

Shall I use contingent expense appropriation checks in payment of
salary of Governor, noting proper charge thereon, and should separate
account be rendered each quarter covering Governor's salary payments?

STRONG, Governor.

Verify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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July 26, 1918.

Mr. Hugh M. Smith,
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

On April 6th this office forwarded to your address a petition of certain residents of Fairbanks, Alaska, asking that bass and trout fry be placed in two lakes on the government experimental farm near that town, the request of the petitioners having been also endorsed by Mr. William P. Henshaw, Warden, Alaska Fisheries Service. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter.

I am now in receipt of a letter addressed by you to the Honorable George E. Chamberlain, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. in substance as follows:

"Referring to the inquiry received over the telephone from your office relative to a letter from Mr. L. F. Protsman, of Fairbanks, Alaska, referred to this Bureau on April 15, I beg to say that the records of the office do not show that any such communication has been received. It is inferred from previous correspondence, however, that Mr. Protsman desires the position of warden in the Alaska Service of this Bureau, and at present there is no vacancy in this grade."

The communication of Mr. Protsman, referred to by Senator Chamberlain, had reference only to the stocking of the lake above mentioned, and not to his application for a position in the Alaska Fisheries Service.

I may say that no acknowledgment of my letter was ever received from your office, and I would ask that an investigation be made so as to determine, if possible, what has become of the petition and letter

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Dr. Hugh M. Smith 48

forwarded from this office to you,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Messrs. Alexander MacIntosh
L. A. Smdquist,
H. Robinson
Candle, Alaska.

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I write to acknowledge the receipt of a "Resolution of the Inhabitants of Fairhaven District, asking that proper steps be taken for the securing of a Wireless Station for Fairhaven Recording District of Alaska."

In reply, I have to advise you that I have this day forwarded the petition to the Secretary of War for his consideration. I also wish to assure you that I shall render any assistance within my power to accomplish the end covered in your resolution.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Dept.

July 22, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for such action as you may deem proper, a Resolution of the inhabitants of Fairhaven District, asking that proper steps be taken for the securing of a Wireless Station for Fairhaven Recording District of Alaska. In addition, I have to say that the establishment of such station will be of great benefit to the people of that section.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

July 31, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that Mr. James Wyllie has been appointed to the position of janitor for the Governor's office, effective August 1, 1915, to succeed C. R. Reid who resigned, effective July 31.

The salary paid to Mr. Wyllie will be the same as that paid to his predecessor, namely \$900 per annum. His oath of office is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Governor.

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July 21, 1918.

D-Int.

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director,
United States Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have to thank you for a copy of Bulletin 357--
Geology and Mineral Resources of Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, which I
have examined with much interest. It is an excellent work and I
shall avail myself of your kind offer to furnish me additional
copies for distribution, by requesting that you forward me fifty
copies, if you can spare so many, and I shall see that they are pro-
perly placed.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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August 3, 1915.

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that this office be furnished with a few copies of the general map of Alaska, recently issued by the Geological Survey.

It will be appreciated also if you will kindly have one of these maps mailed to Mr. William Holman, Hotel Astor, Times Square, New York City.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Director of the U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Text

August 5, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to address you in behalf of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, an institution established under authority of an Act of the Alaska Legislative Assembly, 1913 session, for the care of aged and infirm prospectors and miners who are no longer able to care for themselves.

This Home has at the present time some fifty of Alaska's old pioneers who have spent the best years of their lives assisting in the opening up of this great Territory and at a time when it meant something to be a pioneer. While they have been obliged to leave the fields of their former activities and to join the ranks of the shut-ins they still retain a keen interest in everything pertaining to Alaska and its development.

Through the efforts of friends a library has been started and fully half of the Alaska Newspapers have placed the Home upon their free mailing list. The Superintendent of the Home advises that these old pioneers manifest an intense interest in such government reports relating to Alaska as from time to time reach the Home. At his request I am writing this letter and would respectfully ask that the attention of the various Departments and Bureaus at Washington be called to the Home with the view of having the same placed upon their

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regular mailing lists for such publications as relate to
Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Governor.

August 10, 1915.
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Sirs:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 26th ultimo (Hon. E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary) requesting that two copies of the Session Laws of Alaska passed by the Second Regular Session of the Territorial Legislature, 1915, be furnished for the use of the Department.

In reply I have to advise that I am transmitting under separate cover one copy of the Session Laws of 1915, and one copy each of the House and Senate Journals.

One copy each is being forwarded for the reason I am advised by the Secretary of the Territory that he has already transmitted to the Territory ^{W. J. P.} one copy of the Session Laws for 1915 and one copy each of the House and Senate Journals.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

To the Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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August 11, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 16th (Hon. E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary) together with copies of Dr. Geo's communications relative to the Morningside Asylum, Portland, Oregon, and in which you request that the Department be furnished with two additional copies of the House Joint Memorial No. 22 of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, for your files.

In reply I beg to advise that there is being transmitted herewith two typewritten copies of the aforesaid Memorial, there being no printed copies available.

Respectfully,

To the Secretary of the Interior,

Governor.

Washington, D.C.

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August 17, 1913.

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My dear Mr. Lusk:

We have in the Governor's Office but one photograph of a Secretary of the Interior, Honorable Richard A. Ballinger, and I would very much appreciate if you would be kind enough to forward me not one but two of your photographs suitable for wall purposes, one for the Governor's office and another for the residence of the Governor.

I would also appreciate it if you would kindly autograph them.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

To
Honorable Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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August 19, 1915.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher signed by Mr. J. C. Kennedy, Cattle, Alaska, and duly certified by me, for the sum of \$251.85 on account of deficiency mileage due in connection with attendance at the First Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature at Juneau March 31, 1913.

Mr. Kennedy, who is now en route to Seattle, Washington, requests that the check in payment of the above be mailed to him in care of the Arctic Club, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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August 27, 1915.

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your private letter of August 14th, together with a copy of a letter addressed to you from Delegate Wickersham in regard to the detention hospital at Fairbanks.

In your favor you ask that I read Mr. Wickersham's letter carefully and let you know whether or not I agree with the statement of facts contained therein.

In reply I beg to advise you that in the main I agree with the statements contained in Judge Wickersham's letter.

With respect, however, to the statement that United States Marshal Erwin resides in the hospital and that "the heat and food supplies which maintain him are also furnished by the Government", I am unable to say whether this is true or not, although, I notice that Mr. Wickersham does not make this statement as a fact.

I was in Fairbanks on July 3rd last, and visited the detention hospital with Mr. Erwin. I found the building in good condition, a man and his wife being employed as caretakers, and they have living rooms in the building, and,

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I assume, their food supplies are charged to the Government. I also found two patients, one white and one Indian, confined therein. The white man, I was informed, was being detained to determine his sanity, while the Indian, I understand, was an epileptic.

I am of the opinion, based upon observation and information obtained during my visit to Fairbanks, that it should not be deemed necessary to keep the detention hospital open when there are no patients to be cared for. In the winter season, however, I believe that a care-taker should be employed, inasmuch as the weather in that region is usually cold and the building should have some heat in order to preserve it. This, however, should not entail a heavy expense as a care-taker ought to be procured at a moderate salary.

Whether United States Marshal Erwin uses the detention hospital for living quarters for himself I am unable to say, although subsequent to my visit, I was so informed.

At Nome, where there is also a detention hospital, I found the building in good condition, with no inmates, but a caretaker was employed - a man who lived in the building and looked after the heating, etc.

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These detention hospitals will always be a source of continued expense to the Government, whether occupied or not, unless abandoned altogether. I believe that if a considerable number of the insane persons who are now forthwith committed to Horningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, by the courts in the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions, could be detained for a few weeks or even months in the detention hospitals for observation purposes and treatment, the purpose for which these hospitals were built would be filled and a considerable percentage of the patients would recover, and the expense of their transportation to Horningside Sanitarium and their maintenance there indefinitely would be avoided.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Hon. T. W. Gregory,
Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

August 31, 1915.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of appropriations required for the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and by the Governor of Alaska. I also submit explanations of three items where increases of appropriations are asked, and two items where new appropriations are requested, as follows:

1. Under the item "Contingent expenses (Special), Territory of Alaska, preparing, seeding and fencing Executive Mansion and grounds, \$1,000.00".

Note: These grounds were leveled and seeded to grass in 1913 but the seed failed to produce grass except in patches, and the grounds must be fertilized in order to attain the desired result but before this is done it will be absolutely necessary for their protection from pedestrians, etc. to enclose them by a substantial fence or the work of seeding will be useless. The Executive Mansion is a comparatively imposing building erected and furnished at a cost of about \$42,000, and the condition of the grounds surrounding it is the reverse of creditable to the Government. This appropriation is urgent.

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2. Sitka National Monument: "For the protection and preservation of the Sitka National Monument, including the repairs to ancient totems and other historical works" \$1,000.

Note: No appropriation has ever been made for the above purposes, since the establishment of the Sitka National Monument. This "Monument" consists of the beautiful natural park in which are placed some of the finest totempoles and other historical works ever produced in the territory. To preserve them they should be frequently painted, the underbrush throughout the park should be cleared, existing roads and pathways improved and new roads constructed as needed.

3. "Contingent Expenses office of ex-officio Secretary of Alaska" - Clerk hire (1 clerk at \$1,800; rent (two rooms, including steam heat) at \$35 per month - \$420.00; lights, water, janitor service and incidentals \$330.00; total \$2,250.

Note: The letter of the ex-officio Secretary of Alaska, which is transmitted herewith, explains the necessity that exists for this appropriation. The statements contained therein are correct and this appropriation is urgently recommended.

4. Legislative expenses territory of Alaska for the fiscal year 1917: "Mileage of members".

Note: An increase of \$71.80 to pay mileage of members is required in order to allow for the mileage of members who may be elected to the Legislature from other and more remote points in the several Judicial Divisions, than heretofore.

5. Printing of Laws.

Note: The appropriations hitherto made for this item

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\$3,500 has proved insufficient and the increase of \$500.00 is necessary for the purpose for which made, and the increase asked for is, therefore, reasonable.

6. Stationary, Supplies, etc.

Note: The appropriation hitherto made for this item was \$3,500 and an increase of \$500 is necessary for reasons noted in the item above.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

September 2, 1915.

D/S.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you as follows:

JULIUS ALLIET, a resident of the town of Treadwell, Alaska, informs this office that his wife, Mrs. Julius Alliet, is now in Belgium and has been ever since the outbreak of the present European war; that she resides at No. 5 Rainsford Street, Molen Beek, Brussels, with her two children; that he has been unable to communicate with his wife since the occupation of Brussels by Germany; that he has, however, heard from her through the medium of friends in Rotterdam, Holland.

He, therefore, asks the good offices of the Department of State to enable him to communicate with his wife and children with the object of securing from the German authorities in Brussels through the Department of State, Washington, if possible, permission for his family to leave Brussels and come to Alaska, via the port of New York.

I may explain that Mr. Alliet has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States but

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has not as yet been admitted to citizenship by reason of the fact that the period of residence required by law has not elapsed. He is a man of exemplary habits; is well able to support his family and is anxious to forward the necessary money for their transportation and subsistence to the Territory of Alaska from Brussels, via Rotterdam and New York.

May I request that the Department of State advise me as to the possibility of Mrs. Alliet and children securing permission to leave Brussels; and if this permission be granted when the necessary funds to pay charges of transportation shall be deposited, together with such other information as shall be of value in the premises.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully,

Glover.

To the
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to request that this office be furnished with a supply of each of the following forms:

No. 1-006, Oath of Disinterestedness.

No. 1-008 b, Short form Contract.

No. 1-017, Articles of Agreement.

No. 1-363 a, Instructions for the filing of contracts in the Returns Office.

No. 1-366, Regulations governing the preparation and execution of contracts and bonds.

No. 1-325 a, Voucher for Advertising.

No. 1-427 a, Order for Advertising.

If a bond form is available, for use in connection with contracts and agreements, a supply of this form is also desired.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of July 8 last (Acting Assistant Secretary E. J. Ayers), returning my accounts for the period April 1 to June 21, inclusive, covering disbursements from the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915," exception being taken to vouchers 21 and 22 and to the contract and bond accompanying voucher 22.

I am returning the accounts herewith, and believe that they will now be found in satisfactory form.

VOUCHER NO. 21. The Empire Printing Company has executed the "schedule of advertising rates" desired, and the item of \$2.25 for publication of advertisement in connection with the call for bids for the painting of the executive mansion has been restated on a form of "voucher for advertising" which has been marked "Supplemental to Voucher No. 21."

VOUCHER NO. 22. The Dispatch Publishing Company has executed the "schedule of advertising rates" desired, and the item of \$1.65 for publication of advertisement in connection with the call for bids for the painting of the executive mansion has been restated on a form of "voucher for advertising" which has been marked "sup-

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plemental to Voucher No. 23." In explanation of the difference in charge for advertising in this instance, it will be noted that the rates of both companies are the same, but it appears that when the bill clerk of the Dispatch Publishing Company made out the bill for the advertisement run by that paper he noted it as \$1.65 instead of \$2.25, and payment was made accordingly, the mistake not being discovered until the Department's letter was received calling attention to the difference in these charges. The Dispatch Publishing Company, as noted on the recited voucher, waives its claim for the difference of 60 cents.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF PAINTING. The Department requests copy of authorization for extension. No written authorization was given in this case, for the following reasons:

The contract provided that the work should be completed within "approximately" 14 working days, weather permitting. The contract was signed on May 4th. Work actually began on May 5th, and it was completed on May 26th -- elapsed time, 22 days. On the 27th the contractor was removing ladders and other equipment, and clearing away debris. During the period from May 5th to the 26th, inclusive, there were 3 rainy working days (10th, 11th, 12th), while it also rained on Sunday the 23d, causing some delay in starting work on the 24th. There were three Sundays during the period mentioned, namely, the 9th, 16th and 23d, on which no work was done. The actual number of days on which work was performed was, therefore, 16, or only 2 more than the "approximate" 14 working days

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stated in the contract. Since the limitation was approximate only, and not specific, it was not deemed necessary to give formal written extension of time, and only verbal authority was given.

REVENUE STAMP ON BOND. A 50-cent internal revenue stamp has been affixed to the bond, as requested, and duly cancelled.

SEAL OF ALASKA SUPPLY COMPANY, ETC. The Alaska Supply Company is an incorporated company, and an impression of its seal has been made on the original contract and bond. A duly authenticated copy of the Resolution of May 3, 1915, passed by the Board of Directors of the Company, is enclosed with the bond, as requested.

COPY OF CONTRACT FOR RETURNIS OFFICE. As requested in the Department's letter of above date, another copy of the contract (also copy of the bond) is enclosed, for filing with the Returnis Office of the Department.

OATH OF DISINTERESTEDNESS. An oath of disinterestedness, duly executed by me, is also enclosed, as requested.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Governor.

September 3, 1915.

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Sir:

I beg to advise you that numerous complaints have reached this office alleging wanton violation of the game laws of Alaska by officers and men attached to the United States Army Posts at Fort William H. Seward and Fort Gibbon, Alaska.

In the matter of the complaints against the officers and men at Fort Gibbon, in 1914 I took up these complaints directly with the officer in command at that post, who promptly replied that precautions would be taken thereafter to prevent violations of the game laws by the personnel of the post.

One of the complaints charged against the officers of the post in 1914 was that they entered into contracts with hunters for supplying the post commissary with moose and other game meats.

With reference to the complaints made against the soldiers of the William H. Seward post it is alleged by private persons and through the public press that these men

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not kill only more deer than permitted by law during
the open season but also kill fawns but a few months old.

The changing of the personnel of these Army Posts
impels me to direct the attention of the War Department
to the matters complained of above, so that the Department
may in its wisdom issue an order to these posts directing
strict observance of the Alaska game laws.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of War,

Washington, D.C.

September 7, 1913.

D/C

Doctor H. Lester Jones,
Superintendent U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 25,
together with the monthly bulletins of the United States
Coast and Geodetic Survey.

I have to thank you for your kind thoughtful-
ness in placing my name on the mailing list so that I
can receive these excellent publications each month.

I trust that you like your new position, and
with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 8, 1913.

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The Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Statement of Disbursing Account for the month of June, 1913, addressed to W. E. Clark, former Governor, who was the special disbursing agent of the appropriations "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1913", symbol No. 95006. The statement shows a balance of 30 cents. In explanation of this balance I beg to say that it represents the following checks:

No. 96, issued April 4, 1913, to H. T. Tripp, covering incoming mileage in the sum of 15 cents, as per voucher No. 46 of that date,

No. 49, issued May 1, 1913, to H. T. Tripp, covering outgoing mileage in the sum of 15 cents, as per voucher No. 120 of that date.

I am informed that these checks are being held as "souvenirs", one by Senator Tripp and the other by Senator Redon, to whom it was given by Senator Tripp.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 11, 1915.

D/S

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your information copy of a letter from Mr. E. M. Alanson, in charge of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission and School at Yakutat, Alaska, in which he sets forth the deplorable conditions existing among the Indians at that place, and the necessity for the stationing of a Deputy United States Marshal permanently at Yakutat.

In previous correspondence of this office with the Department I have, in connection with the United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division, Alaska, strongly recommended the appointment of a deputy marshal for Yakutat. I beg to herewith renew that recommendation and most ^{respectfully} ~~respectfully~~ urge you to direct the United States Marshal at Juneau to make such an appointment in the interest of the natives of that section who are rapidly degenerating because of the almost entire lack of the enforcement of the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians.

Respectfully,

To the
Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Governor.

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Sirs:

I have to renew my request of some months ago that when the Department issues permits for the taking of game trophies of any kind in Alaska that this office should be notified thereof so that a check may be kept through the game wardens upon hunters.

This office frequently receives inquiries from game wardens stating that men are hunting in the Territory with permits, supposedly from the Department of Agriculture, for game trophies for the use of some museum or scientific institution, but the game wardens have no means of verifying the truth of their statements. The Department will, therefore, readily understand why this office should be promptly notified of the issuance of such permits.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

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The Auditor for the Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo advising settlement on that date, by certificate No. 10730, of my accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1915, the same showing a debit difference of \$7.80, account of disallowances as set forth therein.

I have this day deposited with the First National Bank, Juneau, Alaska, the sum of \$7.80 to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for "Repayment to appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", and I enclose herewith the duplicate of Certificate of Deposit No. 898 issued to cover.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Statement accompanying annual estimates for fiscal year 1917 submitted by the Governor of Alaska, covering the items:

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA,

Object of expenditure.	Estimated, 1917.	Object of expenditure.	Expended, 1915.
Salaries of members: 24 members, 60 days each at \$15 per day	\$21,600.00	Salaries of members: 23 members, 60 days each at \$15 per day, \$20700. 1 member 34 days at \$15 per day <u>510.</u>	\$21,210.00
Mileage of members 61,666-2/3 miles @ 15c	9,250.00	Mileage of members 61,143 miles @ 15c	9,171.45
Salaries of employees 2 chief clerks 60 days @ \$8 per day each . . . \$960.00 2 asst. clerks 60 da. @ \$5 day each . . . 600.00 2 sgts.-at-arms 60 days @ \$5 each . . . 600.00 2 enrolling clerks 60 da. @ \$5 da. each 600.00 2 engro. clerks 60 da. @ \$5 da. each 600.00 2 doorkprs. 60 da. @ \$5 da. each . . . 600.00 2 watchmen 60 da. @ \$5 da. each . . . 600.00 2 messengers 60 da. @ \$5 da. each . . . <u>600.00</u>	5,160.00	Salaries of employees 2 chief clerks 60 days each @ \$8 per day \$960. 2 asst. clerks 60 days @ \$5 per day each 600.00 2 sgts.-at-arms 60 da. @ \$5 per day ea. 600. 2 enrolling clerks 60 da. @ \$5 per day ea. 600. 2 engro. clerks 60 da. @ \$5 per day each 600. 2 doorkprs. 60 da. @ \$5 per day each 600. 2 watchmen 60 da. @ \$5 per day each . . . 600. 2 messengers 60 da. @ \$5 per day each <u>600.</u>	5,160.00
Printing of laws	4,000.00	Printing of laws	3,500.00
Rent of legislative halls and committee rooms	2,000.00	Rent of legislative halls and committee rooms	2,000.00
Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, and so forth	4,000.00	Stationery, supplies, print- ing of bills, reports and so forth	<u>2,422.42</u>
Total	46,010.00	Total	44,539.87

September 14, 1915.

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Sir:

I am today in receipt of the Department's telegram of the 12th instant reading as follows:

"Your estimates for contingent expenses your office and Legislative expense Alaska incomplete; statements supporting do not show data relative to persons to be employed in nineteen seventeen and persons employed in nineteen fifteen required by section ten sundry civil act approved August first nineteen fourteen. Immediately forward completed statements."

In response to the request contained in the telegram I am enclosing herewith duplicate statements covering estimates for "Contingent Expenses Territory of Alaska", and "Legislative Expenses Territory of Alaska". These, I believe, contain the necessary detail with respect to persons to be employed in 1917 and persons employed in 1915, and I would respectfully request that they be substituted for the original statements which accompanied the estimate sheets recently forwarded by this office.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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Juneau, September 14, 1915. O. B. Ans. Govt. NIGHT rate paid.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington, DC.

Forwarding today's mail revised statements connection estimates contingent expenses and legislative expenses as requested your wire yesterday.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

W. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, September 15, 1915. O. B. Ans. Govt NIGHT rate paid.

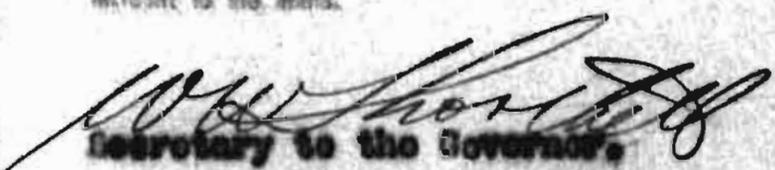
SECRETARY INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, DC.

Replying yours fourteenth my secretary W. W. Sherhill issues all game licenses over my signature. No formal accounting made for dollar fees since all licenses signed by me and am thoroughly familiar with matter. Total number game licenses issued fiscal year nineteen fifteen was fifty eight. Does not include guide licenses since no deduction is made from fees paid for them.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.


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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's request of July 23d last for a statement showing the expenditures for printing and binding for the fiscal years 1914 and 1915, the statement to cover only such work as was done elsewhere than at Washington; also to Department telegram of the 17th instant asking that the statement be forwarded at once.

The Department's request of July 23d is understood to apply to printing and binding, the expense of which was paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska" for the fiscal years mentioned, and the figures here given cover expenditures from that appropriation.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, there was a total of \$52.45 expended for printing of blanks, letterheads, envelopes, etc. No expense was incurred for binding.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, there was expended for binding the sum of \$6.00, and for printing of blanks, letterheads, envelopes, etc., the sum of \$38.90; making a total of \$44.90 expended for printing and binding during the fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, September 18, 1915. O B Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

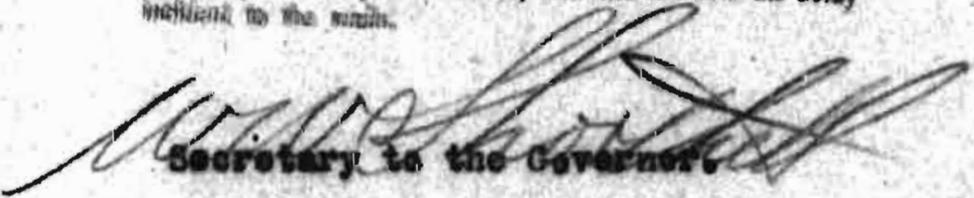
SECRETARY INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, DC.

Replying telegram Assistant Secretary Sweeney seventeenth an mailing today
statement expenditures printing binding fiscal years nineteen fourteen
and fifteen from appropriation for contingent expenses Territory of Alaska.

STROMS, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mail.


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September 30, 1915.

Dist. 1 No I

Sir:

I am transmitting today typewritten copy of my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915. An abstract of the report containing approximately 8,000 words will go forward within a few days. In connection with the printing of the report I have to respectfully request that at least 900 copies be printed, over and above the number of annual reports hitherto allotted for the use of this office, if it be possible to do so under the regulations of the Department. This request is made because the number hitherto received is entirely inadequate and many requests for copies cannot be complied with. There remains in this office but two copies of the report for 1914, and the supply was exhausted sometime ago.

I have also to respectfully suggest that this office be supplied with at least 25 advance copies of the report and that the date of release for publication be such as to permit these advanced copies to be mailed from this office for publication in the newspapers of Alaska at the same time as in the Seattle newspapers, or elsewhere in the United States. Last year but two

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copies of the advance sheets were received by this office and the date of release had expired before their receipt. This placed the Alaska newspapers, desiring to publish an abstract of the report, at a manifest disadvantage.

A photograph showing the manner of gaging the water flow in Alaska streams is enclosed herewith to accompany the monograph in Appendix J entitled "Investigation of water power of southeastern Alaska", which was written at my request for publication in this report. If it is compatible with the policy of the Department I would like a cut made of the photograph for publication with the article.

The map of Alaska published with the last two annual reports is out of date, and it is suggested that the map prepared by the United States Geological Survey, 1915, be included in this report.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Juneau, September 20, 1915. O B Govt. NIGHT PAID. 17

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Secretary Interior,

Washington D C,

Annual report mailed today goes forward ~~xxxx~~ tonight. Abstract follows
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STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.

W. W. Shortell
Secretary to the Governor.

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D/S. SV

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a petition from certain residents of the town of Tenakee, Alaska, addressed to Honorable H. A. Bishey, United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division, with a request that I transmit it to you, asking for the appointment of a deputy United States marshal to be stationed at Tenakee.

In this connection I wish to state I endorse each and every assertion made by the petitioners with reference to conditions existing at Tenakee, and I strongly urge that the United States Marshal be instructed to make the appointment as desired by the petitioners. I may add that I am fully acquainted with conditions at Tenakee. In popular parlance it is known as the "hell hole of Alaska". Toughs, thugs, thieves, bootleggers and gamblers find anchorage there because they know they may, as a rule, work their own will without let or hindrance because of the lack of a deputy marshal. A United States commissioner is located at Tenakee who, I believe, is doing the best he can under adverse circumstances, but who, without the aid of a deputy marshal, can accomplish but little in the preservation of law and order. Only a few days since a shooting scrape occurred there which might have

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resulted in a wholesale slaughter. Fortunately the offender himself alone was shot by an acting deputy marshal appointed by the United States commissioner to make the arrest.

The town of Tonakee is located at a hot springs about 70 miles southwest of Junction, and during the winter season has a population of about 300 to 400 people. The summer population is approximately 150. As stated above all kinds and conditions of men and women are to be found there, but largely of the lower strata of society, and there is but small respect for law on the part of the latter. The good citizens of the town are doing the best they can to preserve law and order and their self-respect, under difficult conditions. The town is increasing in population and there are children growing up in anything but wholesome surroundings.

I have caused investigations to be made of cases of illegal liquor selling and gambling in this town but it is difficult to secure the necessary evidence, as when a stranger visits the town he is immediately suspected and ocular evidence of these crimes quickly disappears. The stationing of an honest, reliable and active deputy marshal at this place would act as a deterrent to the commission of crime which, with due vigilance exercised, can, I am sure, be speedily eliminated.

I am advised that United States Marshal H. A. Bishop will recommend the appointment of a deputy marshal at Tonakee.

Respectfully,

The Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 1st instant (Assistant Secretary De Sweeney) on the subject of the commitment of inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, by insanity proceedings, to the care of the Horningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon. A copy of the Department's letter has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Home for his information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 9th instant (Assistant Secretary De Sweeney) relative to my accounts for the final quarter of the fiscal year 1915 of the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of this office, and to advise that the accounts in question were forwarded to the Department, with the necessary corrections, etc., under date of the 14 instant.

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R.

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September 24, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to address you in behalf of Frank Bach, Deputy United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division, stationed at Douglas, Alaska, as I am advised that the United States Marshal has been instructed to dismiss him from the service. This action is based upon the fact that Bach permitted a prisoner in his custody, who was being taken to the United States Penitentiary at McNeill's Island, to escape through the window of the stateroom of the steamer upon arrival at Seattle. I do not wish to excuse or palliate the apparent negligence of Bach in thus permitting the prisoner to escape from custody. I believe, however, that Bach thought that his prisoner was safe beyond a peradventure, and that it was impossible for him to escape in view of the precautions which he (Bach) had taken. Full explanations of the escape and Bach's connection thereto have been forwarded to you, I am advised, and I shall not discuss them except to say that I believe Bach's account of the matter to be worthy of credence. Bach is an honest man and a faithful one and feels keenly the position in which he has been placed through the escape of this prisoner from his custody.

For nearly thirty years he has been a consistent Democrat,

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supporting his party when Democrats were few in number in Alaska and Democracy exceedingly unpopular. I do not wish to condone his act; I know that efficiency on the part of a servant of the Government should, at all times, be required, but I believe that there are extenuating circumstances in this case and that Bach is entitled to some consideration. It is quite needless to say that, in my opinion, if he should be retained in the service like circumstances will never again happen. He has had his lesson, and I do not believe the service will suffer in any way if he should be retained.

I trust that you will accept this statement in the spirit in which it is submitted, that is solely in behalf of a man who has ever shown himself to be a worthy citizen and a loyal Democrat.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Governor.

The Attorney General,

Washington, D.C.

--D-Int.--

Juneau, September 24, 1915. O. D.

R. S. McDonald,

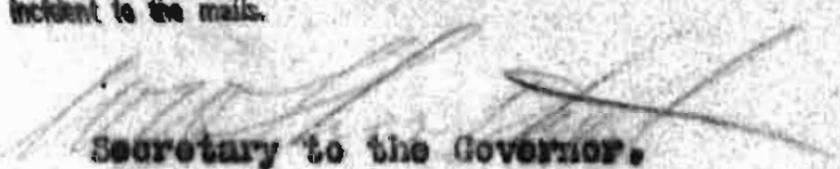
Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Please advise name of town and state or country in which you were born.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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September 25, 1915.

D-Int.

Honorable R. C. Shelse,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Supplemental to office letters of June 25 and July 12, last,
I have the honor to give you herewith information regarding the fol-
lowing-named employees engaged under the supervision of this office
which was lacking when the cards were transmitted with office letter
of June 25:

Andrew Hoey, born in Salem, Mass.
R. S. McDonald, born in Liverpool, England.
Charles Neuhaus, born in Iowa.
Thomas Gaffney, born in Ireland.
A. E. Light, born in Kansas.
L. F. Shaw, born in California. (This officer's ser-
vices terminated June 30, 1915.)

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 25, 1915.

D/Int.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 28th (Honorable Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), returning for correction vouchers Nos. 107 and 108 showing disbursements of the Federal appropriation for Legislative Expenses of the Territory of Alaska for the final quarter of the fiscal year 1915, together with the informal contract attached to voucher 108 for my approval at conclusion thereof.

In reply I have to advise that as to the approval of rent voucher (No. 107) by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, one of whom resides at Ruby and the other at Fox, Interior Alaska, these officers have been communicated with in order to obtain their approval. It will probably be a matter of two or three months before their replies can be received. The failure to secure their signatures to this voucher was due to an oversight. The rent contract, attached to voucher 107, will receive my formal approval, as per your request. Voucher 108 is returned herewith. The informal contract attached thereto has been approved by me as requested by the Department.

In reply to the Department's inquiry as to whether publishing firms, other than the Dispatch Publishing Company, were afforded an

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opportunity to compete in the premises, you are advised that the Empire Printing Company of Juneau was afforded an opportunity to bid but declined to do so. As a matter of fact neither of these concerns was able to handle the work alone, and while the Dispatch Publishing Company received the contract a part of the work was done in the Empire plant under arrangements made with the Dispatch Publishing Company, and ~~the same method~~ was employed in the printing of the Journal and laws of the first session of the Alaska Legislature.

As for the reasons advanced by Senator J.H. Tanner for his non-concurrence in the action of the awarding committee, I am unable to advise you. I assume, however, that Senator Tanner had sufficient reason, or at least thought he had, for his non-concurrence therein, but it can be assumed that there was no special significance attached to his action. The records of the Senate show that seven of the eight members constituting that body concurred in the award, Senator Tanner alone opposing it. I may add that Senator Tanner, as far as this office is advised, did not advance his reasons for voting in the negative. His address is Skagway, Alaska.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

September 25, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I wired you this date as follows:

"Sending first mail two corrections under subject
of Commerce, page one hundred, my annual report."

In going over the figures under Commerce two errors in amounts shown therein have been found. In line seven (page 100) the figures \$525,482 should be changed to \$1,136,851, while in line eight, same page, the figures \$4,321,035 should be changed to \$5,406,519. I have the honor to request that these changes be made in the original report which was mailed to you on the 20th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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September 25, 1915.

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Sir:

I am transmitting herewith abstract of the
annual report of the Governor of Alaska for the
fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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September 27, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 24th ultimo (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) transmitting copy of a letter from Mrs. Ellen Phelps, Montpelier, Idaho, requesting information in regard to her brother, Charles A. Pierce, who is supposed to have been drowned at Eagle River while working on a cargo scow for the Government.

Upon referring to the records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Junction, I find returns of the death of one Al Pierce, who was a barge tender for the Alaska Engineering Commission at Anchorage, Cook Inlet, Alaska, and who met his death by accidental drowning on June 11, 1915, at a point near Eagle River some five miles northeast of Anchorage. The report gives the following description of the deceased: Height, 5 feet, 11 inches; weight 190 pounds; hair, light; complexion, light; been in Alaska 8 years; wife, Mrs. Al Pierce, living at Pacific City (near Seattle), Washington, has one stepdaughter, Maude, who is married. The report further states that the deceased was commonly known among his friends as "Slivers". The age of the deceased is not disclosed by the report.

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It will be noted that while the name given by Mrs. Phelps differs considerably from that contained in the report above referred to, the circumstances of the case are otherwise quite similar.

A letter is being addressed to the Alaska Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, asking for such information as their records may contain relative to the man Al Pierce, whose death occurred on June 11th last, as stated in the report above mentioned. Should any additional information be thus obtained it will be promptly communicated to you.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Interior

Governor.

September 28, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my letter of August 10 last, advising the forwarding of one copy of the 1915 session laws of Alaska, and other documents, and to enclose herewith correction slip which should be inserted at page 30 of the session laws.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enclosure.

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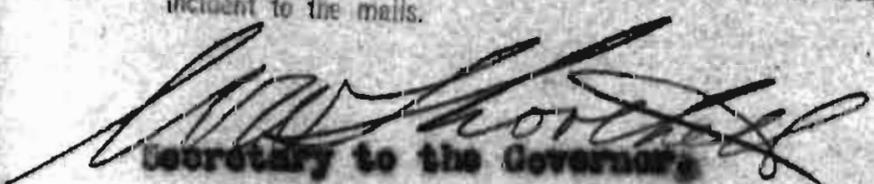
Secretary Interior,

Washington, DC.

Request telegraphic advice present available balance in school section of
Alaska funds.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor

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October 5, 1915.

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Sir:-

In further reference to your letter of September 1st (Assistant Secretary Be Sweeney), transmitting certain correspondence of the Department, and enclosing a copy of the Department's letter of July 16th to Doctor Henry Waldo Coo, president of the Sanitarium Company, upon the subject of Dr. Coo's charge that there have been committed to the Meringside hospital for the care and treatment of the insane of Alaska, persons who were indigent and with reference to whose mental incompetency serious doubt is alleged; also Doctor Coo's statements concerning the particular cases to which he alluded in his report of date July 30, 1915:

In response thereto I am transmitting herewith for your information copies of letters received from Mr. Arthur G. Sheup, Superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, and Doctor James W. Johnston, the physician of the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Governor.

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October 8, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1916" for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915.

The accounts include the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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October 8, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1916" for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915.

The accounts include the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers 1 to 15, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

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October 8, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915" for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915, the same being the closing accounts for the fiscal year 1915.

The accounts referred to include the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Supplemental account current, covering deposit of unexpended balance to close accounts with certificate of deposit No. 913 attached thereto.
4. Vouchers 1, 2 and 3.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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October 8, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Territory of Alaska, 1915", for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915, the same being the closing accounts for the fiscal year 1915.

The accounts referred to include the following papers:

- (1) Abstract of disbursements.
- (2) Account current.
- (3) Supplemental account current, covering deposit to close accounts, with Certificate of Deposit No. 912 attached thereto.
- (4) Vouchers Nos. 1 to 12, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

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October 9, 1915.

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Sir:

This office is in receipt of a complaint from the Indians of Eagle, Alaska, to the effect that the oil burning steamers plying on that river pollute the waters to such an extent that young salmon are destroyed and the roe prevented from hatching. Similar complaints come from other sections of the Yukon River.

Personally I am at a loss to say whether or not there is merit in these complaints. I am advised, however, that the steamboats on the Columbia and other navigable rivers, which use oil for fuel, are inhibited from permitting the oil to escape into the waters.

I have, therefore, to respectfully ask that the subject-matter of this complaint be transmitted to the proper authorities for such action as may be deemed advisable.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

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October 12, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to the Department's request I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, an inventory of property of the Alaska Territorial Legislature purchased from federal appropriations and now on hand at Juneau.

The condition of this property is from "fair" to "good", and I am of the opinion that all of it can be made use of at the next session of the Alaska Legislature.

In addition to the property contained on the enclosed inventory, there is a small quantity of miscellaneous broken packages of stationery, etc., on hand, which was paid for from funds appropriated by the Territorial Legislature, but it is of little or no value.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encls.

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS

The Cook Inlet Pioneer	-	Anchorage, Alaska.	"
The Chitina Leader,	-	Chitina,	"
Douglas Island News	-	Douglas,	"
The Alaska Times, Cordo	-	Cordova,	"
The Fairbanks Times	-	Fairbanks,	"
The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	-	"	"
The Alaska Citizen	-	"	"
The Churchman	-	"	"
The Pioneer	-	Iditarod,	"
Alaska Daily Empire	-	Juneau,	"
Daily Alaska Dispatch	-	"	"
The Alaska Sunday Morning Post	-	"	"
The Daily Progressive Miner	-	Ketchikan,	"
The Daily Nugget	-	Nome,	"
The Industrial Worker	-	"	"
The Report	-	Petersburg,	"
Record-Citizen	-	Ruby,	"
Daily Gateway	-	Seward	"
Alaska Evening Post	-	"	"
All-Alaska Magazine	-	"	"
Daily Alaskan	-	Stagway	"
Daily Prospector	-	Valdez	"
The Sentinel	-	Wrangell	"

October 15, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of October 4th (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) with reference to the advance copies of the report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, and in which you ask to be advised regarding the time that should be allowed in fixing the release date.

In reply I have to advise that I am enclosing herewith, in accordance with your suggestion, a list of papers so that the reports may be mailed direct from your office. It will take at least ten days for the report to reach Juneau, and fifteen days to reach points to the Westward, namely, Cordova, Valdez and Seward; while six days more will be required to reach Fairbanks. It may, therefore, be deemed impossible for the report to be forwarded to Fairbanks and Nome, the latter requiring at least fifteen additional days to be reached from Fairbanks, and while I would like for an advanced copy to reach all the newspapers of the Territory at the same time I realize that it would be impossible for Nome and possibly Fairbanks to receive these copies.

Respectfully,

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Governor

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J. J. [Signature]

October 16, 1915.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) with copy of circular giving general information regarding the Territory of Alaska, which is about to be reprinted, and in which you ask this office to submit any corrections and additions that may be deemed advisable.

In reply I have to advise that I am transmitting herewith certain corrections and additions for publication in the pamphlet.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

(Enclosures).

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October 21, 1915

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The Commissioner of Pensions,
U. S. Pension Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

May I ask you to advise this office as to the status of the application of Mrs. Ellen M. Haley, of Sitka, Alaska, widow of Nicholas Haley, who died in August, 1914, for a pension under the pension laws of the United States, Mrs. Haley's husband having served in the U. S. Army for some years.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 22, 1915

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Sir:

This office is in receipt of Department Circular of Oct. 2, 1915, with respect to the marking of official telegrams; also copy of Department Circular of Oct. 8, 1915, the same being an amendment to an order of Sept. 27, which requires that originals of telegrams be sent with vouchers. A copy of the order of Sept. 27 has not, as yet, reached this office.

With respect to the orders of October 2 and 8, above mentioned, I have the honor to advise that it is the practice of this office, and of the officers working under its direction, to prepay all official messages which are transmitted over lines other than those of the Washington-Alaska Military Telegraph and Cable System. This being the case, it is the understanding of this office that the provisions of the Department circulars above mentioned will not affect the method of handling telegrams by this office, and the officers working under its direction.

I should be pleased to be advised if this understanding is erroneous.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, October 23, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT, PAID. 75 = 20X

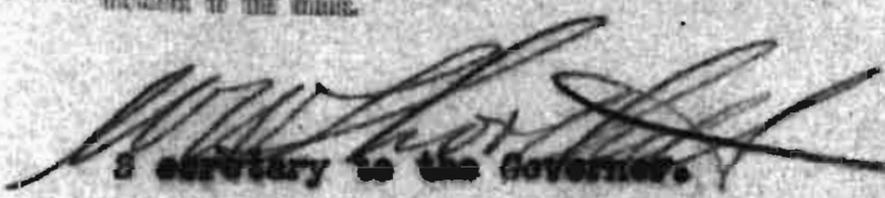
Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Replying yours this date list corporations annual report useful for
reference purposes only. Can be omitted if deemed necessary.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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October 28, 1915

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Sir:

In further reference to the Department's letter of August 24th last (Assistant Secretary De Sweeney), requesting information relative to the death of one Charles A. Pierce, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the twelfth instant, addressed to this office by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, in reply to a letter sent to the Commission by this office on the 27th ultimo.

From the Commission's letter, it appears that all of the available information has been furnished to Mrs. Pierce, as well as to Mr. Alex. Stewart, an attorney of Seattle, Wash., who interested himself in her behalf.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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October 23, 1919

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of October eighth (Hon. Stephen F. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in reference to Edward Porter, a federal prisoner in the U. S. penitentiary at McNeil's Island, Washington, under sentence imposed by the United States Court for the Fourth Judicial Division of Alaska, who is an applicant for executive clemency; and requesting that I report the facts in this case and express an opinion as to the expediency and justice of extending clemency to the applicant.

In reply I have to advise you that, as this case was tried in the District Court at Fairbanks, I have been unable to ascertain the facts in relation thereto, and am, therefore, unable to express an opinion as to the merits of the application for clemency. I may say, however, that, on the assumption that the applicant, Porter, will receive the usual deductions for good behavior during his period of imprisonment, and inasmuch as his conviction for the

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offense charged dates from March 29, 1915, it is probable that the ends of justice have been satisfied, and that the extension of clemency to the applicant would, perhaps, be an act of mercy.

Respectfully,

Governor

Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

November 4, 1915

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with a copy of the Department document on the commerce and industries of Alaska, designated as Special Agents' Series No. 67.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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November 19, 1915

D-7

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the ninth instant (Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in which it is stated that my annual report for 1915 did not include a table showing the rate of wages and the cost of living in Alaska; and also that, inasmuch as it is too late to insert this in the annual report, it is believed this data will be of value in the information circular on Alaska.

In reply, I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith the information desired for insertion in said circular.

Respectfully yours,

Sac.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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WAGES PAID IN ALASKA

The wage rate in Alaska varies to a considerable extent, the differences being due to the increased cost of living in the remoter sections where wages are always higher than in the more accessible coast districts. Thus the highest wage rate is paid in interior Alaska and in the northwestern region. The following table shows approximately the wages paid for different classes of labor, together with the cost of living per day:

	Rate of wages per day			Cost of living per day
	Mechanics	Miners	Laborers	
Cordeva	\$4.00	\$3.00-3.50	\$3.00	\$1.00-1.25
Douglas	4.50-6.00	3.25-3.00	3.00	1.00
Eagle and Fortymile	7.50-8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	1.50-2.00
Fairbanks	6.00-8.00	5.00	5.00	2.00-2.50
Haines	5.00-6.00	3.50	3.00	1.25
Iditarod	8.00-10.00	6.00	5.00	2.00
Juneau	6.00-8.00	3.00-3.50	3.00	1.00
Ketchikan	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	3.00	1.00
Nome	6.00-8.00	5.00	4.00	1.00-1.50
Petersburg	4.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.00	1.00
Seward	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	3.00	1.00-1.25
Shagoy	4.00-6.00	3.00	2.50-3.00	1.00-1.25
Valdez	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.00	1.00-1.25
Wrangell	4.50-6.00	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.00	1.00

November 24, 1912

D-I

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the tenth instant (Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in which is requested a list of steamboat companies operating on the rivers of Alaska, for incorporation in the circular giving general information regarding the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith a list of the steamboat companies operating on Alaskan rivers and also on the "Inside Route" between Juneau, Skagway and way ports.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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FOR INCORPORATION IN THE CIRCULAR GIVING GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION

Steamers ply on most of the navigable rivers of Alaska during the open season. The American-Yukon Navigation Company operates a line of steamers on the Yukon River between St. Michael, Alaska, and Dawson and Whitehorse in Yukon Territory, on a regular schedule; and from St. Michael to Fairbanks on the Tanana River, as well as from Whitehorse and Dawson, Yukon Territory, to the same point. Steamers of this company also ply on the Inneke and Iditarod rivers to Dikeman on the latter river, and also on the Koyukek river to Bettles.

The Alaska Rivers Navigation Company also operates steamers between Fairbanks on the Tanana River to St. Michael. Another concern operating steamers between the same points is the Western Transportation Company. This company has five steamers on the route between St. Michael and Fairbanks.

One steamer is operated by the Kuskekwim Commercial Company on the Kuskekwim River, between Bethel and points farther up that stream; and a small steamer, of another company, makes occasional trips from Fort Yukon up the Porcupine River as far as Rampart House.

The Knik-Susitna Transportation Company has been operating in past years at the head of Cook Inlet, Knik, Turnagain Arm, and on the Susitna river, which is a tributary of Cook Inlet.

The Juneau Steamship Company operates a steamer out of Juneau, Alaska, to Sitka, Skagway and way ports.

December 2, 1918

D-I

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully ask that this office be furnished with a few copies of the "Alaska Development Board Bill," introduced in the House of Representatives by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, and of the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Chamberlain.

Respectfully,

Governor

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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JOURNAL, DECEMBER 18, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

The President,

The White House, Washington.

The people of Alaska join with me in extending to you congratulations and hearty good wishes, and indulge the hope that you and Mrs. Wilson may honor the Territory with a visit at some future time.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
transmitted by the public service, and will not bear the delay

(Signed) J. F. A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska.

December 21, 1913

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Mr. Julius Allcott,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the correspondence conducted by this office with the Department of State, relative to your desire to have your wife and children, now in Brussels, join you in Alaska, I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter received by the Secretary of State, Washington, from Hon. Brand Whitlock, American Minister at Brussels, and a copy of a letter from Hon. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, Washington, which are self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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JUNEAU, DECEMBER 29, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

61 words. 66¢

W. G. HESS,

Alaska Railway Commission,

WASHINGTON.

YINDOL KNIGHTAGE belong in wastebasket. Always OBSTACLE his SHOPWONAH. It is undoubtedly true that any slander or lying VANISHED can be HUTSHELL by KNIGHTAGE and reports from Alaska, and as such YINDOL'S should be viewed. As SPADE present, SECURITY no desire METAGRAPHY besmirched TABLEAF I can help. This WITISH HULLED

FIXATIVE.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

TRANSLATION.

YINDOL (Hunter) KNIGHTAGE (affidavits) belong in wastebasket. Always OBSTACLE (have considered) his SHOPWONAH (mentally incapacitated). It is undoubtedly true that any slander or lying VANISHED (statement) can be HUTSHELL (confirmed) by KNIGHTAGE (affidavits) and reports from Alaska, and as such YINDOL'S (Hunter's) should be viewed. As SPADE (he is) present, SECURITY (I have) no desire METAGRAPHY (to be) besmirched TABLEAF (more than) I can help. This WITISH (for your) HULLED (confidential) use.

FIXATIVE (Governor, Alaska).

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January 6, 1916

D-A

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 21, together with a copy of your annual report for the fiscal year 1915. I have noted, with much satisfaction, your statements regarding fur-bearing animals in Alaska, and the proposed amendments to the Alaska Game Law, which I trust may be incorporated into the law.

Very respectfully,

Governor

Hon. D. F. Houston,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1916

D-G

Mr:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with two copies of your recently issued annual report. It will be appreciated also if you will have a copy of the report mailed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

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February 24, 1916

D-I

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the seventh instant (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), advising me that 500 copies of a new edition of the circular giving general information regarding the Territory of Alaska, had been forwarded to this office. I have to advise that the copies have been received, and I desire to compliment the Department upon the excellence of the contents of the circular.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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February 15, 1916

D-A

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a thousand copies of the report of the Governor of Alaska on the Alaska Game Law, for the year 1915, for which I thank you.

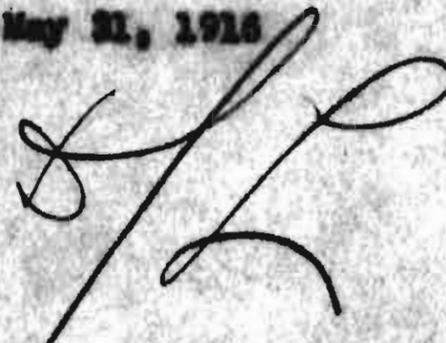
Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

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May 31, 1918



Mr. Royal Meeker,
Commissioner of Labor Statistics,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 23d, in which you ask that I prepare a brief statement on mediation, conciliation and arbitration as carried out under our Territorial laws.

In reply I have to advise you that an act to provide for the amicable adjustment of differences that may arise between employers and employees, was passed by the Territorial legislature of 1913. Up to the present time, however, there has been no occasion to carry it into effect. Briefly, the law provides that whenever a controversy concerning wages, hours of labor, or conditions of employment, shall arise between an employer and his employees, the Governor shall, upon the request of either party to the controversy use his best efforts, by mediation and conciliation, to amicably settle the dispute. The Governor may either exercise such powers of conciliation himself, or appoint a commission for the purpose, and, if such efforts shall be unsuccessful, the Governor is empowered to bring about an arbitration of such controversy, in accordance with the provisions of the

act.

Provision is made for the selection of an arbitration board of three persons, one named by the employer directly interested, the other by the labor organization to which the employees directly interested belong, and the third member chosen by the other two. The majority of said arbitrators shall be competent to make a binding and valid award under the provisions of the law. The board of arbitration must commence their hearings within ten days from the date of the appointment of the third arbitrator, and shall officially file such award within thirty days from the date of the appointment of such arbitrator, and that, pending the arbitration, the status existing immediately prior to the dispute shall not be changed: Provided that no employee shall be compelled to render personal service without his consent. It is also provided that the respective parties to the award, when it shall have been made, will each faithfully execute the same, and that the same may be specifically enforced in equity, so far as the powers of a court of equity permit: Provided that no injunction, or other legal process, shall be issued which shall compel the performance, by any laborer against his will, of a contract for personal labor or service. Employees dissatisfied with the award shall not, by reason of such dissatisfaction, quit the service of the employer before the expiration of three months from and after the making of such award, without giving thirty days' notice, in writing, of

their intention so to quit. A similar inhibition is placed upon the employer of labor. The law provides that the award shall continue in force, as between the parties thereto, for the period of one year after the same shall go into practical operation, and no new arbitration upon the same subject, between the same employer and the same class of employees, shall be had until the expiration of one year, if the award is not set aside, as provided.

During the pendency of arbitration under this law, it is made unlawful for the employer party to such arbitration, to discharge the employees party thereto, except for inefficiency, violation of the law, or neglect of duty; nor for the organization representing such employees to order, nor for the employees to unite in, aid or abet strikes against said employer; nor during a period of three months after an award under such arbitration for the employer to discharge any of such employees except for the causes aforesaid without giving three days' written notice of his intent so to discharge; nor for any such employees, during a like period, to quit the service of said employer, without just cause, without giving said employer 30 days' written notice of their intent so to do; nor for the organization representing such employees to order, counsel or advise otherwise.

Any violation of this section of the law subjects the offending party to liability for damages.

Yours very truly,

June 7, 1916

The Honorable

The Postmaster-General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor of enclosing herewith petitions signed by the great majority of the business men of Juneau and Sitka, Alaska, with reference to the mail conditions that have eventuated in Juneau, Sitka and way points on the Juneau-Sitka mail route, so called.

These petitions describe the conditions which have been created by the cancellation of the former mail contract held by the Juneau Steamship Company, in the performance of which contract a safe and seaworthy steamer was employed, and the letting of another contract for this service wherein a small and inconmodious gas boat is employed. The result (and I speak from personal knowledge), is a step backward in the matter of mail service on the route named instead of an improvement; and the present condition will inevitably become more serious during the approaching fall and winter seasons. The points served on the Juneau-Sitka mail route are steadily growing in importance, and the city of Juneau carries on a large trade with these towns; and, therefore, a safe and adequate mail

service becomes a matter of first importance. It may be urged that the matter of mail service does not embrace the furnishing of adequate transportation facilities as well by mail contractors, but it is submitted that a number of the places so served are solely dependent upon mail contractors for transportation, and this is a large factor in stimulating settlement and development of the communities so served and territory contiguous thereto.

On the other hand, it is respectfully suggested that, in the matter of mail service in a comparatively new, but rapidly developing country such as is Alaska, the United States Government can well afford to adopt a liberal policy with respect to mail contracts, and thus indirectly, if not directly, assist in the development of the Territory, and thus add to the national wealth. It necessitates much pioneering to develop a country like Alaska, and the sturdy citizenship engaged in that work is surely entitled to greater consideration than that of more accessible regions, whose pathways in turn have been rendered much easier by those who pioneered the way for them. Development follows in the wake of mail facilities; industries arise, population becomes fixed and permanent homes are established, and all this work of upbuilding can be aided and fostered in Alaska by the adoption, on the part of the government, of a more liberal policy in the matter of mail and transportation facilities.

I would, therefore, urgently and respectfully recommend that a thorough investigation of the statements contained in the enclosed petition be made, feeling as I do that, if this be done, the justice of the petitioners' cause will be acknowledged and their prayers granted.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

June 10, 1916

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The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, calling attention to corrections which should be made in your March statement of my account No. 95007, and also in the statement for the month of April covering the same account.

The corrections, as noted in your letter of above date, have been noted on the statements referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. A.

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June 12, 1916

Gen. Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With further reference to the advisability of urging legislation by Congress providing for an organized militia for Alaska, as discussed in a letter from this office to the Secretary of the Interior and forwarded through the office of the Secretary to the War Department, and also as discussed in my annual report for the fiscal year 1915, I desire to reply briefly to the argument against such organization of the Alaska militia, contained in your letter of March 16 last.

You say that, while appreciating the desirability, in general, of encouraging all such military development, you are constrained to believe that the need of Alaska is for a purely Territorial force of rangers or constabulary, similar to the Northwest Mounted Police. In reply to this I beg to express the opinion that the establishment of a constabulary force in Alaska is altogether impracticable, inasmuch as the cost of maintenance of an adequate force would be so great that Congress would not make the appropriation necessary. Further, a quasi-military force of this nature is not needed in Alaska. It must be borne in mind that the Territory is vast in extent.

There are great differences climatically and physically, and to police it by a constabulary force would require a considerable number of men, if such policing were to be efficient, scattered over an area of several hundred thousand miles in extent. There could be little or no co-ordination among the members of such force and, in fine, there is no call for such force at this time, nor in my opinion will there ever be. The situation now and in the future could be met by increasing the force of deputy United States marshals, as need arose, and providing a fund for expenses of a field force as demanded; and the appropriation which would be necessary for this purpose would be comparatively small, as compared with the maintenance of a constabulary force. If this were done there would be no excuse whatsoever for the establishment of a force of constabulary.

A militia unit in Alaska would not, as you state, draw most of its recruits from the laboring element, miners, etc., and therefore there would be little or no danger that their services might, if protracted, prejudice industrial operations. The militia of Alaska, if organized, would probably not draw more than 5% of its personnel from the laboring element, miners, etc. It must be borne in mind that the men employed as underground miners in Alaska are composed mainly of aliens, a large proportion of which are from the countries of southern Europe. As a matter of fact, the Alaska militia unit would be mainly composed of young Americans, many of whom have had previous military training in the different States. I would state here, paren-

thetically, that in my opinion the National Guard should be relieved from strike duty anyway, and thus a prejudice that now exists against service in the militia would be removed.

It is evident, Mr. Secretary, that you have been misled as to the character of the population of Alaska when you refer to its more or less shifting character, which you say would militate against the permanency of a military organization. There is a shifting population in every State of the Union, and there is a shifting population in Alaska, to be sure; in the United States proper the shifting is from one state to another, according to season and the opportunities presented for labor. In Alaska this shifting is largely from one mining district to another, according to the demand for labor or opportunities presented for the development of mines, etc.

I am aware of the fact that the personnel of the United States Army stationed in Alaska is, under the existing law, subject to use as a posse comitatus, in case of Territorial need. It was not for purposes of this kind, however, that I have urged legislation by Congress for the organization of a militia in Alaska. My reasons are much deeper. I believe that, in any measure of national preparedness, every State and Territory of the Union should bear its part. Why, then, exclude Alaska? Because someone has said that the men who would comprise the militia unit would be of and from the laboring element, miners, etc.; and, therefore, their services might be prejudicial to the industrial operations? This statement is

is absolutely unwarranted by the facts and is just as baseless as is that other concerning the impermanency and shifting character of our population. There are many permanent towns and districts in Alaska---just as permanent and substantial as those to be found elsewhere in the United States. I have lived in Alaska long enough to know the character of its people. I know men and women that were born in Alaska, married in Alaska and are raising families in Alaska---all since I have been a resident of the Territory. The tendency to look upon Alaska as a country of outlanders is inherently wrong and most unjust. The wealth produced by the Territory each year is an annual volume that cannot be overlooked. It is growing in amount with the gradual development of the country, and its permanent population is steadily increasing.

I also must take issue with the statement that "the geographical position of Alaska is such that its fate, in case of war, could hardly be affected by any force of organized militia that Alaska could maintain." Why? On the contrary, it seems to me that Alaska's geographical position is a strong argument for instead of against the organization of a militia. In case of war, say with Japan, Alaska would be one of the first points of attack, and I regret to say that, without an organized militia and with no harbor defenses of any kind, the Territory would be at the mercy of a hostile country, and the towns of coastal Alaska and the rich gold and copper mines could, and no doubt would, be laid under tribute, in case the country were attacked.

I notice by the public press that recruiting for the regular army has been slow and difficult and that only about one out of five applicants for enlistment was able to pass the physical tests and show himself qualified for military service. It seems to me that this showing is a practical indictment of the nation. It is one which makes stronger the arguments for a general system of military training to build up the physique of the young men of the country. The lack of physical qualifications for army service rather than an unwillingness to serve seems to be the trouble with Americans today.

I also note with concern the difficulties experienced in mobilizing the National Guards of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—only 2,000 in number—and I venture the assertion that in Alaska, if given the authority to organize a militia, we could, within a short time, have at least one regiment whose personnel would include the flower of Alaska, seasoned men, physically strong and insured to the conditions met with in new countries, and who would be a most valuable addition to the militia forces of the nation.

Mr. Secretary, Alaskans are a self-reliant, patriotic people, ready and willing to do their full share for the defense of the common country, and to deny them this privilege is to deny them the full exercise of their rights as citizens. My interest in this matter is patriotic and not personal; I would like to see the Alaska militia organized because I know that it would not

be found wanting at any time or under any circumstances; and further, arguments which are urged against such organization I believe to be wholly without merit and made without full understanding of Alaska, its people or its conditions.

With assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am, my dear Mr. Secretary,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

June 27, 1918

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Hon. Josephus Daniels,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will serve to introduce Mr. Henry Moses, of Juneau, Alaska, who is in Washington to confer with you regarding certain plans which he has perfected for improving the naval defense of our country, and which he desires to lay before you for examination with a view to obtaining your approval for their adoption.

On March last I had the honor to advise you by letter that Mr. Moses had conferred with me as to the advisability of submitting his plans to you. On March 20 you replied that you would be very glad to receive the plans devised by Mr. Moses, and would have them carefully considered. After due consideration, Mr. Moses has decided to visit Washington for the purpose referred to above.

I bespeak for him your consideration, as I am satisfied that he is actuated in his course by the highest motives of American patriotism.

Respectfully yours,

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Governor

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Juneau, June 29, 1916. O. S. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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SECRETARY WAR,

WASHINGTON.

Many Alaskans, among them some who have had military training elsewhere,
eager to enlist in militia when organized. Kindly advise us if
organization will be authorized, and when.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

W. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU, JUNE 30, 1916. O. R. NIGHT rate PAID.

Secretary Treasury.

WASHINGTON.

Petition signed by fifty business firms of JUNEAU asks that common carrier
head Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to do business in Alaska be
approved by Department. Respectfully urge that this be done.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

July 5, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1916," for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1916, as follows:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers 1 and 2.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 5, 1916

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The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as
Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Contingent
Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1916," for the fiscal quarter
ended June 30, 1916, as follows:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 23, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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July 10, 1910

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The Honorable

The Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

At the request of the signers of the enclosed petition,

I am transmitting it herewith for your action in the premises.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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July 13, 1916

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Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will forward to this office, for official use, the hearings before the committee on the merchant marine and fisheries, House of Representatives, 64 Congress, first session, on H. R. 9822, a bill for the protection, regulation and conservation of the fisheries of Alaska.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 17, 1918

DT.

Messrs. H. R. Shepard & Son,
and J. D. McAuley, Agents

Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., in reply to a telegram forwarded to the Department on the first instant, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 18, 1916

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Mr. Julius Alliot,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 14, in which you advise me of the safe arrival of your wife and family at your home at Treadwell. Permit me to extend my congratulations and to thank you for your kind acknowledgment of the services which I was able to render you in this connection. I am sure that it gave me real pleasure to be in a position to do something toward the result which was achieved after a number of vexatious delays.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 4, 1916

DJ

Hon. James B. McCallister,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear General:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 23, in which you state that you are an applicant for membership upon the board provided in the Shipping Bill, now before Congress, and ask me to forward an indorsement of you for that position to the Secretary of the Treasury.

In reply I may say that it affords me much pleasure to do this, and I have, therefore, written Secretary McAdoo in your behalf, and am transmitting to you herewith a copy of the letter.

Trusting that you may be successful in this and in all other undertakings, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 2, 1918

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Hon. W. G. Baiden,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am advised that Mr. James B. Metcalfe, of Seattle, Wash., is an applicant for membership upon the board provided for in the Shipping Bill now before Congress, and which it is expected will pass at this session as an administrative measure; and I am further advised that Mr. Metcalfe's application has been filed with you.

In this connection I wish to say that I have known General Metcalfe for many years, during which time he has been active in the practice of his profession at Seattle, with the exception of a short time that he spent in the Territory of Alaska.

Mr. Metcalfe is a man of the strictest integrity, of a wide range of knowledge, of high standing in his profession, an earnest Democrat and a faithful worker at all times in behalf of his party, and I am convinced that, if he should be honored with this appointment, he would acquit himself in a manner creditable alike to himself, to the board and to the Administration.

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with assurance of my personal esteem, I am,
Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 25, 1916

D-S

Mr. C. L. Andrews,
1802 East 73d street,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Secretary of State, with reference to your request for permission to examine Russian manuscripts of the Russian-American Company, on file in the State Department.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

October 21, 1916

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United States Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Secretary of State, I beg to call to your attention the fact that Article XI of the Consular Convention of November 19, 1902, between the United States and Greece (a copy of which is enclosed herewith), provides that in the case of the death of a citizen of the United States in Greece or of a Greek subject in the United States, who has no known heirs or testamentary executors by him appointed, the competent local authorities shall give information of the fact to the consular officers of the nation of the deceased in order that the necessary information may be immediately forwarded to the parties interested.

The Secretary of State also advises that the Charge d'Affaires of Greece alleges that the local authorities of Alaska fail, in many instances, to comply with the stipulations of this article under which it becomes their duty to notify a Greek consular officer in the United States of the death of any Greek subject without known heirs or testamentary

executors by him appointed, which may occur within their jurisdiction.

I have, therefore, to ask that you will kindly take due consideration of the provision of the article in question in order that its stipulations may be complied with.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sent to

Juneau, Douglas, Ketchikan,
Wrangell, Petersburg, Skag-
way, Cordova, Valdez, Seward,
Anchorage, Fairbanks, Nome,
Iditarod, Tanana, Ruby, Fortuna
Ledge, Eagle, McCarthy, Chitina

Kenana

October 23, 1916

D-W

Sir:

I have the honor to address you in behalf of Mr. Wallace W. Crawford, now a resident of Juneau, Alaska, but formerly of Seattle, Washington; and to this end I desire to state that Mr. Crawford was a cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point for three years and eight months, but on November 2, 1912, he was dismissed, as he frankly admits, on a charge of drunkenness. He was appointed to the Academy from the State of Washington. Mr. Crawford, since his dismissal from the Military Academy, has not indulged in liquor in any way. He now desires to reenter the army as a civilian by taking the required examination. Mr. Crawford also advises me that since leaving the Military Academy, he has married, and this may act as a bar to his entrance to the army in the manner above suggested.

I have, therefore, to respectfully ask to be advised of the Department's views, if it be compatible with the policy of the Department in the matter herein presented.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Honorable
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

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File to Sect

D. G. ...

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 19, 1916 -- PAID *472*

Hon. Franklin K. Lane,

Washington

Heartiest congratulations. Alaska particularly pleased and has
also endorsed administration by electing a Democrat as Delegate to
Congress who will cooperate with you in carrying out your constructive
Alaskan policy.

STRONG, Governor

~~U. S. Government note.
Charge: Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska~~

Stenographer

File D/W.

~~RIGHT LETTER~~

O.P. Lovin, tele.

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 10, 1916 -- PAID

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Hon. W. G. HoAdoo,

Washington

Congratulations upon deserved victory of the President and the Administration, in which you bore a conspicuous part. People of Alaska have shown their appreciation of the Administration by electing a Democrat as Delegate to Congress.

STRONG, Governor

~~O. B.; government file.
Charge: Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska.~~

Stenographer

File - D/W.H.

J. B. Gort RIGHT

Juneau, Alaska, November 10, 1916

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Hon. Woodrow Wilson,

Washington

Permit us, on behalf of Democracy of Alaska and other friends of your administration, to extend sincere congratulations upon your reelection.

The people of this Territory are not unmindful of the constructive program which your administration is carrying out in Alaska and to assist in this work they have just elected a Democrat as Delegate to Congress.

STRONG, Governor

~~O. B.; Government rate.
Charge "Contingent Expenses,"
Territory of Alaska~~

Stenographer

December 30, 1916

D-T

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith necessary additions and corrections for a new edition of the circular entitled "General Information Regarding the Territory of Alaska," which is being prepared by your office, as requested in your letter of the 16th ultimo (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary).

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

. Washington