

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS
for a
NEW EDITION OF THE CIRCULAR ENTITLED

"GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA"

Population. The Governor of Alaska, in his report for 1916, estimates the white population at 50,000. The population of the town of Anchorage has increased to approximately 4,000. It is estimated that the entire population of the Iditarod, Innoko and adjacent districts is about 2,000, a decrease in population being shown in the Iditarod and contiguous sections due to a decrease in individual placer mining. The greater proportion of mining now carried on in that section is by means of dredges.

The greatest increase in population in recent years is in southeastern Alaska and in the southwestern coastal district. In 1910 Juneau, in southeastern Alaska, had a population of 1,644, but due to the extensive lead mining developments on the Gastineau channel, the town now has a population of about 5,000; Thane, a new town on the mainland, four miles south of Juneau, has a population of about 300. There has also been an increase in the population of the towns of Douglas and Treadwell on Douglas Island, on the opposite side of Gastineau Channel from Juneau, as well as a marked increase in the population of Ketchikan and Petersburg and other smaller towns in the southeastern section.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION

Two steamers are operated on the Stikine River, between Wrangell, Alaska, and Telegraph Creek, B. C.; and besides power launches operate on irregular schedules between Wrangell and various points on the river.

Add to game regulations:

The sale of carcasses or parts thereof of moose and sheep in the region south of latitude 62 degrees north and between longitude 141° west and the western outlet of Lake Clark, in longitude 135° west; or the shipment of carcasses or parts thereof of said animals for sale from Anchorage, Seward or other points on the Kenai Peninsula, is prohibited until October 1, 1918, and no carcasses or parts thereof of said animals shall be accepted for shipment to other points in Alaska unless accompanied by affidavits of the owner that they were not purchased and are not intended for sale.

LICENSED GUIDES (Corrected to Dec. 31, 1916)

Andrew Berg.....	Kenai
Emil Berg.....	Kenai
William De Witt.....	Seward
Fritz Perth.....	Seward
Andrew Simons.....	Seward
B. F. Sweeney.....	Seward
C. C. Tolman.....	Seward
Thos. B. Towle.....	Seward
G. L. Vetaw.....	Seward

These guides are all of the first class.

Add to Newspapers:

Alaska Labor News (weekly).....Anchorage
Nenana News (weekly).....Nenana
Railroad Record (weekly).....Anchorage

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS

President, Board of Medical Examiners, Ketchikan, instead
of ~~Acting~~ President, etc.

GAME WARDENS

Seward, McCarthy, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Nome, Juneau,
Eagle, Ketchikan, Gamban, Rampart House, Pirate Cove, King
Cove, Birdwood, Hawk Inlet, Red Bay, Nenana.

Add to commercial organizations in Alaska:

Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage; Nome-Seward Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce, Nome.

Add to 'Pioneers' Association:

Valdez, Anchorage, Wiseman, Nome, Fairbanks, Iditarod

TRANSPORTATION

Ocean Service

Delete Pacific-Alaska Navigation Co. and Pacific Coast Steam-
ship Company (these companies having been consolidated), and
substitute the following:

Pacific Steamship Co.---To Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau
Douglas, Treadwell, Haines, Skagway, Yakutat, Katalla, Cordova,
Valdez, Seward, Baldovia, Port Graham, Anchorage, Kodiak, Nome,

St. Michael and Wrangell.

Also delete the following:

"The Juneau Steamship Co. operates between Juneau, Sitka, Skagway and way ports," and substitute the following:

A small steamer makes weekly trips between Juneau, Sitka, Skagway and way ports.

Add to railroads, page 32:

The Alaska Petroleum and Coal Co. is building a railroad 15 miles in length from a point on Controller Bay to the Bering River coal fields.

January 3, 1917

D-C

Hon. Sam L. Rogers, Director,
Bureau of the Census,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, enclosing a copy of your letter of November 20, asking for information concerning ship and boat building establishments in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are no ship or boat building establishments in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 16, 1917

D-I

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 30 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in which it is requested that this office submit a list of the banks in the Territory, for use in the information circular which is being prepared by the Department.

In reply I have to advise you that such list is transmitted herewith. Other necessary corrections and additions were forwarded to the Department on December 30, 1916.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

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

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BANKS IN ALASKA

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Miners & Merchants' Bank, Ketchikan; Bank of Alaska, Wrangell; Bank of Petersburg, Petersburg; First Territorial Bank of Alaska, Douglas; The B. M. Behrends Bank, Juneau; First National Bank, Juneau; Bank of Alaska, Skagway; First Bank of Cordova; Cordova; First Bank of Valdez, Valdez; Bank of Anchorage, Anchorage; Bank of Alaska, Anchorage; Bank of Seward, Seward; Harriman National Bank, Seward; American Bank of Alaska, Fairbanks; First National Bank, Fairbanks; Miners & Merchants' Bank, Iditarod; Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company, Nome; Miners & Merchants' Bank, Nome.

February 7, 1917

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Mr. A. Christensen, Manager,
Land and Industrial Dept.,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Christensen:

I have your letter of January 11, in which you state that the Secretary of the Interior, has requested the Alaskan Engineering Commission to furnish any information it can to bring up to date the general information circular on the Territory of Alaska; and you ask that certain information be forwarded to you for transmission to the Commission.

In reply I have to advise you that the information noted in your letter has already been furnished by this office direct to the Department of the Interior. This was done some time since, and this being the case, further action on the part of this office would seem to be unnecessary.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 3, 1917

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Hon. T. W. Gregory,
Attorney General
Hon. William C. Redfield,
Secretary of Commerce,
Hon. W. B. Wilson,
Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 19, in which you call my attention to certain pending relationships of the Federal government to the respective states with reference to child labor laws, and soliciting my cooperation in adjusting the same.

In reply I beg to advise you that should the Alaska legislature, now in session, enact any legislation with especial reference to child labor within the Territory, I will endeavor to see that such legislation conform with the provisions of the Federal law and regulations. I may be permitted to add, for your information, that children are not employed in any of the industries of Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 8, 1917

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The Adjutant General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have much pleasure in stating that I have known Mr. France D. Johnson for some 17 years, and I can recommend him as a young man of the most exemplary habits and of more than average ability. Mr. Johnson formerly resided in Alaska, but for several years past, has resided at Zillah, Washington, and I am advised that he desires to take the examination for the officers' reserve corps, organized in 1916 by the War Department. I have to add that should he be successful, I believe that he will acquit himself as a good soldier and a gentleman should.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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May 9, 1917

P-N

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that I am transmitting, under separate cover, (1) sketch of a "torpedo deviator," and (2), sketch of an "electric torpedo exploder," the designs for the above having been prepared by Mr. Arthur Vlier, of Junco.

Mr. Vlier tells me that it is quite possible that something of the kind noted in the sketches may have reached the Navy Department, but, as he expresses it, he is desirous of aiding his country in every way in this crisis, and if the enclosed sketches are of any value to the Department in any way, he will feel that he has at least contributed a small mite in the present emergency.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Navy.

Washington

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May 8, 1917

P-N

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. E. J. Margrie, of Juneson, that he has forwarded to the Navy Department a suggestion which may or may not be of some value in the present submarine crisis.

I want to say, in behalf of Mr. Margrie, that he is a well known resident of this city and is highly respected by everyone.

The sketch that he has forwarded to the Department will serve to show whether it is of any practical value or not. He also assures me that should any additional information be desired by the Department, he will gladly furnish it, as he is sincerely desirous of doing anything that he can to aid his country in the present national crisis by which it is confronted.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Navy,

Washington

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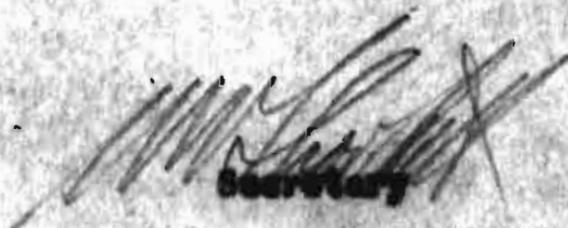
Juneau, May 16, 1917

U. S. Gov't Night Rate, Paid

Secretary Interior,
Washington

Department's- Referring Department's letter May third relative United States commissioner Burton Juneau. Burton states that only business in land office is preparation necessary proofs required by law and to act as attorney in fact in their preparation and filing. He would not appear as attorney in any contest or adverse proceedings but merely prepare necessary proofs to be signed by applicants for patent and act as attorney in fact in that respect. Has number such applications pending and will entail great loss and inconvenience to applicants unless he can perfect them. If rule is enforced, he must resign position as United States commissioner. Burton most efficient, honest and popular in an office which it is difficult to get competent man to fill.

STRONG, Governor


Secretary

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May 18, 1917.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 2d instant (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), advising approval of my accounts under the appropriation for "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the period from March 15 to March 31, 1917, both inclusive, and the forwarding of same to the Auditor, and asking for a statement showing the distribution of the expenditures to the several sub-divisions of the legislative appropriation; also asking that another set of certified synopsis of proceedings in the organization of the third session of the Alaska legislature be forwarded to the Department.

Enclosed herewith will be found: (1) Statement showing distribution of disbursements made during the March quarter; and (2) another set (3 documents) of certified copies of the Senate and House journals showing the convening and organization of the Third session of the Territorial legislature, and of the qualification of Representatives Sowerby and Murray.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. A.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, Alaska, May 18, 1917. O. B. Dept. NIGHT rate PAID.

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RAMM, Secretary War,

WASHINGTON.

Replying your seventeenth recommend William
W. Shorthill of Juneau for appointment as disbursing officer or agent of
United States in Alaska to disburse federal funds to meet authorized expenses
incident to registration and selective draft.

STANSON, 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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May 18, 1917

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of May 17, with reference to the appointment of a disbursing officer or agent of the United States in Alaska, to disburse federal funds to meet authorized expenses incident to registration and selective draft. To this I replied today as follows, which is hereby confirmed:

"Replying yours seventeenth, recommend William W. Shortmill, of Juneau, for appointment as disbursing officer or agent of United States in Alaska to disburse federal funds to meet authorized expenses incident to registration and selective draft."

I have further to advise that Mr. Shortmill's services will be rendered free of charge to the government. He is my private secretary and will have his office in connection with the Governor's office, and I am satisfied that he will render the most faithful service.

Respectfully,

Governor

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May 21, 1917.

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Mr. W. H. Lamm,
Solicitor, Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 20 last, calling the attention of this office to Section 8 of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1917, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, and for other purposes, and to my reply of April 2, I now have the honor to transmit a certified copy (typewritten) of Senate Bill No. 54, passed by the Alaska Territorial Legislature at its third session, and approved by me on April 30, 1917, entitled:

"An Act to prohibit the advertising of intoxicating liquors for sale or gift and to fix penalties for the violation thereof."

The purpose of this Territorial act is to make more effective the provisions of the act of Congress, approved February 14, 1917, entitled: "An Act To prohibit the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes;" both acts being effective on and after January 1, 1918. The act of Congress referred to is designated as "Public--No. 308--64th Congress, (S. 7963.)."

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

May 21, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 23d ultimo (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), advising the approval of my accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1917, with the exception of voucher No. 8, and the forwarding of same to the Auditor for the Department of the Interior.

My attention is called in the letter referred to, to the fact that voucher No. 8, in favor of the Junco Hardware Co., is in the amount of \$12.05, whereas the same appears in my abstract of disbursements as \$8.35; and an explanation of the discrepancy is asked for.

In explanation I beg to say that when voucher No. 8 was made up in this office from bills submitted by the Junco Hardware Company, there was, in addition to the bills included in the voucher, a bill for \$3.80 covering certain supplies for the executive mansion, the amount of which was in dispute and the item was, therefore, omitted from the voucher. When the entries were made in the cash book and check book, covering the voucher in question, the amount of the questioned bill,

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\$3.80, was inadvertently deducted from the amount of the voucher. Hence the entries appeared as \$8.25, instead of \$12.05. However, when the check in favor of the Junction Hardware Company was written, it was written for the correct amount, namely, \$12.05, so that the company received payment in full covering voucher No. 8. An adjusting entry of \$3.80 will appear in my June accounts to correct this error.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

May 21, 1917

D-I

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department letter of the tenth ultimo, addressed to the chiefs of bureaus and offices of the Department of the Interior, and the supply of blank forms which accompanied the same.

Enclosed herewith will be found blanks duly filled out and signed by the following-named persons:

Wm. W. Shorthill, Juneau, Secretary to the Governor
G. W. Folta, Juneau, stenographer in the Governor's office.

John Albert Baughman, game warden, Seward
Peter Samuel Erickson, game warden, McCarthy
Aron Erickson, game warden, Anchorage
Patrick Hamilton, game warden, Ketchikan
John Francis McDonald, game warden, Juneau
Joseph Anthony Bourke, special employee, Valdez
Joseph A. Snow, special employee, Juneau

Blanks which have been sent to various other game wardens and special employees who are working under the direction of this office will be mailed to the Department as soon as received by this office.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, MAY 21, 1917. O. R. Govt. Night Rate PAID.

SECRETARY WAR,

WASHINGTON,

Machinist have submit design of flying torpedo capable carrying up to ten high explosives to be driven half mile or more ahead of aeroplane. Can be guided to collision with enemy aeroplane or against fortification. Model steering gear works well. Absolute control to time of explosion claimed. Designer will go Washington, build complete machine and demonstrate at own expense if assured consideration. Can you use if successful Respectfully ask early telegraphic reply.

STANG, 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.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

Paul F Douglas

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D-N

May 22, 1917

Sir:

Mr. R. H. Pratt, of Douglas, Alaska is transmitting to you, for your examination, a model of an invention which he believes may be used to great advantage in the present war, in which the nation is engaged.

I am not a mechanic and my knowledge of mechanics is limited, but it may be that the invention itself, or the idea, which it conveys may be made of value to the country.

I have to say that Mr. Pratt is a reputable citizen of Douglas, a neighboring town of Juneau, that he is a mechanic of ability and is actuated by a patriotic desire to be of some use to his country in the present crisis. I would, therefore, bespeak for him an investigation of the plans which he will submit to the Secretary of the Navy and also to the Secretary of War, in the hope that they may be instrumental in bringing the war in which the nation is engaged, to a successful and speedy conclusion.

I am.

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of the Navy.

Washington

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UNNAU, ALASKA, MAY 21, 1917. U. S. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

SECRETARY NAVY,

WASHINGTON.

**Machinist here submits design sub-chase torpedo.
Can be carried by aeroplane, dropped near submarine, then guided any direction
any depth to contact. Steering gear model works well. Absolute control to
time of explosion claimed. Designer will go Washington build complete machine
and demonstrate at own expense if assured consideration. Can you use if
successful? Respectfully ask early telegraphic answer.**

STROUD, 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 Governor.

Walt. J. Douglas

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JUNEAU, ALASKA MAY 22, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT *48/53 collect*

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Cresder, Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number one period Referring your message yesterday to Governor comma I accept appointment as disbursing officer and agent of United States in Territory of Alaska to disburse federal funds to meet expenses incident to registration and selective draft in Territory period.

William W. Sherhill.

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

W. W. Sherhill
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 22, 1917. U. S. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

SECRETARY INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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STRONG, Governor.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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TRANSLATION SHEET.

CODE.	Translation.
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Stallman	request leave of absence
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(TRANSLATION SHEET, p. 2)

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in a day or two.

May 24, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of May 19, in which you advise that Brigadier General E. H. Crowder, Judge Advocate General, United States Army, has been designated Provost Marshal General and vested with the administration, under the Secretary of War, of so much of the selective service law as relates to registration and draft.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall govern myself in accordance with instructions therein contained.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of War,

Washington.

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Juneau, May 28, 1917. O. N. Night rate PAID.

W. F. Durand,
War Department,
WASHINGTON.

Replying yours twenty-sixth. Steering gear successfully tested on model boat. No aviation engineer available for report. Gear simple, powerful, small cost. Principle of action as follows quote: Each rudder controlled screw gear. Holds position any point. Turned by engine power applied clutches operated by small reversible motor. Engine speed regulated. All controlled by wireless or electric wire. If wire used sustained between torpedo and aeroplane by special kites. Unquote. Captain and pilot of United States cableship Burnside today inspected drawings and saw model in action and expressed opinion plan practical and worthy thorough test. Other navigators give same endorsement.

STROM, 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 Governor.

May 31, 1917

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Sir:

In the absence of Governor Strong, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to him, in respect to the matter of his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917. The report will be prepared and forwarded in due course, together with a letter embodying suggestions as to the proper treatment of such matters discussed therein as should be properly included in your annual report.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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June 1, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to transmit memorandum of information furnished by Governor Strong, in accordance with the Department's recent request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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June 4, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit memorandum containing the personal record of Robert E. Steal, game warden acting under appointment by this office and who resides at Eagle, Alaska.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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June 18, 1917

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The Secretary of Commerce.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In a letter received a few days ago from an entirely reliable party in Anvik, Alaska, I quote the following, which I believe will be of interest to the Department of Commerce:

"I have it on the best of authority that at the village a few miles from here, at the mouth of the Inoka, where the trader Turner is located, that he has had young natives poisoning fur-bearing animals all winter. Through Mr. Chapman, the missionary at Anvik, I learn that it is reported among the Indians of his locality, that the same man has offered to buy all beaver skins brought to him, and had bought quite a number and cached them in the cache of a native at his village.

"Several natives from there claimed to me that their dog had found some of the poison bait, eaten it and died immediately, and that Turner had offered in one instance, to replace the dogs."

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 16, 1917

D-W

Mr. R. H. Pratt,
Douglas, Alaska

My dear Mr. Pratt:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter of the 7th instant, addressed to this office by Mr. W. F. Durand, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Washington, D. C., in reference to our wire of the 30th ultimo, regarding your invention. Your attention is particularly invited to the closing paragraph of the letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 17, 1917

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The Depot Quartermaster, U. S. A.,

Chicago, Illinois

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to transmit herewith a voucher signed by Mr. George L. Swarva, Treadwell, Alaska, covering refund of Pullman fares paid by him between Jacksonville, Fla., and Seattle, Wash., in October and November last, as a member of the Alaska rifle team; together with an affidavit in duplicate, which is submitted in lieu of Pullman fare receipts which have been misplaced or lost.

Mr. Swarva was a duly accredited member of the Alaska rifle team which attended the national rifle shoot at Jacksonville in October last. Check in settlement of the claim should be mailed to him at Treadwell, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 12, 1917

D/I

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit a memorandum containing a statement of education, training and experience of Robert Stoddart McDonald, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who is employed as game warden under the Governor's office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, JUNE 9, 1917. O. B. Govt. R. rate paid.

Secretary Navy,

WASHINGTON,

**Are you enlisting men for service on submarine chasers
and where should they present themselves for enlistment? Many young men in
Alaska with extensive motor boat experience desire service against submarines.**

DAVIDSON, Acting 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.

[Signature]
Secretary to Governor.

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June 21, 1917

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of Department letter of the 23d ultimo (E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk), referring to Department letter of the fourth ultimo, transmitting a copy of Treasury Department circular No. 77, relating to forms of pay rolls and requesting to be advised whether this office has complied with section 7 of the circular.

In reply I beg to advise that the Governor has addressed letters to the Comptroller of the Treasury in response to section 7 of the circular, asking for information as to the applicability of the provisions for increased compensation to certain employees and persons working under the direction of this office.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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June 22, 1917

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit memorandum information furnished by A. Hjalmar Nordale, game warden at Fairbanks; also memorandum information furnished by Mr. Albert E. Light, special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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June 22, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the fifth instant (Mr. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), attaching a letter from Mrs. E. Blair, of Cordova, complaining of the failure on the part of the Pioneer Packing Company, of Seattle, Wash., operating in Cordova, to pay wages to herself and others under certain contracts entered into with the company in February, 1917, and enclosing copies thereof, together with a statement of account of monies due.

In response to the Department's request that the matter be investigated, I am referring all papers to the United States Attorney at Valdez, with the request that he cause an investigation to be made.

Respectfully,

Acting Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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June 29, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit memorandum of information, signed by Mr. Charles H. Neuhaus, of Nome, Alaska, who is employed under this office as game warden for the second judicial division.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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July 10, 1917

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The Commissioner of Fisheries,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith a letter addressed to this office under date of the eighth of May last by Mr. Walter H. Johnson, Alaska School Service, Superintendent Western District, St. Michael, Alaska, together with a communication addressed to him by the native councils of the villages of Anvik and Shageluk, with regard to the law for the protection of marten in this Territory.

Mr. Johnson is being advised that his letter, with its enclosures, is being referred to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

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Honorable W. H. Lamar,
Solicitor, Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing Post Office Department Liqueur Bulletin No. 2, with respect to the area affected by paragraph 1, section 5 of the post office appropriation act approved March 3, 1917, which forbids the deposit or carriage in the mails of matter containing either advertisements or solicitations for orders for intoxicating liquor, when addressed to any place or point in any state or territory in which it is forbidden either to advertise or to solicit orders for intoxicating liquors. The bulletin above mentioned shows that the data referring to Alaska, contained therein, is correct.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 13, 1917

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Mr. Royal Meeker,
U. S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics,
Secretary-Treasurer, I. A. I. A. B. C.,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to him, calling attention to the Fourth Annual Meeting of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, which will be held in Boston August 21 to 26, 1917. It is somewhat doubtful if arrangements can be made for representatives from Alaska to attend the meeting referred to, but your letter will be placed before the Governor upon his return for consideration and such action as he may wish to take.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 17, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that it will not be possible to mail the Governor's accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," until after the 20th instant. The Governor has not yet returned to Juneau and the date of his return is as yet not known. The accounts referred to are ready for his signature and will be mailed immediately on his arrival in Juneau.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 17, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that the Governor's accounts as special disbursing agents of the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," and "Salary of the Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1917," cannot be mailed until after the 20th instant, for the reason that the Governor has not yet returned to Juneau and the date of his arrival is as yet uncertain. The accounts in question are ready for the Governor's signature and will be mailed immediately upon his return.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the following papers in connection with the contract entered into with the Goldstein Improvement Company of Juneau by the Governor of Alaska, on behalf of the United States, covering the furnishing of legislative halls and committee rooms for the third session of the Alaska Territorial legislature, which convened on March 5 and adjourned on May 3, 1917:

(1), triplicate copy of contract; (2), call for bids; (3), certified copy of House joint resolution No. 11, passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature; (4), certificate of the secretary of the Goldstein Improvement Co., showing authority for the execution of the contract by the President of that company; (5), certificate of the Secretary of Alaska as to the corporate character of the Goldstein Improvement Company; (5 $\frac{1}{2}$), original accepted proposal of Goldstein Improvement Co.; (6), letter from the secretary of the Elks' Club, Juneau, declining to bid on furnishing legislative halls and committee rooms; (7), rejected proposal of Camp Juneau No. 22, Arctic Brotherhood, and (8), rejected proposal of J. A. and Simon Hallenthal.

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the following documents in connection with the contract entered into on the 15th day of May, 1917, between the United States of America, acting in that behalf by J. F. A. Strong, Governor; O. P. Constad, chairman of the Senate printing committee, and Monte Benson, chairman of the House printing committee, and the Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc., by its manager, covering the printing of 100 copies each of the daily House and Senate journals, 200^{bound} copies of House Journal and 150 bound copies of the Senate journal, 1917 session:

- (1) Triplicate copy of contract, including copy of oaths of disinterestedness, as they appear on forms attached, and a part of the original of the contract.
- (2) Transcript from the Senate journal of April 3, 1917.
- (3) Transcript from the House journal of April 7, 1917.
- (4) Certified copy of resolution of the board of directors of the Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc.
- (5) Certificate of the Secretary of Alaska as to the corporate existence of the Dispatch Publishing, Inc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, July 26, 1917. U. S. Govt. HIGH paid Cash.

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Arrived Juneau last night. Request my account as disbursing agent be credited with two thousand dollars from appropriation for contingent expenses Territory Alaska nineteen eighteen and some amount from appropriation for salary of governor Territory Alaska nineteen eighteen and that I be advised by telegraph when credits placed. My balance this date first named appropriation in fiscal year nineteen seventeen is twelve hundred twenty nine dollars with no balance under appropriation for salary governor fiscal year nineteen seventeen.

STRONG, Governor and U. S. A.

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. Chantler
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 26, 1917

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The Depot Quartermaster, U. S. A.,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Under date of March 13 last, this office forwarded to the Depot Quartermaster, Western Department, U. S. A., San Francisco, the claims for refund of the value of unused portions of tickets issued to certain members of the Alaska rifle team, who attended the national rifle shoot at Jacksonville, Fla., in October, 1916. The claims referred to were those of the following named persons:

F. L. Gibson, Juneau, Alaska
H. N. McCall, Thane, Alaska
W. R. Colvin, Thane, Alaska
George Swarva, whose present address is
Treadwell, Alaska

These four men have recently made inquiry of this office regarding the refunds, claiming that they have not as yet received them.

On March 26 last this office received from the Depot Quartermaster at Fort Mason, San Francisco, a copy of his communication of March 23, addressed to you, enclosing the claims above mentioned, the same being referred to you with

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with a view to taking the proper action for the payment of
same.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise this
office as to the present status of these claims and as to
when the claimants may expect to receive payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 28, 1917

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a memorandum containing a statement of the education, training and experience of Carl M. H. Madsen, a special game warden, serving under appointment of this office.

It will be noted, by reference to Mr. Madsen's signature, that his first name is given as "Chas." This is the usual form of signature used by Mr. Madsen.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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July 30, 1917

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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, 1917," for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1917, the accounts including the following documents:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Account current
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 91, inc.

Respectfully,

Governor and Special Disbursing
Agent

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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July 30, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as disbursing agent of the appropriation "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1917. The accounts include the following documents:

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

Respectfully,

Governor and Special Dis-
bursing Agent

Encs.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 30, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1917, covering disbursements from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917." The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Account current
3. Vouchers 1 to 32, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor and Special Dis-
bursing Agent

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 20, 1917.

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Sirs:

In connection with the accounts herewith submitted, it will be noted that a memo copy of voucher No. 48 has been substituted for the original. This for the reason that it has been necessary to send the original to Fairbanks for the approval signature of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, he having in some way overlooked this voucher when signing vouchers covering the salaries of members at the close of the 1917 session. As soon as the original is received from the Speaker it will be forwarded to the Department for filing with the accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. B. A.

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

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Herewith I transmit triplicate copy of contract of March 26, 1917, entered into with the Empire Printing Co., covering the printing of the Governor's message and certain Territorial reports. The papers herewith transmitted are:

1. Triplicate copy of contract, with oath of disinterestedness attached thereto.
2. Approved and accepted proposal of the Empire Printing Co.
3. Certified copy of an order of the board of directors of the Empire Printing Co., adopted at a meeting held on November 15, 1916.
4. Certificate of the Secretary of Alaska as to the corporate existence of the Empire Printing Co.

In this connection, I may add that, although proposal blanks were sent to the Dispatch Publishing Co., Juneau, as well as to the Empire Printing Co., the latter company alone submitted a bid on the work called for. These two concerns were the only ones in Juneau equipped for doing the work required, and, as a matter of fact, it was necessary for the Dispatch Publishing Co. to assist the Empire Printing Co. on the work in order to get the reports out within the prescribed time.

Governor

Encs.

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as I believe such visit would redound to the benefit of the Territory and the business of his office, and incidentally would be the means of giving you a closer insight in all Alaska land matters connected with the administration of your office. I am personally interested in some of these matters, and I believe that an official visit of the Surveyor-General to Washington would be productive of great good at a minimum of expense.

With expressions of my great personal esteem, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

July 31, 1917

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Hon. Clay Tallman, Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Since returning to Juneau, in a conversation with Surveyor-General Davidson, he advises me that there are a number of matters connected with his office, concerning the welfare of the Territory which he would like to lay before you personally, feeling that they can be only inadequately and, therefore, unsatisfactorily discussed by correspondence with your office. Among these are certain questions arising out of the location of homesteads and other lands in the forest reserves and the ever-perplexing question of the SO-red reservation on tidal or navigable waters, especially those within the townships that have been already surveyed.

May I, therefore, respectfully suggest to you, should it be deemed compatible with the public service, that he be requested to visit Washington for the purposes above mentioned and others that will undoubtedly arise in connection therewith, and which also may need attention? Expressing my own feeling in the matter, I would be pleased if you could see your way clear to have the Surveyor-General visit Washington officially.

as I believe such visit would redound to the benefit of the Territory and the business of his office, and incidentally would be the means of giving you a closer insight in all Alaska land matters connected with the administration of your office. I am personally interested in some of these matters, and I believe that an official visit of the Surveyor-General to Washington would be productive of great good at a minimum of expense.

With expressions of my great personal esteem, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

August 1, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be forwarded to this office 200 vouchers, form 1-015j, being the form of voucher for purchases and services other than personal.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

August 1, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit requisition in duplicate, of this date, for the sum of \$130 from the indefinite appropriation for "increase of compensation," under the act of March 3, 1917 (legislative, executive and judicial appropriations), for the fiscal year 1918. This requisition is made for the purpose of making payments to the janitor for the Governor's offices and the caretaker at the executive mansion, both of whom are entitled to the increase of compensation provided for by the act in question.

Respectfully,

Governor, Special Disbursing
Agent

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

August 2, 1917

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 30th ultimo (E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary), transmitting a copy of a letter from J. C. Rathbone, Washington, D. C., requesting data as to the date and cause of death of one John C. Neff, who died about September 15, 1887, while prospecting on the west branch of Fortymile Creek, in United States territory, Alaska.

We are referring this matter to the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks who, we believe, will be able to furnish the necessary proof of the absence of public records, showing the fact and date of the death.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Jensen, August 2, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Request be advised when rotary commission blanks ordered through Mr. Akers were forwarded.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, August 3, 1917. U. S. Govt. HENRY paid CASH.

Postmaster General,

WASHINGTON.

Merchants association Juneau last week sent committee to visit Tyne, Washington Bay, Fort Conclusions, Warm Springs, Fort Alexander, Fort Armstrong, Little and Big Fort Walter, Pillar Bay, Red Bluff Bay. Most of these places have post offices without mail facilities. About three thousand people affected. Association now has opportunity to place suitable boat on weekly run out of Juneau if PostOffice Department will allow one hundred dollars weekly round trip for carrying mail for next three months until matter can be investigated by Department. Important matter as the only boat available is in demand other places.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 6, 1917. O B.



J. A. Baughman, SEWARD,

Aren Ericson, ANCHORAGE,

Peter S. Erickson, McCarthy, via mail from Cordova

R. S. McDonald, Fairbanks,

Hjalmar Nordale, Fairbanks

Charles Neuhaus, Nome,

Patrick Hamilton, Ketchikan,

Robt. E. Steel, Eagle.

Advise by wire the name of the state or country in which
you were born.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

W. J. [unclear]

Juneau, August 6, 1917. O. B.

Gaffney, NCSS,

Bourke, Valdes,

A. E. Light, Ruby, via mail from Halesi.

Advise by wire the name of the state or country in which you were born.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

August 21, 1917

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Hon. Josephus Daniels,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will serve to introduce Mr. R. H. Pratt, of Douglas,
Alaska, who is visiting Washington on a matter which I am
sure you will find of interest. Mr. Pratt is a young man,
of excellent character and, I believe, is in every way worthy
of confidence.

Accept the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 11, 1917

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Hon. Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War,
Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will serve to introduce Mr. R. H. Pratt, of
Douglas, Alaska, who is visiting Washington on a matter
which I am sure you will find of interest. Mr. Pratt is a
young man of excellent character and, I believe, is in every
way worthy of confidence.

Accept the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 13, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a memorandum containing statement of the education, training and experience of Thomas Gaffney, the special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, with headquarters at Nome.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

August 13, 1917

B-I

The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a memorandum containing statement of the education, training and experience of Thomas Gaffney, the special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, with headquarters at Nome.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

COPY

TELEGRAM

Washington, D. C. April 9, 1917

Gov. J. F. A. Strong,

Juneau, Alaska

Your telegram received. The act of March 3, 1917 was intended to give full control of all schools in Alaska, except for natives, to the legislature of Alaska

W. C. HOUSTON, Chairman of Committee
on Territories

August 14, 1917

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The Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised by the postmaster at Haycock, Alaska, that he is desirous of having the Post Office Department advertise for bids to carry mails over a route from Unalakleet to Blossen twice a month during the winter, intermediate offices being Haycock, Candler, Deering and Kiama, and all way points, such service to take the place of the present routes as follows: One from Solomon to Blossen and another from Golovin to Haycock. I am further advised that the adoption of the new route would only cut out part of the route from Solomon to Blossen--that part from Council north.

Inasmuch as I am personally acquainted with the topography of the country wherein these offices are situated and as the change of routes would be in the interest of economy and efficiency, I have to endorse the proposition of Mr. Gundersen that an advertisement for bids covering the carrying of mails along the new route be included in the Department's regular call for a four-year service, to be made this calendar year.

Respectfully,

Governor

Copy to Lars Gundersen

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August 22, 1917

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 13 (E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary), in which you refer to a copy of a telegram addressed by me to Hon. W. C. Houston, Chairman of the House Committee on Territories, requesting him to advise me as to what the intention of Congress was in consideration of the passage of the act of March 3, 1917, authorizing the legislature of Alaska to establish and maintain schools and whether or not the act was meant to repeal the school portion of the act of January 27, 1905, except as to school funds for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns, and in which you ask for a copy of his reply.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith a copy of Judge Houston's telegram to this office. I am also forwarding six copies of the message of the Governor to the 1917 legislature and six copies each of the reports of the Territorial Treasurer, Territorial Banking Board, Territorial Mine Inspector, and the Board of Trustees of the Alaska

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Pioneers' Home, in compliance with your request.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

August 29, 1917

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of Department letter of the 20th instant (E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk) returning contract of May 15, 1917, entered into with the Dispatch Publishing Co., Inc., and requesting that the original copy of the oath of disinterestedness be substituted for the copy accompanying the contract in question.

With return of the contract herewith, beg to advise that the original oaths of disinterestedness have been substituted for the copies and the matter is now believed to be in proper form.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

Enc.

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August 31, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In July of the present year, I inspected Morningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, where the Alaska insane are confined under contract entered into by the Department of the Interior with the Sanitarium Company of Portland, and I found conditions more satisfactory than at any time during the past four years. The equipment has been materially increased, the plant enlarged in many important particulars and, accordingly, the patients are much better cared for than under former existing conditions. I also investigated the great increase in the cost of maintaining this institution, owing to the substantial advances in the cost of supplies, etc., and I reached the opinion that, because of the greatly increased cost of maintenance, the Sanitarium Company should be afforded financial relief by increasing the contract price for the maintenance of the inmates, or in some other manner, if such a plan can be devised. As to the justice of the claim of the Sanitarium Company for additional compensation, I believe there can be no question.

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and I have, therefore, to earnestly recommend that additional compensation may be given the Sanitarium Company as can equitably be provided.

Respectfully.

Governor

Copy to
Dr. H. W. Coe,
216 Selling Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Sept. 4, 1917

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 25th ultimo (Mr. E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk), returning copy of contract entered into by me under date of March 26, 1917, with the Empire Printing Company, covering the printing of certain reports for the Alaska Territorial legislature, 1917 session.

With reference to the omission of my signature to the oath of disinterestedness and the nonexecution of the jurat, I beg to advise that, in accordance with the instruction contained in the note on the contract form immediately following the oath of disinterestedness, only the original of the oath was executed by me before a notary. The original was forwarded to the Department with my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1917, and will be found with voucher No. 42 of these accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Sept. 7, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit voucher No. 43, dated May 3, 1917, in favor of Monte Benson, a member of the third session of the Alaska legislature, covering his salary for the period April 1 to May 3, inclusive.

This voucher was omitted from my accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1917, for the reason that it had been sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Fairbanks for his signature and has only just been received back from him.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and Special Disbursing
Agent

Enc.

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Sept. 7, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit estimate sheets in duplicate, covering items to be included in the sundry civil estimates of appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919.

With reference to the two items included in the estimate sheet, I beg to say that the amount asked for, for "suppressing traffic in intoxicating liquors, Alaska," is \$15,000, being the same amount as that appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. The amount asked for in connection with the item "Protection of game in Alaska," is \$35,000, being an increase of \$15,000 over the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

With reference to the proposed increase in the appropriation, I wish to offer the following explanation:

The game regions of the Territory are being quite rapidly encroached upon by the coming in of settlers who are taking up homesteads or engaging in mining and other pursuits, and the continued increase in population and the more extensive hunting of game resulting therefrom makes it extremely advis-

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able that the appropriation for the protection of game in Alaska be increased to such an extent as will permit of the employment of at least four additional game wardens. One game warden stationed at Eagle and who has quite a large territory to cover, receives but \$1200 per year, being the only game warden regularly employed who receives less than \$1500 per year. The duties of this warden are similar in all respects to the duties of the wardens who receive \$1500 per annum, and I believe that he is entitled to an increase of \$300 per year. With the employment of additional wardens, as suggested, it will be necessary to have an increased allowance for traveling expenses, and in asking for the increase of \$15,000 in the appropriation, I have made allowance for this item. The distribution of the proposed increase of \$15,000 will be approximately as follows:

Four additional wardens at \$1620 per annum.....	\$6,480
Change of salary from \$1200 to \$1500 per annum of game warden now employed at \$1200.....	300
For expenses of additional game wardens and for in- creases in expenses of present force of wardens, which will undoubtedly be necessary by the time funds are available for use.....	8,220

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

Sept. 7, 1917 ✓ 49

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Sir:

Referring to Department letter of August 15 last, I have the honor to transmit herewith estimate sheet in duplicate, covering items to be included in the legislative, executive and judicial estimates of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919.

For the items "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska," and "Contingent expenses, Alaska," the amounts asked for are the same as those appropriated for the current fiscal year 1918.

For the item "Legislative expenses, Alaska," the estimates call for an increase of \$500 over the amount appropriated for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917 (this appropriation being a biennial one). By reference to the statement and to the schedule which accompany the estimate blank, it will be noted that the item "printing of laws," has been reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,500; that the item "Rent of legislative halls and committee rooms," has been increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500; and that the item "Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, and so forth," has been increased from \$4,000 to \$4,500. With respect to these changes, I offer the following explanation.

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While the printing of laws for the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature has taken the full amount appropriated for that purpose, namely, \$4,000, it is my opinion that it would be possible to have the laws of the 1919 session of the legislature printed at an expense not to exceed \$3,500.

The securing of legislative halls and committee rooms is becoming more difficult with each succeeding session of the legislature, there being no suitable hall or other place in Juneau for the convening of such a body. The 1915 and 1917 sessions were housed in rooms especially arranged in the office portion of the Goldstein Building, a five-story, reinforced concrete structure, but for each session it was necessary to remove a number of partitions, to install others and to make other considerable alterations in order to provide quarters at all suitable. The rent contracts for each of these sessions called for the full amount appropriated, namely, \$2,000, and, as a matter of fact, it became necessary for the 1917 session of the legislature to make a special appropriation of \$350, in order to provide full compensation to the owner of the Goldstein Building for the halls and rooms provided for the use of that session. The providing of quarters for the 1919 session will undoubtedly be a more

difficult matter than for any previous session, and it is believed that the sum of \$2500 for rent of legislative halls and committee rooms is the very least amount for which suitable quarters can be obtained.

With respect to the increase of \$500 in the item "Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, and so forth," I have to say that the appropriation of \$4,000 for this purpose for the 1917 session proved entirely inadequate and it was necessary to secure a special appropriation from the Territorial legislature to complete payment of the items of expenditures which were found absolutely necessary under this heading.

It will be noted that while two of the items mentioned have been increased \$500 each, one item has been reduced by that amount, so that the net increase in the appropriation is but \$500, and I respectfully submit that this amount should be allowed.

It will be noted that the estimate blanks are accompanied by duplicate statements, in form as furnished with previous annual estimates, and also duplicate schedules in form as called for in Treasury Department circular No. 62 (second edition), 1917. We are submitting both the statements and the schedules, as it is not quite clear, from a reading of circular No. 62 whether or not the schedules mentioned therein

were intended to supersede the statements called for in
connection with previous annual estimates.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

Sept. 10, 1917

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Sir:

In connection with the "Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, by the Governor of Alaska," under the item "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska," I am transmitting herewith supplemental estimates for the repainting of the executive mansion at Juneau. The exterior of the mansion was painted in the latter part of May, 1915, at a cost of \$500, under contract let after calling for bids. Certain portions of the interior have been repainted and recalcimined during the past three years, but by the first of July, 1918, the entire exterior and practically the whole interior will be greatly in need of repainting and recalcimining, the exterior being already in a dirty condition.

The coal which we use in this country is bituminous and, therefore, buildings must be repainted somewhat frequently in order to preserve them and have them present a creditable appearance to the public. The need for the repainting of this building is absolutely urgent and the amount asked for is deemed very reasonable, in view of the amount of work

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which will have to be done in the painting of the building,
within and without, and the probable high cost of material
and labor. I, therefore, have to urge that this estimate
be allowed.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

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

Sept. 15, 1917

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

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith memorandum statement of the education, training and experience of Frank A. T. Aldrich, who assumed his duties as game warden under appointment of this office on the first instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Sept. 17, 1917

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The Auditor for the Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant, advising settlement of my accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1917, by certificate No. 13,161 of that date, the same showing a debit difference of 82 cents, account disallowance of item 3, voucher 21, April 21, 1917, covering telegraph tolls on my message, which you state is regarded as personal, rather than official.

I have today deposited the sum of 82 cents with the First National Bank of Juneau, for credit to my account as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," and enclose herewith duplicate certificate of deposit No. 3.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and Special Disbursing
Agent

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Sept. 18, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6, (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with enclosures, relative to the offer of Dr. Wm. Pallister's services as eye and ear surgeon to the Russian Government, and I note that under the President's order of May 11, 1907, as subsequently amended, communications from this office, intended for other departments in Washington, should be transmitted through the Department of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, September 22, 1917. C. B. Scott. NIGHT paid CASH.

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H. A. Meyer, Department Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Replying your message twenty second report will not be ready for transmission until on or about October first. Delay absolutely unavoidable, due to vast amount of work in connection registration and draft just at this time. Annual estimates and statements to accompany same were mailed about ninth instant and should have reached Department.

THOMAS, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 22, 1917

Sir:

In compliance with the terms of section 15 of the Alaska organic act, I am transmitting, under separate cover, a volume containing the duly authenticated laws, resolutions and memorials passed at the third session of the Alaska Territorial legislature, which convened on March 5, 1917, and adjourned sine die May 3, 1917.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

The President,

White House, Washington

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Juneau, September 26, 1917. O. B. Cvt. NIGHT paid CASH.

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Please mail five hundred travel expense vouchers and duplicate shipment of August twenty covered by Department invoice number twelve forty one which has not yet been received.

STRONG, Governor.

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

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Sept. 26, 1917

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The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

From many sources in Alaska I am advised that the regulation prohibiting the killing of beaver has been of great benefit, in that this species of animal has increased during the period of protection; and I am further advised that this protection should be continued for another period of years. That this is necessary is attested by representatives of the territorial legislature, traders and even some trappers, who express the belief that unless the protection is extended so that beaver may be given a further chance to increase, it will be but a short time until they shall have entirely disappeared from the Territory.

I have, therefore, to earnestly recommend that the period of protection be continued for such a term as may be deemed advisable.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska,

Sept. 27, 1917

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AYERS, Chief Clerk, Department Interior,
WASHINGTON.

Your telegram yesterday probably no increase population during past fiscal year due to war conditions. Commercial transactions past fiscal year increased nearly twenty four millions over previous year but probably no further increase present fiscal year. Shipments domestic merchandise from states to Alaska increased over eleven millions and from Alaska to states increased about same amount. Fish exports increased over four millions and exports copper nearly seven millions increase over past year. Shipments copper are mainly from southwestern Alaska, fish production from southeastern Alaska to extreme western Alaska, gold production, in which there was a decrease of

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nearly one million, mainly in southeastern Alaska, Interior Alaska, and the Seward Peninsula.

WHELAN, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, October 1, 1917. O. B. R. H. H. H.

A. E. Light,

Tenn.

In what state were you born? Wire reply promptly.

STROM, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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October 3, 1917.

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that my fifth annual report, in typewritten form, goes forward to you under separate cover in this mail, and the abstract, for use in your annual report, will be made up at once and will go forward in the next mail, a day or two hence.

As explained a few days ago, in telegram to Assistant Secretary Meyer, it has been impossible to get the report out at an earlier date, owing to a vast amount of extra work in the office at this time in connection with registration and draft matters in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 4, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to Department letter of July 20 last (M. A. Gram, appointment clerk), enclosing copy of circular issued by the Department of Commerce, regarding the preparation of cards for use in the compilation of the official register for 1917, and with which a supply of cards for the use of this office was received.

Enclosed herewith will be found cards filled out to cover the personnel of the Governor's office, the game service and the employees engaged in suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska. There is also enclosed a list of persons in the employ of the Governor's office, or working under its direction, as of date July 1, 1917, request for which was contained in Department letter of above date. The list contains the names of eight persons who may be regarded as "temporary employees" and who have not been carded.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington.

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LIST OF PERSONS IN EMPLOY OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, TERRITORY OF ALASKA,
OR WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THAT OFFICE, July 1, 1917.

Name	Position	Salary	Residence
Sherthill, William W.	Secretary to Governor	\$2150	Juneau
Nichols, C. G.	Janitor, Gov. offices	900	do
Rusinen, H.	Caretaker, Executive mansion	300	do
Bourke, Joseph A.	Special Employee	1600	Valdez
Gaffney, Thomas	do	2100	Nome
Light, Albert E.	do	2100	Ruby
Snow, Joseph A.	do	2100	Juneau
Baughman, Joseph A.	Game Warden	1800	Seward
Ericksen, Peter S.	do	1500	McCarthy
Eriksen, Aron	do	1600	Anchorage
Hamilton, Patrick	do	1500	Ketchikan
Houhaus, Charles	do	1500	Nome
Wardale, Hjalmar	do	1800	Fairbanks
McDonald, J. F.	do	1620	Juneau
McDonald, R. S.	do	1800	Fairbanks
Steel, Robert E.	do	1200	Eagle
Alexander, C. J.	Acting Special Employee	None	Heenah
Grant, O. W.	do		Ketchikan
Abbey, Woodbury	Special Game Warden		Heenah
Haaf, Adolph	do		Pirate Cove

Lindblad, Axel	Special Game Warden	Home	Girdwood
Owens, J. H.	do	do	Rampart House
Spaulding, W. H.	do	do	North Inlet
York, James	do	do	Sundun

October 5, 1917

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Sir:

By reference from the Department (Hon. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), I am in receipt of a copy of the final report of the grand jury for the special July, 1917, term of court at Ruby, Alaska, inviting my attention to the suggestions of the grand jury in relation to the providing of better school accommodations at Ruby.

In reply I have to advise that the judge of the court, the district attorney, or the grand jurors themselves, had they taken the trouble to examine the law relating to the maintenance of white schools in Alaska, outside of incorporated towns, would have found that the amount of money authorized for the construction and equipment of school houses is limited by the act of Congress of January 27, 1905, to \$1,000; but this law was amended by the Territorial legislature, session of 1917, and the amount was increased to \$1000.

Respectfully,

Governor, ex officio Chairman
Territorial Board of Education

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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October 6, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit a sheet which please have substituted for page 202 of the typewritten copy of my annual report, which was mailed to you on the third instant. Upon examination of the office copy of the report, it has been found that in the original draft of this page, the personnel of the office of the Secretary of Alaska was omitted, as well as the heading "United States Customs Officials." The page has therefore, been rewritten and the enclosed sheet is in proper form.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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October 11, 1917

Sir:

Under separate cover, I am transmitting today abstract of the report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Sioux, October 13, 1882. G. W. B. A. NINT paid cash.

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Agave, Chief Clerk, Department Interior,

Washington.

In answer to your date cards and statement were mailed October fourth. Also by the
office that abstract of my annual report for use of Secretary was mailed eleventh
instant.

Yours, Governor

Secretary to Governor.

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October 15, 1917

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Sir:

On August 1 last a letter was addressed to the Department, requesting that there be forwarded to this office 200 vouchers, form 1-015j, it being our intention to order a supply of the voucher form for purchases and services other than personal. We have today received 200 copies of form 1-015j, but this form is a sheet headed "Pay Roll for Personal Services." It is, therefore, not available for use for the purpose for which the vouchers referred to in our letter of August 1 were desired. We are today wiring you a request for 200 copies of Department voucher for purchases and services other than personal.

The 200 pay roll sheets (form 1-015j) which were received today cannot well be used by this office, as nearly all our payments for personal services are made upon the individual personal service voucher, form 1-015e. We shall be glad, therefore, to return the pay roll sheets to the Department or send them elsewhere for use, as may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Juneau, October 16, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid CASL.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Request that two hundred copies of department voucher for purchases and services other than personal be mailed this office.

STUBBS, Governor.

S secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, October 17, 1917. O. S. East, High Court Judge.

Judge Advocate General,

WASHINGTON.

Strongly recommend Clifford Moore of Juneau, Alaska for appointment as assistant to division judge advocate. Moore is lawyer excellent ability honest energetic and tactful and would be at all times faithful to my trust committed to him.

W. W. WOOD, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

October 20, 1917

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's telegram of the 17th instant (Hon. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), inviting my attention to a copy of a telegram proclaiming Liberty Day, sent to the governors of all the states in the Union, and requesting me to carry into effect, as far as practicable, the suggestions of Secretary Wallace, etc.

Your suggestions were duly complied with and on the 17th instant, a proclamation was issued by me, designating the afternoon of Wednesday, October 24 next, a holiday, and urging all the incorporated towns and other communities to observe the day and contribute to the success of the Liberty Loan as far as was humanly possible for them to do so.

I may add that in my opinion Alaska will make a splendid showing in subscriptions to the Second Liberty Loan.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Cordially yours,

October 19, 1917

D. W.

Mr. Clifford Moores,
Alaska Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Moores:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 13, and your request that I telegraph the Judge Advocate General an appreciation of you and your ability was complied with on October 17.

Permit me to express the hope that your application may be successful, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

October 20, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be forwarded to this office 200 copies of Department of the Interior Form No. 1-323a--Account Current. These are desired for use in connection with the quarterly accounts of this office.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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October 20, 1917

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Sir:

I submit herewith my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriations "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1916," "Increase of Compensation, 1916," and "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1916," for the period July 1, 1917, to September 30, 1917, the following documents being submitted:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Joint account current
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 9, inc., under the contingent expenses and increase of compensation appropriations.
4. Vouchers 1 and 2 under the appropriation for salary of Governor.

Respectfully,

Governor, and Special Dis-
bursing Agent

Encs.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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October 20, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith by accounts as special dis-
bursing agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Ter-
ritory of Alaska, 1917," for the period October 1, 1917, to
October 3, 1917, inclusive, being the closing accounts for
the fiscal year 1917. The documents submitted are as follows:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Account current, with duplicate certificates
of deposit Nos. 1442 and 1443 attached thereto.

Owing to the press of other work in the office at the
end of September, it was impossible to close the accounts
under the appropriation above mentioned before October 3, 1917.

Respectfully,

Yours,

Governor, and Special Dis-
bursing Agent

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

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October 20, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1917, the following documents being submitted:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 24, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and Special
Disbursing Agent

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

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London, October 21, 1937. To the Hon. Secy. of State, Wash. D.C.

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Secretary of State,

Washington,

request amount three thousand five hundred dollars for salary of
General Territory Alaska Division agents and two thousand dollars for operating
costs for continued service Territory Alaska Division agents. Balance subject
to check under these appropriations and appropriation for income maintenance
is one thousand nine hundred forty five dollars.

Secretary to Governor

October 22, 1917.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am transmitting by accounts in special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1917, the following papers being submitted:

1. Abstract of disbursements, in duplicate.
2. Account Current, in duplicate.
3. Voucher No. 1.

Attached to the original of the account current will be found Certificate of Deposit No. 1, of September 8, 1917, covering a check of the sum of \$125.11 made by me to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States. This covered payments made to various persons who furnished supplies for the third session of the legislature, and these vouchers were charged to the sub-appropriation "Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, and so forth." Indirectly the amount of this sub-appropriation (\$4,000) was reduced by \$125.11 in making these payments. As soon as the accounts disclosed the deposit was made to correct the same.

Respectfully yours,

George W. ...

October 24, 1917

D-N
Mr. R. H. Pratt,
1008 Eighth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pratt:

I have your letter of September 25, which seems to have been delayed somewhat en route. I note what you say with reference to your flying torpedo design and that the Navy Department expert stated that it was undoubtedly practical, so far as the control of the movements of the torpedo is concerned, but that probably no further action could be taken regarding it until the naval aircraft program was more fully determined.

I note you say that the cost will be probably \$1,000, and you ask me to advance money or give you an appointment of some kind. In reply I have to advise that it is impossible for me to grant either request. I am not in a position at this time to advance money for a purpose of this kind, and there is no provision of law whereby I could give you an appointment outside of Alaska. Unfortunately, the law granting a Publicity Bureau for Alaska provides that money for that purpose must be spent in Alaska and not outside. It seems to me that if the Department looked favorably upon your invention, it ought to be possible for it to make the small appropriation that is needed for experimental purposes, rather

than depend upon private persons to supply the amount needed.
However, as stated, I am not in a position to comply with your
request at this time, but I do hope, for your own sake, that
it may be successful.

Yours very truly,

Governor



The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to submit by mailing account
under the appropriation "Legislative Expenses, Territory of
Alaska, 1917," covering the period October 1 to 26, 1917, in-
clusive; the following papers being included:

- 1. Abstract of Memoranda, in duplicate.
- 2. Abstract of Correspondence, in duplicate.
- 3. Duplicate copy of copy book, covering account
of expenses incurred for work of members of
Legislative Council.

The duty in closing the account under this appropriation
will be to check up on fact that the printing account has
been reported for the fiscal year of the 1917 account.
The account of the complete history of the same will be
submitted to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary, U. S. I.

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October 30, 1917

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The Surgeon General,
United States Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under separate cover we are mailing to you a bound volume
of the laws, resolutions and memorials passed by the 1917 ses-
sion of the Alaska Territorial legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 21, 1917

D-W

The Honorable
The Secretary of War,
Washington

Sir:

I desire to recommend Mr. Hugh P. Crowther, of Juneau, for appointment in the United States engineering reserve corps, understanding as I do that he is eligible for such appointment. I have known Mr. Crowther for a number of years and unhesitatingly recommend him as a man of more than ordinary ability and of strict integrity. He has had an extensive experience as United States deputy mineral and land surveyor, is of a high order of intelligence and of excellent physique, and I am sure that he would discharge any duty that might be entrusted to him with great ability, fidelity and zeal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1917

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Walter Williams,
Killingnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received this day from the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., with reference to the whereabouts of your wife's son, William Cook. You will notice that the Adjutant General states that it appears from the records that William Cook is a bugler, U. A. C., 2d Company, Columbia, Fort Stevens, Oregon.

This, of course, is in direct conflict with the statements made by you to me and on which my letter to the Secretary of War was based. If you have heard anything more concerning William Cook since you were in Juneau, please advise me.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, Dec. 7, 1917. O. B. Hite Govt. paid. cash. -73-

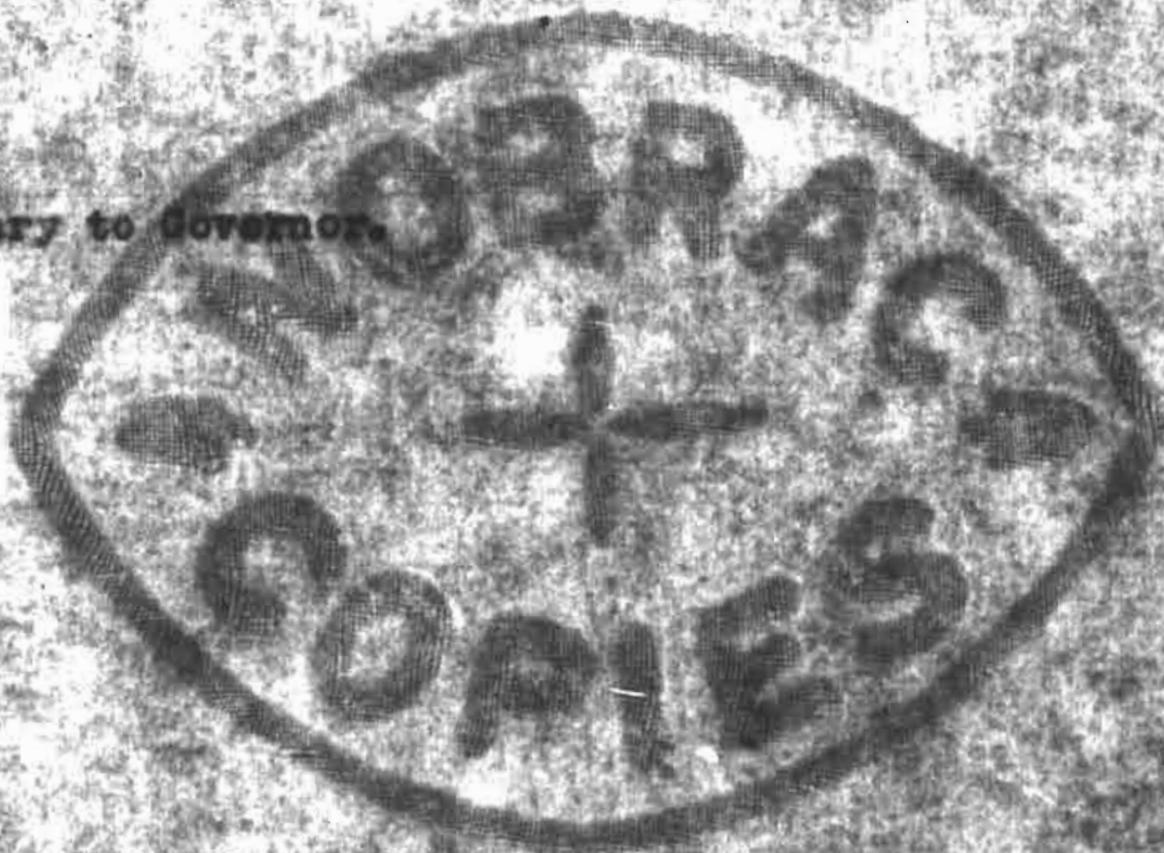
Secretary Interior,

Washington.

Replying your message sixth two copies each of session laws
senate house journals nineteen seventeen mailed you today.
Secretary of Territory advises mailed you copy of session laws
on September eighteenth last and also copies to several of the
bureaus.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.



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December 3, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

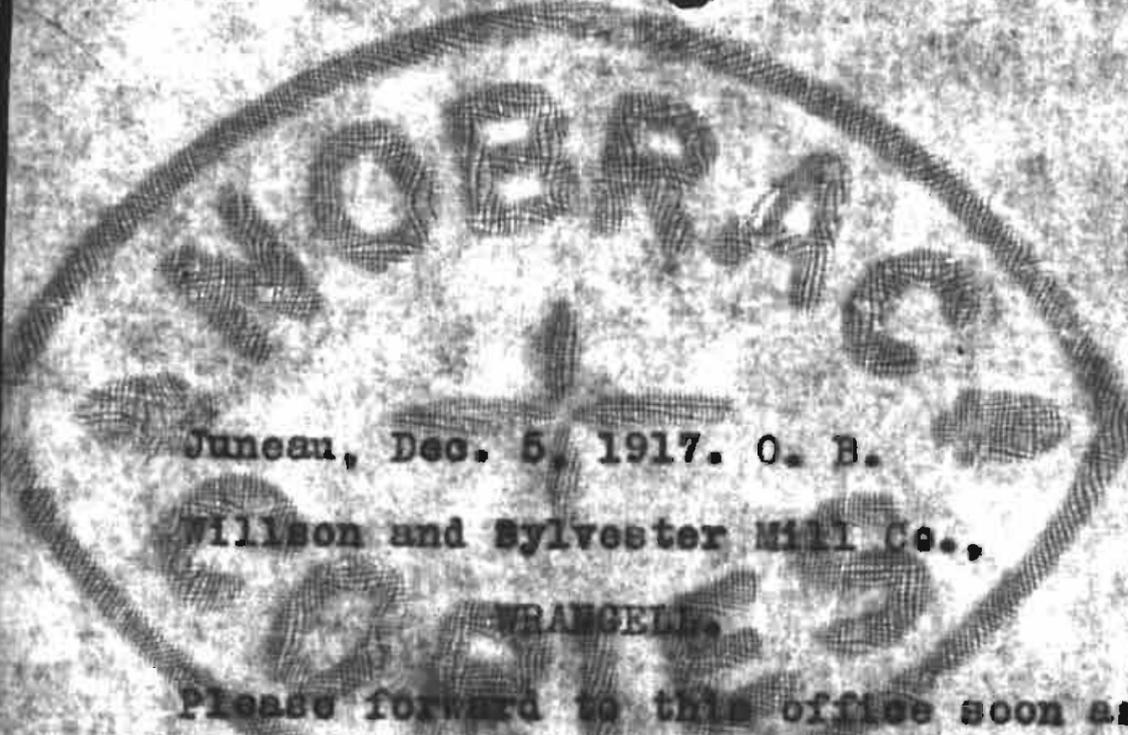
I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 11th ultimo (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with reference to my accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1917, covering the appropriation "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1918," calling my attention to a discrepancy between the account current and the abstract in the matter of the balance due the United States. It is noted that the abstract has been amended in the Department to conform to the account current. By reference to my records, I find that the balance due, as shown in the account current, was correct, and I have changed my account of the abstract to agree therewith.

Respectfully,

Governor and Special Dis-
bursing Agent

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Juneau, Dec. 5, 1917. O. B.

Willson and Sylvester Mill Co.,

WRANGELL.

Please forward to this office soon as possible statement in detail setting forth your reasons for asking that enforcement of eight hour day law be suspended as requested in your application to Secretary Interior.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.



December 5, 1917

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your information, a copy of a telegram received by me, which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

December 7, 1917

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to Department telegram of the sixth instant, I am mailing to you today, in three packages, two copies each of the Session Laws and the Senate and House journals, 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature.

I am advised by the ex officio Secretary of the Territory that on September 18 last, a copy of the 1917 Session Laws was mailed from his office to the Interior Department and that copies were sent also to a number of the Department bureaus. It seems, however, that copies of the Senate and House journals were not forwarded.

I regret that there has been so much delay in the receipt of these volumes by the Department.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Anchorage, December 15, 1917. U. S. Govt. Night Paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior, WASHINGTON.

Newton D. Baker, Chairman National Council Defense, WASHINGTON.

Responsive to your recent telegram I have today issued proclamation suspending restrictions of Alaska Territorial eight hour law in so far as same may apply to salmon fisheries and canning or other preparation of salmon for food consumption and manufacturing industries whose products are necessary to the proper preparation of salmon as a food supply period. Suspension becomes effective January first next period. Will forward copy first mail period.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Dec. 21, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's telegram of December 4 (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), wherein I am advised that the Wilison & Sylvester Mill Co., Inc., of Grangell, Alaska, has requested you to act under section 3 of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, regulating the hours of employment of all wage and salary earners in Alaska, and suspend the operation thereof, alleging that its enforcement would necessitate discontinuing their business under present conditions.

In accordance with the request that I take up with the Wilison & Sylvester Mill Company the matter referred to, I have to advise that I did so, and enclose herewith a copy of a statement furnished to this office by the said company. I am also sending herewith a copy of the following:

(1) A letter from Gunnison & Robertson, attorneys for the James Box & Lumber Company, Incorporated, urging the suspension of the above law so far as the manufacture of lumber is concerned in this Territory.

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(2) A letter from B. Smith Harris, Secretary of Igloo No. 16, Pioneers of Alaska, Ketchikan, Alaska, asking that the so-called 8-hour law be not suspended.

(3) A telegram from the Ketchikan Power Company, Ketchikan, Alaska, urging the suspension of the 8-hour law during the war and alleging that the law is unjust.

(4) A telegram from the Federal Labor Union, Nome, Alaska, protesting against the suspension of the 8-hour law and alleging that if the law will be enforced labor strikes will be avoided.

(5) A telegram from Geo. C. Havelst, chairman of the local Council of Defense, Cordova, urging the suspension of the law for the period of the present war "to the end that the production of war materials and necessities may not be disastrously interfered with," etc.

(6) A telegram from Andrew Beck and Al Braten, in regard to a mass meeting held by the wage-workers of Nome for the purpose of protesting against any suspension of the right gained to the workers under the 8-hour law," and alleging that "the corporations of Alaska in general, and the Alaska Lighterage Company, a corporation of Nome, in particular, are at this time trying, by devious ways, to have the 8-hour law set aside."

As you were advised by telegram on December 15, in compliance with the request of the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, I issued an order, suspending the operation of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, as

far as the salmon fisheries and the canning of salmon and kindred fisheries enterprises are concerned. This I believe was necessary, in view of the fact that salmon fishing is a seasonal occupation, and to apply an 8-hour law to that industry would, without doubt, result in a curtailment of the output during the coming year. The application of the 8-hour law to other Alaska industries, however, presents other phases than those attached to the salmon fishing industry.

The referendum submitted to the people at the general election in 1916, by which the voters of Alaska were asked to express their opinion as to the desirability of enacting a general 8-hour law for the Territory, was carried by a vote of 10,418 to 1,785, which would seem to indicate that the vast majority of the people of Alaska are emphatically in favor of a general 8-hour law.

I believe it will be generally conceded that there is a scarcity of labor throughout Alaska. Many working men formerly employed in mines and in other gainful occupations have left Alaska during the past year or two, being attracted by better wages and, perhaps, more favorable conditions for labor than several of the States offer. I am advised that the gold lode mines of Alaska are all short-handed, it being impossible to secure an adequate supply of labor. This condition is also probably true in other industrial lines. The 8-hour law,

however, is in force in all of the lead mines of the Territory and in no circumstances, in my opinion, should the 8-hour law as applied to lead mines be suspended. If the statements made by those engaged in the lumber manufacturing industry be true, it probably would be advisable to suspend the operation of the 8-hour law so far as that industry is concerned, and this suspension, in that event, should no doubt be applied to the logging industry, because it is through logging operations that the mills are enabled to secure a supply of logs for manufacturing purposes.

It begins to appear that the successful prosecution of the war depends in no slight measure on how the United States Government purposes to conserve its labor. That the great majority of the laboring classes are loyal and earnestly desire that the cause of liberty and democracy shall not be lost, is attested by their patriotism in subscribing to the Liberty Loans. It must be admitted, however, that many still cling to the notion that unless wages are advanced and shorter hours are granted or the union is recognized, they should strike. It would seem that they have not been sufficiently impressed with the fact that a man cannot be entirely patriotic unless he gives the best that is in him to the work in which he is employed, no matter what that work may be. The workman owes a debt of patriotism to the nation, but he is not the only debtor in this respect. The employer and capitalist,

in connection with all citizens worthy of the name, must assume a similar obligation. There can be no correct solution of the labor problem that is not based on justice. If patriotism demands self-denial and self-sacrifice on the part of the worker in the present emergency, it demands nothing less of the man or firm or corporation employing him.

I am, therefore, submitting the above telegraphic and other correspondence for the information of yourself and the Council of National Defense without further comment than that which I have already made.

Respectfully,

Governor

Copy to

Hon. Newton D. Baker, Chairman,
National Council of Defense
Washington, D. C.

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JUNEAU DEC. 22, 1917. O B BAY RUM. Govt. rate paid cash.

Honorable Franklin E. Lane,
Secretary Interior,
WASHINGTON.

Reference your telegram twenty first the report that has reached you is unqualifiedly false and the work of political enemies. I am a native born citizen of United States and never registered nor voted in British Columbia in year eighteen ninety or at any other time and never lived at Day and Blanchard streets but on contrary was living in Fairhaven Washington at that time. Father dead forty seven years, mother forty three years, and no immediate relatives living. Have no birth certificate. Will go to Victoria and Fairhaven if necessary to prove falsity of charges. Explanatory letter goes to you in mail today.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.



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Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 23, 1917. O B Govt Note paid cash. (156)

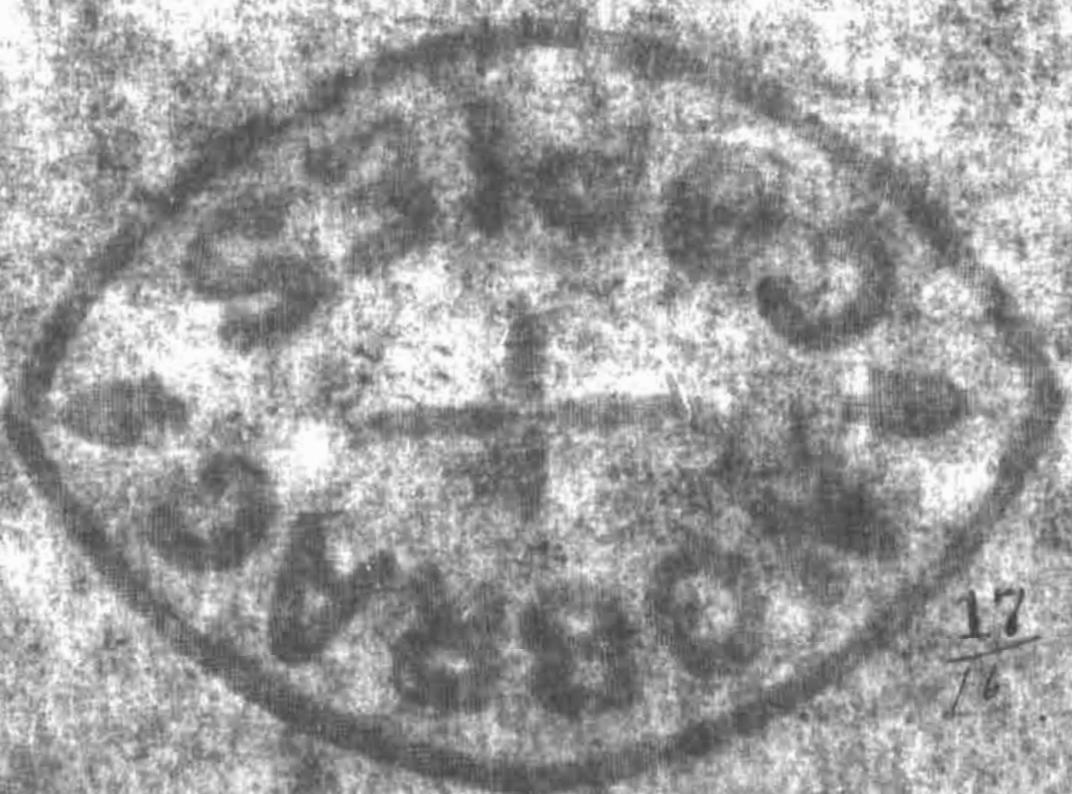
Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Recommend that governor Alaska be requested by Secretary Interior and National Council Defense to suspend operation of chapter fifty five session laws Alaska nineteen seventeen so far as law affects taking, preparing and curing of halibut, herring, cod and all other kinds of food fish in Alaska waters, including taking, preparing and canning of clams and other shell fish.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.



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Judson, Jan. 8, 1916. O. B. Gov. Hite paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Replying yours first instant it is my opinion that no necessity exists for general suspension eight hour law. This office has received but few requests for such action, and many against it. Labor organization protests have been especially numerous.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.



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January 3, 1918

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 11 (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), together with copies of other letters in regard to the extension of the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act to the Territory of Alaska, in which you ask me to look into this matter and furnish such report as, in my judgment, the circumstances warrant, touching the advisability of the extension of the provisions of said farm loan act to the Territory of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that while, without doubt, there are a number of farms in the Territory in a sufficiently advanced stage of development to warrant the granting of loans through the agency mentioned, it is doubtful if the extension of the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act to the Territory would be productive of the end desired, for the reason that the loans that could be legitimately made upon farms would be of such an insufficient amount as to be of practically no use in the development of farm holdings.

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I am heartily in favor of extending the provisions of this act to this Territory, but, understand me, I do not believe that any general application of the act could be made, for the reason, as I have tried to indicate, that not many farms have been developed to an extent that would warrant loans being made. I personally know of some excellent farms in this Territory and, no doubt, each year sees marked development in others. Generally speaking, I would suggest that the Farm Loan Board cause a thorough investigation to be made as to the desirability of extending the provisions of that law to this Territory.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 9, 1916 O. B. Gov't Paid Cash

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Secretary Interior

Washington

Have following telegram from Caleb Corcoran, superintendent Copper River and Northwestern Railway: Quote Ask that you recommend suspension Territorial eight-hour law in its application to railways as we must work overtime in order to keep railway in operation and a tie-up would stop copper production in this district end quote.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, Jan. 4, 1918 O. B.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington

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STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 3, 1918

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with Department request, there is transmitted herewith a printed copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, which has been signed by him on page 81, as requested.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 7, 1918 O. S. Gov't Night, Paid Cash

Secretary Interior,
Washington

Your telegram fifth. Suspension Territorial act May three, nineteen seventeen, regulating hours of employment of wage and salary earners in Alaska, so far as affects taking, preparing and curing of halibut, herring, cod and all other kinds of food fish in Alaskan waters, including taking, preparing and canning of clams and other shell-fish, ordered by Executive Proclamation this date, in accordance your request. Do not believe it necessary now to suspend law so far as operation of mines in Territory concerned. Have had no request for such suspension from any mining companies or operators. Principal mining companies have been working on eight-hour schedule for past two years. A condition might develop later, making such order advisable.

STRONG Governor

Secretary

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January 9, 1918

The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, I am transmitting to you, not knowing what else to do with them, two bibles, the gift of a resident of this city, an old gentleman upwards of eighty years of age who read somewhere that bibles were needed for distribution among the soldiers of the National Army. Being unable to do anything more than this in a pecuniary way, he asked us to place these bibles where they could reach someone desiring them.

It seems to me that this gift of this aged man is on a par with the scriptural parable of "The Widow's Mite."

Respectfully yours,

Governor