

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
 Governor's Office

Juneau.

W. L. Clark

June 24, 1915.

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Dear Sir:

The Director of the Census, at Washington, D. C., has requested this office to furnish certain information relative to the officers working under its supervision and direction, for use in the forthcoming official register of the executive and judicial service of the United States.

In this connection I have to request that immediately upon receipt of this letter you will advise as to the state, territory or country in which you were born. It is not necessary to give the city or town.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Copies of this letter sent to the following:

Game Wardens:

- ✓ J. A. Baughman, Seward,
- ✓ Aron Ericson, Roosevelt
- ✓ Peter S. Ericksen, McCarthy
- ✓ Andrew Hoey, Fairbanks,
- ✓ P. S. McDonald, Fairbanks,
- ✓ Charles Neuhaus, Nome
- ✓ L. F. Shaw, Anchorage
- ✓ Adam Schneider, Juneau
- ✓ Robert E. Steel, Eagle,
- ✓ Julius Sternberg, Ketchikan

Special Employees:

- ✓ J. A. Bourke, Valdez
- ✓ Thomas Gaffney, Nome
- ✓ A. E. Light, Ruby
- Joseph A. Snow, Juneau

Addressed to each individually.

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Mr. Floyd L. Daggett, Chairman,

Committee on Arrangements, National Association
of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions,

Olympia, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have before me your letter of the 7th instant, formal acknowledgement of which was made by my secretary in my absence, in which you invite me to be present at the annual meeting of the National Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, to be held at Seattle September 30 to October 1 next.

I wish to thank you for your courteous invitation, and regret that it will not be possible for me to leave the Territory at the time of the meeting.

Expressing the hope that the meeting may be profitable in every way, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Dr. H. O. Schaleben,
Physician, Bureau of Education,
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

As explained in telegram of the 22nd instant, your telegram of that date addressed to Mr. W. G. Beattie at Juneau, was delivered to this office in the absence of Mr. Beattie who went to the States some weeks ago. The contents of your message were immediately telegraphed to Superintendent Lopp at Seattle and he was also advised that antitoxin could be forwarded from Juneau if desired. At the same time this office communicated by telegraph with Dr. W. H. Chase, Assistant Health Commissioner at Cordova requesting a full report as to the prevalence of diphtheria in that section of the Territory. His reply indicated that the cases were confined to natives. Dr. Chase also advised that he had been requested by you to go to Patterson's Reef House in the vicinity of Tonsina. He requested to be advised by this office as to the payment of the expenses of such trip and was informed that since the cases of diphtheria were apparently among the natives only, his expenses should be borne by the Bureau of Education. Subsequently Dr. Chase advised that Superintendent Lopp had authorized \$200 expense for the work among the natives.

Dr. Chase also requested that antitoxin be forwarded at the first opportunity. On the 24th instant this office wired you advising that Superintendent Lopp had authorized the purchase of antitoxin in Juneau and requesting that you indicate the quantity desired and to whom it should be sent at Cordova. You were also advised in the telegram that there would be no steamers sailing from here for Cordova until the 27th instant. Your reply, also dated the 24th instant, reads as follows, as received by this office:

"Antitoxin wanted on Alameda if possible to catch her. Am ordering emergency supply from Seattle account convenience to return if not needed. Appreciate your effort."

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The steamer Alameda left Juneau for Westward points on June 21, the day before your telegram to Mr. Beattie was delivered to this office. Hence it was impossible to forward any antitoxin by her. From the wording of your telegram above quoted it is understood that since you have ordered antitoxin from Seattle you do not wish this office to take any further action in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 25, 1915.

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Mr. Lynn W. Miller,
Editor, The Weekly Report,
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of application signed by Mr. John Johnson asking for allowance under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska 1915.

As explained to you in the Governor's letter of the 9th instant, the law in question does not become effective until July 29th. Governor Strong expects to return to Juneau about July 20 from his trip to the interior of the Territory, and shortly thereafter he and the other members of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska pioneers' Home will pass upon Mr. Johnson's application and any others that may have been received, and the applicants will be duly advised.

I shall be glad if you will kindly communicate this information to Mr. Johnson.

respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, June 25, 1915. - Collect.

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J. S. Sterling,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday to Davidson now ruling authorises
exportation wild foxes any time without permit.

STRONG, Governor.

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June 23, 1915.

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Mr. George A. Adams,
Clerk United States District Court,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1913 Session Laws of Alaska which provides for allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, etc. There is also enclosed copy of form of application for allowance which has been prepared by this office for use under the Act referred to. A supply of copies of this Act and of the application form is being sent you under separate cover, and I have to request that you will kindly assist this office by distributing the copies of the Act and application form among the various United States Commissioners in the Second Judicial Division. The United States Commissioners, as you will note be reference to the Act, have certain duties to perform in connection with the carrying out of the provisions thereof, particularly with reference to the distribution of allowances to such persons as the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home may find to be entitled to receive the benefits of the Act. It would be appreciated if you would also kindly furnish this office with a list of the names and addresses of the United States Commissioners to whom copies of the Act and the form of application are forwarded by you.

You will note the Act does not become operative until July 29 next.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,
Clerk United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, which provides for allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, etc. There is also enclosed copy of form of application for allowance, which has been prepared by this office for use under the Act referred to. A supply of copies of the Act and of the application form is being sent you under separate cover, and I have to request that you will kindly assist this office by distributing the copies of the Act and application form among the various United States Commissioners in the First Judicial Division. The United States Commissioners, as you will note by reference to the Act, have certain duties to perform in connection with the carrying out of the provisions thereof, particularly with reference to the distribution of allowances to such persons as the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home may find to be entitled to receive the benefits of the Act. It would be appreciated also if you would kindly furnish this office with a list of the names and addresses of the United States Commissioners to whom copies of the Act and the form of application are forwarded by you.

You will note the Act does not become operative until July 29 next.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, which provides for allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, etc. There is also enclosed copy of form of application for allowance, which has been prepared by this office for use under the Act referred to. A supply of copies of the Act and of the application form is being sent you under separate cover, and I have to request that you will kindly assist this office by distributing the copies of the Act and application form among the various United States Commissioners in the Third Judicial Division. The United States Commissioners, as you will note by reference to the Act, have certain duties to perform in connection with the carrying out of the provisions thereof, particularly with reference to the distribution of allowances to such persons as the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home may find to be entitled to receive the benefits of the Act. It would be appreciated also if you would kindly furnish this office with a list of the names and addresses of the United States Commissioners to whom copies of the Act and the form of application are forwarded by you.

You will note the Act does not become operative until July 29 next.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 23, 1913.

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk United States District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1913 Session Laws of Alaska which provides for allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, etc. There is also enclosed a copy of form of application for allowances which has been prepared by this office for use under the Act referred to. A supply of copies of this Act and of the application form is being sent you under separate cover, and I have to request that you will kindly assist this office by distributing the copies of the Act and application form among the various United States Commissioners in the Fourth Judicial Division. The United States Commissioners, as you will note by reference to the Act, have certain duties to perform in connection with the carrying out of the provisions thereof, particularly with reference to the distribution of allowances to such persons as the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneer Home may find to be entitled to receive the benefits of the Act. It would be appreciated if you would also kindly furnish this office with a list of the names and addresses of the United States Commissioners to whom copies of the Act and the form of application are forwarded by you.

You will note the Act does not become operative until July 29 next.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk United States District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant addressed to the Governor, advising remittance on that date to the Secretary of the Territory of the sum of \$10 covering fee of admission of Mr. Earnest B. Collins to the bar, in the Fourth Judicial Division.

In this connection I beg to call your attention to the fact that the last preceding notice received from your office is dated March 22, 1913 and covers the admission of Mr. O. L. Rider. I am under the impression that there have been some admissions to the bar in your division since March 22, 1913, and prior to June 4, 1915, among them being that of Mr. G. Ellis Gardner. This office has received no record of the remittance of the fee covering Mr. Gardner's admission to the bar, nor of any other remittance which may have been made during the period above mentioned. It will be appreciated if you will kindly examine your records and furnish this office with such information as may be necessary to complete our files.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,
Clerk United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bell:

On July 13, 1912, this office addressed a letter to your predecessor calling attention to the provisions of Section 32, Part 3, Chapter 2 of the Civil Code of Alaska (Section 327 Compiled Laws of Alaska 1913) with respect to advising this office in each case where the fee for a certificate of admission to the bar has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory. Under date of July 15, 1912, your predecessor acknowledged receipt of the above mentioned letter and stated that in future the office would comply with the provisions of the statute in question. I beg to advise, however, that although there have been a number of admissions to the bar in the First Judicial Division since that date no report has been made to this office showing that the fees for such admissions have been remitted to the Secretary of the Territory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. George A. Adams,
Clerk United States District Court,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the provisions of Section 327, Compiled Laws of Alaska which requires that fees for certificates of admission to the bar shall be promptly remitted by the Clerk of the Court to the Secretary of the District (Territory) and that at the same time the Clerk shall advise the Governor of such remittance. The last advice received from your office was dated October 2, 1913, covering the remittance of fee for certificate issued to Mr. L. M. Koster, September 20, 1913. If there have been any admissions to the bar in the Second Division since that date will you kindly advise this office, giving a list of the same and the dates on which the fees were remitted to the Secretary of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the provisions of Section 327, Compiled Laws of Alaska 1913, which require that the Clerk of the Court upon collecting a fee for a certificate of admission to the bar shall promptly remit the same to the Secretary of the Territory and at the same time advise the Governor of such remittance.

The last notice issued by your office under the section referred to is dated January 13, 1913 and covers certificates issued on November 15, December 2 and December 16, 1912. I am under the impression that there have been some admissions to the bar in the Third Division since December 16, 1912, one of them being that of Mr. V. A. Paine, who has been a resident of Juneau for the past two years. I shall be glad if you will kindly complete our records by advising any remittances which may have been made by you to the Secretary of the Territory covering admissions to the bar since December 16, 1912.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk United States District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 25th instant enclosing advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws and blank form of application for allowance thereunder, I beg to enclose herewith an advance sheet copy of Chapter 80 of the 1913 Session Laws of the Territory, which provides for the establishment and maintenance of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska. By reference to Section 1 of the advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws it will be noted that the conditions upon which allowances are to be made under that Chapter are contingent upon the applicants "being entitled to the benefits of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska * * * ." In order, therefore, to intelligently determine whether any person is entitled to the benefits of the so-called Pension Act it is necessary to refer to Chapter 80 of the 1913 Session Laws. It is desired, therefore, that a copy of Chapter 80 be forwarded to each of the United States Commissioners in your Division at the same time that an advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws and the supply of application forms is sent to them. For this purpose I am sending under separate cover several copies of Chapter 80.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 25th instant enclosing advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws and blank form of application for allowance thereunder, I beg to enclose herewith an advance sheet copy of Chapter 80 of the 1913 Session Laws of the Territory, which provides for the establishment and maintenance of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. By reference to Section 1 of the advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws it will be noted that the conditions upon which allowances are to be made under that Chapter are contingent upon the applicants "being entitled to the benefits of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska * * * *". In order, therefore, to intelligently determine whether any person is entitled to the benefits of the so-called Pension Act it is necessary to refer to Chapter 80 of the 1913 Session Laws. It is desired, therefore, that a copy of Chapter 80 be forwarded to each of the United States Commissioners in your Division at the same time than an advance sheet copy of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws and the supply of application forms is sent to them. For this purpose I am sending under separate cover several copies of Chapter 80.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. George A. Adams,
Clerk United States District Court,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,
Clerk United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1918.

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Mr. L. B. Anderson,
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo in which you request information with regard to the so-called Pension Bill passed by the last session of the Alaska Legislature.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the bill in question, together with a copy of the Act passed by the first session of the Legislature providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. You will note that Section 1 of the Pension Bill provides that an allowance may be made to any pioneer of Alaska "who has attained the age of 65 years and shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or more since the year 1905 and is entitled to the benefits of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska." The various United States Commissioners in the Territory will in the near future be supplied with copies of these two bills and with a few copies of a form of application for allowance which has been prepared for use under the pension bill. If, after reading the two bills herewith enclosed, you believe you are entitled to an allowance under the pension bill you can secure an application form by applying to the United States Commissioner at Knik. The pension bill does not become operative until July 29 next. You will note that under the provisions of Section 1 of the pension bill all applications are to be passed upon by the Board of Trustees of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, of which the Governor is the Chairman. Applications should be sent to the Governor's office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 28, 1915.

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Mr. Henry J. Holton,
180 Schator Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request literature regarding labor conditions in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that as no compilation has ever been made of information relating to the supply and demand of labor in Alaska, this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject. In general it may be said, however, that at the present time the supply of labor of all kinds more than equals the demand. This condition has prevailed to a greater extent than ever since the outbreak of the European war and there is good reason to believe it will continue until the end of that conflict, at least. Under the circumstances this office cannot advise any one to come to Alaska at this time with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 28, 1915.

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Mr. A. C. Sale,
Box 307
Needles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire as to the opportunities in Alaska for securing employment, especially in the civil engineering profession.

In reply I have to advise you that as no compilation has ever been made of information relating to the supply and demand in the labor market in the different sections of Alaska, this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject of labor conditions in the Territory. In general it may be said that at the present time the supply of labor in all lines more than equals the demand. This condition has prevailed to a greater extent than ever since the outbreak of the European war, and there is good reason to believe that it will continue until the end of that conflict, at least. Therefore this office cannot advise any one to come to Alaska at this time with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Frederic J. Haskin,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant has been received during the Governor's absence on a trip through the interior of the Territory. He will return to Juneau about July 25 at which time I shall be pleased to call your letter to his attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Honorable Charles D. Jones,

Nome, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Jones:

The receipt is acknowledged of deficiency mileage voucher signed by you. As this voucher requires the approval signature of the Governor who is now enroute to Nome, I am obliged to hold it until his return to Juneau before forwarding it to Washington for settlement. I make this explanation so that you will understand the reason for the delay in the receipt of the check.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

The receipt is acknowledged of deficiency mileage voucher signed by you. As this voucher requires the approval signature of the Governor, who is now enroute to Nome, I am obliged to hold it until his return to Juneau before forwarding it to Washington for settlement. I make this explanation so that you will understand the delay in the receipt of the check.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Honorable Arthur G. Shoup,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant enclosing voucher and receipts covering expenditures incurred by Mrs. Ines Silviara in taking two dependent children to the Bethany Home at Glendale, Ohio, the children having been committed to the Home by the United States Commissioner at Sitka acting in his capacity as ex officio juvenile judge.

In talking with Governor Strong about this matter at the time the voucher for \$275 was issued to Mrs. Silviara, the Governor expressed some doubt as to whether that amount would be sufficient to cover the expenses of the trip and asked me to request Mrs. Silviara to render an account of her expenses upon her return so that the deficiency, if any, might be taken care of. Nothing was said, however, with regard to compensation for Mrs. Silviara and while the amount included for this purpose in the voucher which accompanied your letter of the above date seems quite reasonable I believe that the voucher should be submitted to the Governor before payment is arranged. Furthermore, the voucher requires the signature of the Acting Governor, and as both are absent from Juneau at the present time it is impossible to obtain such signature and of course so long as the Governor is in the Territory, even though absent from Juneau, the voucher could not be signed by General Davidson as Acting Governor. Immediately upon the Governor's return to Juneau I shall call the voucher to his attention and you will be promptly advised as to his action thereon. I trust the delay will not seriously inconvenience Mrs. Silviara.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. W. T. Lopp,

Chief of Alaska Division, Bureau of Education,

1223 L. C. Smith Building,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Lopp:

Referring to your telegram of the 22nd instant in reply to one from this office relative to the request of Dr. Schaleben for a supply of anti-toxin, I beg to advise that upon inquiring of Dr. Schaleben as to the quantity desired by him he advised this office that he had ordered a supply from Seattle, and as his telegram was understood by this office to indicate that he did not deem it necessary that a supply should be forwarded from Juneau, no further action has been taken by this office in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1913.

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Fur Warden at Large,
Wrangell, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Walker:

I beg to refer to you herewith for attention letter from Mr. J. Paul Morgan, of Campbell Island, B. C., who requests information regarding the fishing industry in the Ketchikan region.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mrs. Dominus Maske,
care of United States Immigration Service,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant addressed to him with respect to your husband's transfer from Ketchikan, Alaska, to Vancouver, B. C.

Governor Strong is now on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory and will not return until about July 25. Immediately upon his return I shall be pleased to place your letter before him for attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. George Palmer,
Box 143, Bridgeville, Penna.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo requesting to be advised regarding opportunities for mining in Alaska; also inquiring as to clerical positions, etc.

In reply you are advised that one of the chief industries of Alaska is mining, both placer and quartz. The only way to obtain a mining claim other than buying it, is to prospect the country until gold has been found and then make a location under the mining law. There are vast areas open to prospecting and location but of course no one can give assurance that the prospecting will result successfully. In the placer regions it is sometimes possible to arrange with owners to work their claims on shares, but this is not always profitable. There is no demand for labor in either the placer or quartz regions at the present time, the local supply being quite equal to the demand. All of the mining in the territory is being carried on by individuals or companies and the government has no interest whatsoever in the mining claims or their output.

So far as this office is informed, there are no opportunities at the present time for book-keepers or other office assistants.

There is enclosed herewith a pamphlet containing general information regarding Alaska which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Dr. G. C. Maule,

Secretary Board of Dental Examiners for Alaska,

Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to you herewith for attention
the letter of Dr. C. A. Ranbo, of Klamath Falls, Oregon,
requesting to be advised as to the requirements of the
Alaska dental law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. S. A. Thompson,
Secretary National Rivers & Harbors Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that the construction of roads, trails and bridges in Alaska is for the most part in charge of the Board of Alaska Road Commissioners with headquarters at Valdez, Alaska, of which Board Colonel W. P. Richardson is the Chairman.

The 1915 Session of the Alaska Legislature provided for the appointment of a Territorial Road Commissioner in each of the four judicial divisions of the Territory. The names and addresses of these commissioners are as follows:

E. C. Austin, Ketchikan, Alaska
Daniel A. Jones, Nome, Alaska
Ed Wood, Valdez, Alaska
H. H. Ross, Fairbanks, Alaska

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Theo. W. Tyler,
Care of General Delivery,
Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that after a thorough search of our files and those of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum we are unable to find any government report of survey of the Katschin River which was made in 1898. We have been unable also to find such a report mentioned in any catalogs of government publications which are in our files and we have found no reference to any subsequent survey of the section referred to. Possibly if you will write to the United States Geological Survey or to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C., you may be able to obtain the information you desire, but the absence of any mention of a report of survey of the Katschin River, in the government lists of publications, would indicate that the report that the survey party lost its outfit when coming down the river is no doubt true.

We are also unable to find any report which covers the region between Berners Bay and White Pass Summit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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The Commissioner of Mines,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to you herewith letter of the 17th instant written by Mr. Thomas V. O'Donnell, of Chicago, Ill., addressed to the Honorable Commissioner of Mines, Juneau, British Columbia. From the contents of the letter as well as the title of the officer addressed it is assumed that the letter should have been sent to Victoria instead of Juneau, and I am therefore forwarding it to you in the belief that it should have gone to your office in the first instance. Mr. O'Donnell is being advised as to the disposition made of his letter by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas V. O'Donnell,
Attorney at Law,
Monadnock Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant addressed to the Honorable Commissioner of Mines, Juneau, British Columbia, reached this office yesterday. The contents of the letter as well as the title of the officer addressed leads to the belief that your letter should have gone to the Commissioner of Mines at Victoria, British Columbia, and it is therefore being forwarded to that officer in this mail. The Skean Mining District is one of the mining districts of British Columbia and the Commissioner of Mines at Victoria can no doubt give you some information regarding the Skean-Liberty-Hill Mining Company to which you refer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1913.

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Captain William Quick,

Salvation Army,

Killisnoe, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

On this trip of the "GEORGIA" there goes to you a package containing some articles of clothing for the little girl of whom the Governor wrote you recently. While there are a number of various articles which it is hoped will be of service, there is no underwear. If you will be good enough to advise us to about what size the girl is, or indicate what size of underwear should be sent, we will arrange to procure some and forward on the next trip of the Georgia. It is, of course, difficult to select such articles of apparel without knowing something as to the particular sizes needed. Also please advise if the shoes in the package are such, for size, as can be used, and if not, kindly suggest what size of shoes should be sent.

Mr. Newell, Agent of the "Georgia" at Juneau, has kindly arranged for sending the above package free of charge on the steamer. The package is addressed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mrs. Mary Lynn,
Care of Anna McKinnon,
927 S. Ferdinand Avenue,
Forest Park, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your recent inquiry as to opportunities in Alaska for starting a hotel or boarding house, I have to advise you that while there are undoubtedly places in Alaska where such a business would do well, this office cannot advise as to particular localities. You might address the Commercial Clubs in the following towns asking them to write you fully with regard to openings in this line: Nome, Fairbanks, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez, Seward, Sitka, Ketchikan.

I enclose herewith a circular containing general information about Alaska which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. P. N. Edwards,
2121 Manitou Avenue,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant addressed to the Governor, requesting information as to opportunities for obtaining employment in electrical work in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office knows of no place in Alaska where there is any opening in the line of work you seek. Of course there may be opportunities offering of which this office is not aware. No compilation has ever been made of information relating to the labor conditions in the different sections of Alaska and therefore this office has not at hand exact knowledge of the supply and demand of the various kinds of labor, wages paid, cost of living, etc., prevailing. In general it may be said, however, that at the present time the supply of labor of all kinds seems to equal the demand. I give you below the names and addresses of several electric light and power companies to whom you might address an inquiry, stating your qualifications fully:

Alaska Electric Light & Power Co., Juneau, Alaska
Alaska Electric Company, Seward, "
Alaska Power Manufacturing Company, Wrangell, "
The Alaska Hydro-Electric Power Co., Nome "
Citizens' Light, Water & Power Co., Ketchikan, "
Cordova Power Company, Cordova, "
Ketchikan Power Company, Ketchikan, "
Port Valdez Electric Light & Water Co., Valdez "
Seward Water & Power Company, Seward, "
Wrangell Electric Light & Power Co., Wrangell, "
The Home Power Company, Skagway, Alaska.

respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Ernest E. Fosberg,
1029 Fourteenth Avenue,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20th last, which was received at this office yesterday, I have to advise you that you should write to the Alaska Engineering Commission, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash., with respect to opportunities for work on the government railroad in Alaska. However, I may say that it is the understanding of this office that only a limited number of men will be employed on the work this year and that there are probably more men on the ground at the present time than will be able to secure employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. W. H. Greene,
288 Main Street,
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information as to the opportunities for securing employment in Alaska for yourself and your wife as telegraph operators.

In reply I beg to state that at the present time such opportunities are very limited indeed. The United States government operates a telegraph line between Valdez on the coast and Fairbanks in the interior; also along the route of the Yukon River from Eagle on the Canadian Boundary to St. Michael at the mouth of the river, in Bering Sea. However, it is my understanding that all of the operators are members of the U. S. Signal Corps, which, as you know, is a branch of the U. S. Army. Besides the government lines, there are, I believe, three small railroads owned by private concerns, now operating in Alaska, which also maintain telegraph service along their rights of way. These are as follows:

Copper River & Northwestern Railroad, Cordova, Alaska
White Pass & Yukon Route, Skagway, Alaska
Tanana Mines Railway, Fairbanks, Alaska

All of these roads with the exception of the Copper River & Northwestern, are narrow gauge; all are less than 200 miles in length and the traffic over them is not heavy as the country they traverse is very sparsely settled. If you deem it worth while you might write these companies with regard to obtaining a position.

In general it may be said that at the present time the supply of labor in all lines more than equals the demand and this office cannot advise any one to come to Alaska now with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Edward Calkins,
337 South Trumbull Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the 19th instant addressed to the Governor with regard to opportunities in Alaska for laborers and mechanics.

In reply you are advised that at the present time the supply of labor in all lines more than equals the demand, and this office cannot advise any one to come to the Territory now with the expectation of obtaining employment.

I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet containing general information regarding Alaska, together with a booklet issued recently by the Commercial Club of this city, which I trust may be of some service to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. Fred Storms,
618 South Grand Avenue,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Governor requesting literature on the subject of labor conditions in Alaska, the wages paid, etc.

In reply you are advised that as no compilation has ever been made of information relating to the supply and demand in the labor market in the different sections of Alaska, wages paid, cost of living, etc., this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject. In general it may be said, however, that at the present time the supply of labor in all lines more than equals the demand. This condition has prevailed to a greater extent than ever since the outbreak of the European war, and there is good reason to believe that it will continue until the end of that conflict, at least. Under the circumstances this office cannot advise any one to come to Alaska at this time with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mr. J. W. Seibold,
P. O. Station 18,
Elisabeth, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the 19th instant addressed to the Governor, with regard to the demand for laborers and mechanics in Alaska, etc.

In reply you are advised that as no compilation has ever been made of information relating to the supply and demand in the labor market in the different sections of Alaska, this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject of labor conditions in the Territory. In general it may be said, however, that at the present time the supply of labor in all lines more than equals the demand. This condition has prevailed to a greater extent than ever since the outbreak of the European war, and there is good reason to believe that it will continue until the end of that conflict, at least. Under the circumstances this office cannot advise any one to come to Alaska at this time with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 30, 1915.

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Mr. P. J. Peilly,
716 West Fifty-first Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing clipping from the "Chicago Examiner". You request information regarding the climate, and work and wages in Alaska; also advice as to whether you should leave your present position and come to the Territory in search of something better.

In the first place I wish to state that the clipping enclosed is an item which has appeared in numerous newspapers in the States and which has already caused hundreds of inquiries, similar to yours, to be directed to this office within the last two weeks. It was not authorized by the Governor's office and, further, it must have been based upon erroneous information since this office knows of no place in Alaska at the present time where there is any considerable demand for labor of any kind. In general it may be said that in every branch of work carried on in Alaska, the supply of labor more than equals the demand. This condition has prevailed to a greater extent than ever since the outbreak of the war in Europe and there is good reason to believe that it will continue until the end of that conflict, at least. Under the circumstances, this office would certainly not advise you to leave your present position and go to Alaska at this time. If you could afford to take a trip to Alaska, making personal investigations of openings in the various places visited, it might be that you would find something suitable. However, travelling in Alaska, except in the South-eastern part which lies nearest to the States, is expensive and should not be undertaken unless you can afford to spend the money whether you secure a position or not.

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I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet of general information concerning Alaska, which will answer your inquiries about climate. As no compilation has ever been made of information relating to work and wages in the Territory, this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

June 30, 1919.

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Mr. A. J. Fechter,

P. O. Box 117,

Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, I am sending you herewith a circular of general information regarding Alaska which I hope may be of some use to you.

In response to your inquiry as to the opportunities for employment in Alaska. I regret to say that for some time past the local supply has more than equalled the demand, in this respect. This office does not at the present time know of any positions available for book-keepers, stenographers or other clerical help.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 20, 1915.

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Miss Frances Hoek,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

In response to your request of the 29th (?) instant, addressed to the Governor, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith blank form of notarial bond upon the back of which will be found a form for oath of office. This bond should be executed by you with one or more sureties after which it should be forwarded to the United States District Court at Valdez for the Clerk's approval. I would suggest that you request the Clerk of the Court to forward the bond to this office after he has approved the same, instead of returning it to you, as this will save time in the matter. There is no form of application for appointment. A letter addressed to the Governor requesting to be appointed a notary public, enclosing the legal fee of \$10 in the form of a postal money order payable to the "Governor of Alaska", and advising that you have executed your bond and oath of office, will suffice. Upon receipt of such application and remittance, and when the approved bond has been received from the Clerk of the Court, a commission will be issued to you.

It will be necessary for you to forward to the Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of the Territory, an impression of the seal and a specimen of your official signature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 30, 1913.

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Mrs. George W. Courts,
Moore, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request this office to assist you in locating one Frank Winters, I beg to advise that following the usual course in such matters, this office will cause an inquiry to be published in the newspapers of the Territory requesting any one who may know the whereabouts of Mr. Winters to communicate with this office. Should any responses be received you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 20, 1915.

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Miss Esther M. Ryan,
617 Payne Place,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your undated letter which reached this office today, I beg to advise that at the present time this office does not know of any available positions such as those to which you refer. There is no general demand for help in any part of this Territory at the present time; in fact the local supply more than equals the demand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 30, 1915.

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Mr. Darwin P. Kingsley,
President, Safety First Federation of America,
Craftsman Building, 6 East 39th Street,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, who is on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant with respect to a safe and sane celebration of Independence Day.

With respect to the subject matter of your letter, I am pleased to say that for a number of years past practically all the communities of Alaska have insisted upon the exercise of due care and judgment in the use of fireworks on all occasions, and it is gratifying to state that for several years no serious injuries have been reported. Practically all of the incorporated towns of the Territory have ordinances which prohibit the use of fireworks within the corporate limits, and these ordinances are generally observed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 30, 1915.

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**Dean's Pure Food and Drug Legal Manual Corporation,
Mutual Life Building,
32 Liberty Street,
New York, N. Y.**

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Governor, in which you request copies of all the public health legislation of 1915, of any character.

I enclose herewith a copy of the law providing for the inspection of food and preventing the re-service of food, which is the only pure food law passed by the Alaska Legislature to date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 1, 1918.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska,

My dear Sir:

Herewith there is transmitted the application of Mr. L. L. Harding, of Haines, Alaska, dated the 25th ultimo, asking to be appointed a notary public for the Territory. The fee is also enclosed, in cash, the postal money order sent by Mr. Harding having been cashed, the same being payable to the Governor.

I am informed by the Clerk of the District Court that he has approved Mr. Harding's bond and transmitted it to your office. Will you kindly arrange for issuance of commission to Mr. Harding, and forward the same to him at Haines, Alaska.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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C/C to Mr. Harding.

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Juneau, July 2, 1915. O. B.

A. G. Shoup,

Sitka,

Following just received from Judge Brown, Valdez, quote: Can allow Pioneer Home four hundred fifty six dollars thirty-five cents. Send vouchers and receipts on Mariposa. End quote. Mariposa due here late Sunday night. Delphin probably reach here from Sitka ahead of Mariposa. Arrange send vouchers and receipts on Delphin if not already forwarded. Will remail them to Judge Brown to catch Mariposa.

STRONG, Governor.

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

W. W. Shoup
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 2, 1915.

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Honorable W. G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to our conversation of this date I transmit herewith the letter of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, of date June 23 last, addressed to the Governor, on the subject of the extension of the Postal Savings System to Alaska and requesting "a correct certified list showing the names and locations of all banking institutions regularly incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Alaska, together with information as to the locations of any licensed branch banks and a list of any foreign corporations licensed to do a banking business within the Territory."

The postal savings regulations (1 pamphlet and 2 single sheets) referred to in the foregoing letter are also transmitted for your information.

It is requested that you kindly arrange to furnish the certified list asked for by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, also list of foreign corporations, if any, which are licensed to do a banking business in the Territory, and information as to any licensed branch banks (presumably branches of banking institutions regularly incorporated under Territorial laws are referred to).

Will you kindly return the enclosed letter and regulations with your reply.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 4, 1915.

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Honorable Fred H. Brown,
Judge of U. S. District Court,
Division No. 3,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your telegram of the 2d, addressed to the Governor, and reading as follows:

"Can allow Pioneer Home four hundred and fifty six dollars and thirty five cents. Send vouchers and receipts on Mariepost"

was received on the same date and immediately reported to Mr. Shoup, the superintendent of the Home. A letter has just been received from him with voucher in duplicate covering the subsistence of the inmates of the Home from the 3d division for the June quarter. The voucher had evidently been made out before your telegram was received at Sitka, as it is for the full amount of \$637.00 covering subsistence for the whole quarter. However, the receipt has been signed in blank, and I take it proper notation can be made on the face of the voucher to show the record of amount paid, as well as in the receipt form.

As the Governor is absent from Juneau his signature as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home cannot be had, but I take it this will not be necessary under the circumstances.

Your action in this matter is much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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Jamez, July 4, 1915. O. D. Govt.

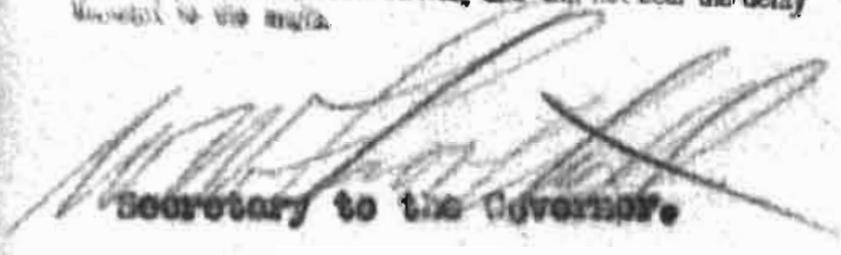
Brown, Judge,

Valdez.

Forwarding voucher and receipt Hariposa as per request your message
second instant.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 8, 1915. O. B.

Governor Strong,

St. Michael.

Letters from Chas. Spencer, A. B. Kinne and Mrs. Baha: Bahke of Council indicate deplorable situation school matters. Board recently elected it is alleged was chosen at instance of friends ~~of~~ of Mrs. Delahanty who taught for four or five years but was not employed by last year's board. Claimed all parents but one now opposed to her as teacher but friends disposed employ her despite protest of parents. Also charged that present board was elected at instance of Pfaffle a merchant to whom Delahanty is largely indebted, with view insuring payment to Pfaffle, who was elected treasurer. Also claimed W. K. Taylor elected as director but can neither read nor write and is not a citizen, and that Mrs. L. J. Welch elected as clerk is present teacher native school at Council. Spencer claims Pfaffle openly solicited votes for himself, Taylor and Mrs. Welch to insure collection money owed him by Delahanty. Looks as if new election should be ordered. Hold filed suit on first instant for retention forestry money first third divisions. Davidson returned third.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

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

W. K. Taylor
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Dankers Encyclopedia Co.,

31-33 Hovea St.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In response to yours of the 16th ultimo there is returned herewith clipping from last edition of the "Dankers Encyclopedia", which has been corrected and brought up to date.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 6, 1915. O. B.

Governor Strong,

St. Michael.

Letter from Matthew F. Collins, Marshall City, Alaska, to Senator Phelan California referred this office by Secretary Interior charges Commissioner Waskey of Wade Hampton recording district with collecting excessive fees from miners and miners who had recorded claims at St. Michael were required by him to record them again when Wade Hampton district was established, and charges him with being unreliable and incompetent as an official. Collins writes behalf himself and others and says complaint made to Judge was unavailing.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

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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DISPATCH AND EMPIRE.

July 8, 1915.

The quarterly report of the Sanitarium Company, dated June 30, 1915, just received at the Governor's office, contains the following summary of patients received, discharged, under care, etc., during the quarter:

Patients under care April 1, 156 males, 23 females,	total 179
Received during the quarter, 9 males, 3 females,	12
Total number of patients under care during the quarter	191
Patients discharged during the quarter, 4 males, 1 female,	5
Deaths during the quarter, 2 males, 1 female,	3
Patients escaping during the quarter, 3 males	3
Patients remaining under care at close of quarter,	180
Net increase for the quarter,	1

Patients released were: Henry Baile, Andrew Harper, Mary Brice, Patrick Regan, Wm. Ripstein, Charles Myers, Adolph Majurga and Charles Sannet escaped from the institution and Margaret Holly, Chas. Mon. Lee and Megel Balibrera died during the quarter.

W.W.S.

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July 5, 1915.

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Mr. C. C. McTavish,
Dunsmuir, Saskatchewan,
CANADA.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring regarding industries in Alaska.

In reply to your request for literature I beg to advise that with the exception of the Governor's annual report which touches briefly on industrial and other conditions in Alaska, there is no literature published on the subject. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of this report and would call your attention especially to pages 8-10 which deal with agriculture and stock raising in this Territory.

In general it may be said that all the industries for which there is as yet a demand in Alaska, are well represented.

respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 4, 1915.

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The Director of the New York Public Library,
476 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo addressed to the Governor at Sitka, having been forwarded to Juneau which has been the capital of the Territory for the past six years.

In response to your request for a copy of the Governor's annual report for 1914-1915, I beg to advise that this report is now in the course of preparation but will not be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior until about September 15 next. The printed report for distribution will not be available until after January 1, 1916. Your library is already on our mailing list and I shall be pleased to see that a copy of the report is sent you as soon as a supply has been received for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1918.

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Mrs. Habelle Walsh,
319 North Sutter Street,
Stockton, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 21st ultimo addressed to the Superintendent Insane Hospital, Sitka, has been forwarded to this office.

In reply to your inquiry I beg to advise that there are no hospitals in Alaska for the insane, at the present time. The Alaska insane are committed to the Horningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, under contract between that institution and the United States Government. Provision has been made for two temporary detention hospitals in the Territory - one at Fairbanks, and the other at Nome - but owing to a lack of funds they have not as yet been made use of.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Mr. Harry D. Baker,
President Polk County Bank,
St. Croix Falls, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to the Governor with respect to a settlement of the estate of one Ole Peterson, I beg to advise that J. B. Marshall, United States Commissioner, Juneau, Alaska, is ex officio probate judge for the district in which Treadwell, Alaska, is located.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1913.

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Honorable William M. Pence,

Chairman of Committee for the Promotion of International Peace,

P. O. Box 1099, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th ultimo has been received during the Governor's absence on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory. It will be brought to his attention upon his return to Juneau about the 25th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. H. Francis Dyruff,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th ultimo, with its enclosure, addressed to the Governor, has been received during the Governor's absence on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory. His attention will be called to the same upon his return to Juneau about the 25th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



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Mr. P. Gilbert,
Secretary, Industrial Insurance Commission,
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first instant requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Workmen's Compensation Act passed by the recent session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, and to be advised as to the names and addresses of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Act.

In response to your request I take pleasure in transmitting herewith two advance sheet copies of the Act referred to, which, you will note, differs somewhat from the compensation acts of some of the States in that it does not provide for a Commission to administer the Act, but leaves the matter of adjustment of claims to the courts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1913.

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Dr. William J. Imber,
901 South Ashland Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the same has been referred to Dr. G. C. Haulo, Secretary of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, Douglas, Alaska, with the request that he advise you in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Dr. G. C. Mauls,
Secretary, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners,
Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to you herewith for attention
the letter of Dr. William J. Imber, of Chicago, Ill.,
who requests to be advised regarding the practice of
dentistry in this Territory.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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William S. Howe Esquire,
Attorney at Law,
P. O. Box 505,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo with respect to the payment to Mrs. Lillian Flint Bruner, the widow of the late Senator Elwood Bruner, of Alaska, of deficiency mileage amounting to \$227.70 due to Senator Bruner at the time of his death.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., with a request that, if consistent with the rules and regulations, authority be given for the payment of the claim to Mrs. Bruner without the intervention of probate proceedings. As soon as a reply has been received from the Secretary of the Interior you will be advised in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant transmitting two copies each of the House and Senate Journals of the Alaska Legislature for the 1915 session.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. John L. Lehman,
417 Seventh Street,
Huntington, West Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th of June, addressed to Governor Strong, requesting information re climate and labor conditions in Alaska, etc.

I am sending you herewith a pamphlet containing general information about Alaska, in which you will find on page 9-12 a statement as to the climatic conditions in the various sections of the Territory.

No compilation has ever been made of information relating to the supply and demand of labor in the various sections of Alaska, and therefore this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject. In general it may be said, however, that for some time past the supply of labor in all branches has at least equalled, if not exceeded, the demand, and this office would not advise any one to come to the Territory at this time with the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. E. E. Snyan,
213 Seventeenth Street,
College point, L. I., New York.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter addressed to the Governor, requesting literature on the subject of work and wages in Alaska, and in which you refer to an article published in the "New York American."

The newspaper article to which you refer is no doubt identical with others which have appeared in numerous papers in the States during the past month. I wish to state that it was not published on the authority of this office, and further, it must have been based on erroneous information as so far as this office is aware there is no place in Alaska at the present time where there is any considerable demand for laborers or mechanics, or in fact for labor of any kind; on the contrary, for some time past the supply of labor in all branches has not least equalled, if not exceeded, the demand. Under the circumstances this office would not advise any one to come to Alaska now with the expectation of obtaining employment.

No compilation has ever been made of the information relating to the supply and demand of labor in the different sections of Alaska, and therefore this office is unable to furnish you with any literature on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1918.

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Mr. Thomas G. Fimmel,
Box 261,
Valparaiso, Ind.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information regarding railway employment in Alaska.

There are at the present time but three small railroads owned by private concerns operating in Alaska. These are as follows:

Copper River & Northwestern Railway, Cordova, Alaska
White Pass & Yukon Route, Skagway, Alaska
Tanana Mines Railway, Fairbanks, Alaska

All are narrow gauge, with the exception of the Copper River & Northwestern, which is standard gauge, and all are less than 200 miles in length. The country they traverse is very sparsely settled and the traffic over them is not heavy; therefore I judge that they employ but few men. If you deem it worth while you might address them with a view to obtaining a position.

With reference to the government railroad, the construction of this began sometime during the past month. This road will run from Eward on the coast to Fairbanks in the interior. You might apply to the Alaska Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, for a position. This Commission has charge of the construction of the road, letting of contracts, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. Axel W. Blom,
826 Newport Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th of June requesting information with regard to opportunities in Alaska for an engineer, and stating your qualifications.

In reply I regret to state that this office knows of no place in Alaska at the present time where there is an opening in the line of work you seek, or indeed, in any branch of labor. At the present time, and for some time past, the supply of labor in all departments, has equalled, if not exceeded, the demand. Of course, there might be opportunities of which this office is not aware. It might be that one of the various electric light and power companies, or the big quartz mines might find use for a man of your ability. In this thought I give you the names of several of these concerns:

Alaska Electric Light & Power Company, Juneau, Alaska,
Alaska Electric Company, Seward, Alaska,
Alaska Power Manufacturing Company, Wrangell, Alaska
The Alaska Hydro-Electric Power Company, Nome, Alaska
Citizens' Light, Water & Power Company, Ketchikan, Alaska
Cordova Power Company, Cordova, Alaska
Ketchikan Power Company, Ketchikan, Alaska
Port Valdez Electric Light & Water Company, Valdez, Alaska
Seward Water & Power Company, Seward, Alaska
Wrangell Electric Light & Power Company, Wrangell, Alaska
The Home Power Company, Skagway, Alaska.

Alaska -Juneau Gold Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska
Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska
Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company, Treadwell, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 8, 1915.

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Mr. Beveridge Stead,
P. O. Box 677,
Morenci, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 28th, addressed to the Governor, requesting information regarding labor conditions in Alaska, more particularly in mining and construction work.

In reply I have to advise you that this office knows of no place in Alaska where there is an opening in the line of work you seek. In the thought that an opportunity might be found with some of the large quartz mining companies of this section, I give you below the names and addresses of two or three of these, to whom you might address an application, stating your qualifications fully:

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska
Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska
Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company, Treadwell, Alaska

In general it may be said that at the present time, and indeed for the past year, the supply of labor in all branches for which there is a demand in this Territory, apparently more than equals the demand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Mr. W. J. Fortune,
4354 Armitage Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire as to the opportunities for carpenters in Alaska.

In reply I regret to advise you that this office knows of no place in the Territory where there is a demand for carpenters, or indeed, for any other class of labor as the supply seems to more than equal the demand in nearly every section. Under the circumstances this office would not advise any one to come to Alaska at this time in the expectation of obtaining employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 8, 1915.

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Mr. B. M. Johnston,
608 Leclaire Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information regarding working conditions in Alaska.

You do not state your particular line of work, but I may say that in the opinion of this office the present is not a good time to come to Alaska seeking employment. So far as this office is aware, the supply of labor in all branches for which there is a demand in this Territory, equals, if not exceeds, the demand in every section. The European war has had a depressing influence on business conditions and upon labor in some of the quartz mines of Southeastern Alaska. The government began the construction, last month, of the railroad which is to tap the coal fields in the Matanuska valley, in the Cook Inlet region, but thousands of men have rushed to the scene of operation, in fact a great many more than could possibly find employment, at least for some time to come. From local press dispatches I gather that the wages paid by the government are considerably lower than was generally expected, and furthermore, that there is actual destitution among the men at Anchorage, the point on the coast from which the railroad is being built.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 8, 1915.

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Mr. George Douglas,
General Delivery,
Needles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting literature and information with regard to opportunities for employment on the government railroad under construction in Alaska, and development of coal mines.

There is no literature published in this Territory on the subject of work and wages and therefore this office is unable to supply you with any such.

The Alaska Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, has charge of the construction of the government railroad; you should make application to the Commission, stating your qualifications fully. From local press dispatches I gather, however, that the wages paid by the Commission are considerably lower than was generally expected, and furthermore, that there is actual destitution among the great numbers of men who have rushed in to Seward and Anchorage in the expectation of finding employment.

The government coal lands in the Matanuska valley, which region it is the immediate purpose of the railroad to open up, are leased to operators by the United States Government. For full information as to leasing conditions, etc., you should apply to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 9, 1915.

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Mr. C. M. Fecto, Manager,

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find check No. 414 of this date issued to your Com-
pany in the sum of 40 cents, in settlement of telegraph tolls as
per your bill No. C-1552, April account.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915.

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The New York Times,
New York City

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of the 9th inst. addressed to Governor Strong and reads as follows:

"Will you kindly telegraph to the New York Times early Saturday evening 100 or 200 words of your views on German note"

The Governor is at present on an extended trip through the interior of the territory and will not return to Juneau until about the 25th inst. At the present time he is not in telegraphic communication with the office and it is impossible to forward your message to him.

In any event, however, I doubt if the Governor would care to comply with your request since he is an Appointee of the President and would therefore probably deem it inadvisable to give public expression of his views on a subject which is being dealt with by the President himself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Mrs. Albert Berry,
New London, New-Hampshire

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor who is on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. in which you request information regarding the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, stating that you have collected about 150 books which you wish to send to the Home for the use of the inmates.

In reply I would say that the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka was created by an Act passed at the first session of the Territorial Legislature in 1913. It is supported from funds appropriated by the Territorial Legislature.

There are at the present time about fifty old pioneers at the Home and I have no doubt the books which you have collected will be most acceptable to them.

The board of Trustees of the Home consists of the Governor who is chairman, and Messrs. C. C. Georgeson and W. P. Mills of Sitka, who are respectively secretary and treasurer of the Board. The Home is in charge of Mr. Arthur G. Shoup of Sitka who, since its establishment, has served in the capacity of superintendent, receiving no compensation therefor.

I shall be pleased to place your letter before Governor Strong upon his return to Juneau, and in the meantime I trust that the information contained herein may be of some value to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Mr. V. G. Hinshaw, Chairman,
Prohibition National Committee,
106 N. La Salle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ult. addressed to the Governor has been received in his absence on an extended trip through the interior of the territory. It is expected that the Governor will return to Juneau about the 25th inst., at which time your letter will be brought to his attention,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915

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Mr. E. B. Barnes,
Port Graham, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ult. addressed to the Governor, asking to be informed as to whether or not you are entitled to a pension under the provisions of chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the Act referred to together with a copy of chapter 80 of the Session Laws of 1913, which latter Act provided for the establishment and maintenance of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka and prescribed the requirements for admission thereto.

Blank forms of application for allowance under the pension Act above mentioned have recently been sent to the United States Commissioner for your precinct and if after a perusal of the two Acts enclosed you should wish to make application for an allowance you can obtain the necessary blank upon application to your Commissioner.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1918.

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Mr. Jas. M. Lehr, Secretary,
Thane Rifle Club,
Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a copy of requisition 200-RC from the Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, Washington, D. C. covering certain stores ordered from Benicia Arsenal for the Thane Rifle Club. It is noted that the shipping address on the requisition gives the destination of the stores as Sitka, Alaska. This, of course, is an error and may be the cause of some delay in the receipt of the stores. In the event the stores do not arrive within a reasonable time please advise this office and an effort will be made to locate the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Mr. O. P. Converse, Secretary,
Foreign Trade Dept.,
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Governor, requesting to be furnished with copies of the last three annual reports of the Governor of Alaska.

Under separate cover I am sending you one copy each of the 1912 and 1914 reports.

I regret to say that our supply of the 1913 reports has been exhausted and I am unable to furnish you with a copy of it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1918.

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Mr. Charles W. Gates, Chairman,
Executive Committee,
Pan-American Road Congress,
Montpelier, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. addressed to the Governor, inviting him to attend and participate in the proceedings of the Pan-American Road Congress which will be held at Oakland, Cal. September 13-17 next, and to appoint delegates to represent Alaska at the Congress.

Governor Strong is at present on an extended trip through the interior of Alaska. It is expected that he will return to Juneau about the 25th inst. and upon his return I shall be pleased to place your letter before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Mr. Edward B. Wildt,
Lawrence, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ult., you are advised that you can no doubt obtain a list of the dredging companies operating in Alaska by addressing Mr. Wm. Maloney, Territorial Mine Inspector, Nome, Alaska, and Mr. Sumner S. Smith, Federal Mine Inspector, Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1918.

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Mr. Wm. Campbell,
U. S. S. San Francisco,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to opportunities for mechanics in Alaska.

In reply you are advised that since the outbreak of the European war the supply of labor in nearly every line has fully equalled the demand in Alaska. During the past three or four weeks this office has been flooded with inquiries similar to this, occasioned by the appearance in certain newspapers of the United States of items indicating a considerable demand for laborers and mechanics in Alaska.

As no such demands exist this office is at a loss to know why items referred to were published, and their publication is greatly to be regretted since it has created a false impression in the minds of a great many people.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Prof. C. C. Georgeson,
Special Agent in Charge,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Professor Georgeson:

I beg to transmit herewith letter of the 5th inst. addressed to this office by Mr. W. Kjosness of Lewiston, Idaho, who expresses a desire to secure a position as an agriculturalist in the government service. As there is no such position in connection with the schools of the territory I am referring Mr. Kjosness' letter to you for such attention as you may deem appropriate.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1913.

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Mr. W. Kjeenness,
Lowiston, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Governor, in which you expressed a desire to secure a position as an agriculturalist in the government service in Alaska.

Your letter is being referred to Prof. C. C. Georgeson, Sitka, Alaska, who is the Special Agent in Charge of the agricultural experiment stations in Alaska. The position of agriculturalist has not yet been created in connection with the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 13, 1915. O. B.

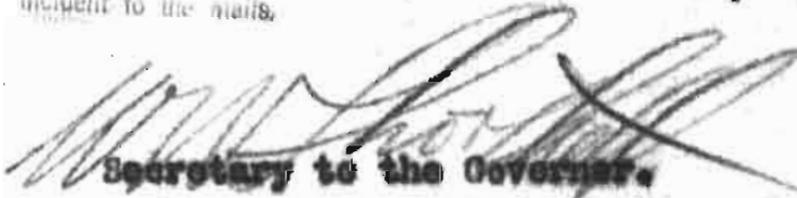
A. G. Sheup,

Sitka.

Understand you have asked Secretary Davidson have five hundred new forms of application for admission to home printed. Suggest matter be deferred until Governor's return in view change in form and expense of same. This office can supply you with number copies home report if you desire. Territorial funds will not permit additional printing these.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to 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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Juneau, July 13, 1915. O. B.

A. G. Shoup,

Sitka.

Understand it is proposed paint and repair Pioneers' Home and contract probably soon be let. In view fact Governor has not yet been consulted regarding matter suggest await his return before letting contract. He is expected here about twenty-fifth. Can probably take matter up with him by telegraph if necessary, but in any event believe he as chairman of board trustees should be permitted pass on matter.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.


Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915.

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Hon. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I was today advised that you had requested Secretary Davidson to obtain 500 new forms of application for admission to the Home. I was also informed that the new form proposed by you is materially different from the one at present in use. I have wired you suggesting that the matter be deferred until the Governor's return, since it occurred to me that he as Chairman of the board might wish to be consulted with reference to a change in the form of application.

I have also been informed that it is proposed to repair and paint the buildings occupied by the Home and that the contract will probably be let in the near future. I have just wired you regarding this matter also and have suggested that it await the Governor's return in order that he may be consulted with reference thereto. I have felt constrained to do this because of the Governor's admonitions to me prior to his departure regarding Territorial expenditures and for the reason that it seems to me but proper that the Governor as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home should have the opportunity to pass upon expenditures of the character proposed.

I have no desire to intermeddle in matters relating to the Home, but knowing the Governor's keen interest in the exercise of economy in connection with all Territorial expenditures, I should feel that I had been derelict in my duty were I to remain silent in matters of the kind mentioned above.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915.

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Fur Warden at Large,
Wrangal, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Walker:

The collector of customs has very kindly furnished this office with three copies of Department of Commerce circular 246, third edition May 24th, 1915, containing regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska.

We would like to place a copy of this circular in the hands of each of our game wardens and special employes, some fourteen in number, and to this end I write to ask if you will kindly furnish us with copies for this purpose. The officers employed under this office do not, of course, have any particular authority under the fur laws and regulations but in the interests of the spreading of information concerning these laws and regulations it is deemed advisable that the game wardens and special employes be correctly informed at all times.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915.

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Miss E. M. Lowe,
919 Blaine St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to the demand for trained nurses in Alaska, I beg to advise that while there are a number of public and private hospitals in this Territory they are small and do not require any considerable corps of trained nurses. Public hospitals are located at Ketchikan, Juneau, Douglas, Valdez, Fairbanks and Nome. The hospital in Juneau, owned and operated by the sisters of St. Ann, is the largest hospital in the Territory and employs a number of trained nurses. The hospital at Douglas, also owned and operated by the sisters of St. Ann, is the second largest hospital in the Territory and likewise employs a number of trained nurses. These two hospitals have contracts for the care of the employees of the several mining companies operating in this section which employ some three thousand men.

Ever since the outbreak of the European war the demand for labor in Alaska has been more than met by the local supply, and it is impossible for this office to give any assurance that your brother could obtain employment in his particular line or in some other line,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 14, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas Z. Connor,
Box 41, Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telephone request of yesterday for a copy of Geological Survey Bulletin on the Juneau Gold Belt, I regret to say that upon referring to our files I find that I have but one copy of the Bulletin in question and as it is necessary to retain this for our files I am unable to comply with your request.

It is quite probable that by writing to the U. S. Geological Survey at Washington, D. C. you may be able to secure a copy of the document in question, which is known as Geological Bulletin 287, the Juneau Gold Belt, Alaska, issued in 1906. The price of this Bulletin is 75 cents.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1918.

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Mr. Floyd L. Daggett, Chairman,
Committee on Arrangements,
National Association of Industrial Accident,
Board and Commissions,
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor with respect to the forthcoming session of the National Association of Industrial Accident Board & Commissions to be held in the city of Seattle Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st next, and extending an invitation to the Governor to be present on that occasion.

Governor Strong is expected to return to Juneau about the 20th inst. from an extended trip through the Territory and upon his return your letter will be placed before him and he will no doubt advise you as to whether or not it will be possible for him to accept your very kind invitation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 14, 1915.

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Mr. Joseph Jones,
25 Linden Street,
Morristown, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 5th inst., I beg to advise that there is no literature published on the subject of business and labor opportunities in Alaska. Practically all lines of business for which any demand exists are represented in every section of the Territory. The local supply of labor has quite equalled the demand in nearly every section of the Territory for more than a year past.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1913.

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Mr. S. Kelters,
c/o Pacific Northwest Banker,
Suite 923-25 Northern Bank Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to Governor Strong has been received during his absence on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory. The Governor will return to Juneau about the 20th inst., at which time we shall be pleased to place your letter before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1915.

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Mr. A. L. Huston, Secretary,
National League for Wholesome Motion Pictures,
Suite 1264, 209 S. 5th Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to Governor Strong has been received in his absence on an extended trip through the Territory. It is expected that the Governor will return to Juneau about the 20th inst., at which time I shall be pleased to place your letter before him for consideration and reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1915.

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Mr. J. F. Lovell,
2701 Center Street,
Baker, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to where you can obtain copies of reports on mining and agriculture in Alaska.

In reply you are advised that if you will address the U. S. Geological Survey, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D. C., you can, no doubt, obtain copies of the mining reports to which you refer. Prof. C. C. Georgeson of Sitka, Alaska, who is in charge of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations, is being requested to mail you a copy of his last report, which you will, no doubt, find very interesting.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 15, 1915. O. B.

Prof. C. C. Georgeson,

Sitka.

Letters from you and Shoup received. Governor due here next Monday. Suggest matters await his return in view short delay occasioned thereby.

SHORTHELL, Secretary.

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.

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July 15, 1915.

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Mr. W. C. Belke,
411 Stanhope Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise you that this office does not know of any available positions for bookkeepers, stenographers or cashiers in or near Juneau. For more than a year past the demand for clerical and other help in this vicinity and, in fact, throughout the entire Territory, has been more than met by the local supply. The following named mining companies in this section are the largest employers of clerical help:

Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell, Alaska
Alaska Gastineau Mining Co., Juneau, Alaska
Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co., " "

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 15, 1915.

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Mr. Peter Figved,
c/o Figved Importing Co.,
180 N. Market Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that this office does not know of any available government positions in Alaska at the present time. As you are particularly interested in the fisheries of Alaska it is suggested that you communicate with the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., from which you can, no doubt, obtain documents containing valuable information on this subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915.

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Mr. S. H. Meyer,
c/o Meyer's Military Shop,
1327 F. St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 7th inst. addressed
to the Governor, you are advised that Alaska has no state flag,
flower or colors.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miscellaneous

July 15, 1915.

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Mr. W. P. Mills, Treasurer,
Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith check #186 dated June 30th issued to you in the sum of \$456.25. This check covers the amount allotted by the Honorable Fred M. Brown, United States District Judge for the third Division on account of maintenance of inmates of the Home from the third Division during the quarter ended June 30th, 1915.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1915.

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Mrs. Albert Berry,
New London, New Hampshire,

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of June 29th with regard to the Pioneers' Home, which was replied to under date of the 13th inst., I beg to advise that I am sending to you under separate cover five copies of the annual report of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of the Home which, it occurs to me, may be of interest to you and the friends who have so kindly assisted in collecting the books which you propose to present to the Home.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1915.

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Mr. A. G. Shoup, Sup't.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

In response to the request contained in yours of the 14th inst., I am sending to you under separate cover a supply of copies of the annual report of the Home.

This office recently received a letter from Mrs. Albert Berry of Juneau, who has been in the East for several months past, stating that through the kindness of friends she had collected some 150 books which she wished to present to the Home. Before sending the same, however, she desired to know something about the Home and whether or not the books would be acceptable, and it afforded me much pleasure to tell her something about the Home and to assure her that the books would be very acceptable and would be well taken care of at the Home. I am sending her a few copies of the report so that she may distribute them among interested friends.

While on the subject of books, it occurs to me to ask what provision is made for reading matter for the inmates of the Home. Do you subscribe for newspaper^s and magazines? Do you think any of the old pioneers at the Home would be interested in any of the government reports, particularly those relating to Alaska. Should any of these be desired it is possible that we might be able to have the Home placed on the mailing list. Would you care to have copies of the 1913 and 1915 session laws on the shelves of the Home library?

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1918.

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Mr. John B. McPherson,
Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 15th inst. addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith blank form of application for allowance under chapter 64 of the 1918 session laws of Alaska, commonly known as the Alaska Pension Act. A copy of the Act, as well as copy of chapter 80 of the 1913 session laws, is also enclosed.

The application when properly filled out should be mailed to this office.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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July 26, 1918.

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Mr. John G. Lilienthal,
475 Lenox Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines in this Territory has been quite equal to the demand, and this office does not at the present time know of any vacancies.

Since you are interested in farming, this office is requesting Professor G. C. Georgeson, Special Agent in Charge of Alaska Agriculture Experiment Station at Sitka, to send you a copy of his last annual report and to give you such other information on the subject as his judgment may dictate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1928.

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Professor C. C. Georgeson,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor Georgeson:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. John C. Lilienthal of 475 Lenox Avenue, New York City, making inquiry regarding opportunities in Alaska. Among other things, he expresses an interest in farming, and I write to ask if you will kindly forward him a copy of your last report, and give him any other information which you may think would be of interest.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Emil Stein,
279 Jackson Avenue,
Long Island City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with respect to the properties of the Alaska Gold Mines Corporation, which are located in the Windham Bay district some fifty miles southeast of Juneau.

This office has no information on file concerning the Alaska Gold Mines Corporation nor its properties. An examination of the records of the Secretary of the Territory discloses the fact that this company has not filed any papers in that office since 1902, and the Secretary advises me that the company has been marked "dead" on his records.

Upon inquiry I find that Mrs. Kate Kabler of Juneau, prior to the organization of Alaska Gold Mines Corporation, purchased a one-third interest in certain mining properties at Windham Bay, which are believed to be the same properties to which you refer. The other owners of the property were one J. D. Sheldon and a man named Anderson. Mrs. Kabler informs me that Sheldon and Anderson subsequently and without her knowledge or consent bonded the properties to a man whose name she does not now recall, but who, it is presumed, represented the Alaska Gold Mines Corporation. The option given by Sheldon and Anderson was not taken up by this man and subsequently Mrs. Kabler, who had kept up the assessment work for several years on the properties, published notice to Sheldon and Anderson, calling upon them to pay in their portion of the assessment work which they failed to do, and she then took over the properties in her own name, as provided by law.

In an examination of the papers filed by the Alaska Gold Mines Corporation in the office of the Secretary of the Territory in 1902, I find the name of J. D. Sheldon as one of the officers of the corporation, which seems to lend color to the statements made by Mrs. Kabler.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1916.

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Mr. A. F. Schraegle,
47 Brush Street,
Glendale, Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that this office does not at the present time know of any position available for a man of your training. Ever since the outbreak of the European war there has been a surplus of labor in practically all lines of employment. The following named companies employ men of technical training in connection with their operations:

Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.,	Juneau
Ketchikan Light & Water Co.,	Ketchikan
Cordova Light & Power Co.,	Cordova
Valdez Light & Power Co.,	Valdez
Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,	Treadwell
Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co.,	Juneau
Alaska-Gastineau Gold Mining Co.,	"

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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George B. Grigsby Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th
ultimo addressed to the Governor, accepting reappointment as a
member of The Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform
Legislation in the United States.

With respect to the execution of an oath of office, I
beg to advise that upon investigation I find that when the appoint-
ments to this Board were originally made, members were not required
to execute oaths of office, and since the law creating the Board
does not state that they shall execute oaths of office it is not
deemed necessary that this should be done.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1918.

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Mr. Leonard W. Hatch, Chief Statistician,
Department of Labor, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 8th inst., I take pleasure
in sending herewith a copy of the report of the Territorial Mine
Inspector for the year 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Jos. P. Quin,
248 Union Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that at the present time there are few opportunities for employment in Alaska. While it is true that Alaska has extensive mineral and other resources, the development of these resources require, in most cases, a considerable investment of money, and this office has never advised persons of limited means to come to this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Bureau Legislative Research,
University Extension Division,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of the 14th inst., I take pleasure
in enclosing herewith copy of message of the Governor to the Alaska
Legislative Assembly, second session, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Frank L. Hager,
1901 Pasadena Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines has more than equalled the demand in this and other sections of Alaska. The clipping which accompanied your letter is identical with a number which have been sent to this office recently, and like the others, has served to mislead people with regard to the opportunities in this Territory.

This office has never issued any statements to the Press to the effect that there was any demand for laborers or mechanics in this Territory. At the present time it would be inadvisable for anyone to come to Alaska looking for employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1915.

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Mr. Henry Biese,
21 Herriman Avenue,
Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the only bookbindery in Alaska is located in Juneau.

Gold miners of the Fairbanks district receive from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per day.

The temperature in winter at that place some times falls as low as 50 degrees below zero, but the average winter temperature is probably around 20 below. The summer months are almost uniformly dry and warm, and many kinds of vegetables and some grains are grown in that section.

The usual route of travel to Fairbanks from the States in the summer time is via Seattle, Wash to Skagway, Alaska, thence to White Horse, Y. T. by rail, a distance of 110 miles, and by steamer from there down the Yukon River to Tanana, Alaska, and up the Tanana River to Fairbanks. This trip would require about two weeks time from Seattle to Fairbanks.

For more than a year past the supply of labor in mining and practically all other lines has been quite equal to the demand, and this condition still obtains.

The winter months in Alaska are December, January, February and March. The climate of the coast section is much similar to that of the Puget Sound region except that the winters are a little colder. It is seldom, however, that the temperature drops below zero at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Edwin V. Anderson,
2638 N. Halsted Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th inst., you are advised that there is no literature published in this Territory on the subject of wages and work conditions. For your further information, I would say that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines has been quite equal to the demand in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. John Rebinski,
95 Fortfield Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that at the present time there are few opportunities for employment in this Territory. For more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines has quite equalled the demand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 29, 1925.

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Mr. Joseph L. Mohr,
20 Carlton Avenue,
Port Washington, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines in this Territory has been quite equal to the demand. This office cannot at the present time advise any one to come to Alaska looking for employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1918.

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Mr. James T. Jeffries,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter written at Astoria, Ore. and addressed to the Governor advising that you were leaving in a few days for Ship Creek (Anchorage, Alaska) to become a permanent resident of that section and to engage in the practice of law.

In response to your request that blank forms of application, bond and all other papers necessary for a notarial commission be sent to you, I am enclosing herewith blank notarial bond and oath of office (on back of bond form) and beg to advise you that the bond should be executed with one or more sureties and you should also execute the oath of office, after which the bond should be sent to the clerk of the U. S. District Court at Valdez, for his approval. There is no application form provided. A letter addressed to the Governor asking that you be appointed a notary public and enclosing the legal fee of \$10.00 in the form of a postal money order, payable to the Governor, is all that is required.

When sending your bond to the clerk of the court at Valdez it would be well to ask him to forward it direct to this office after he has approved it. This will save time in the issuance of your commission.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Joseph C. Guida,
54 Tompkins place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that farming in Alaska is as yet an almost untried venture, and few people in various sections of the Territory have made something of a success of truck gardening in the vicinity of the larger towns, but little has been done in the way of farming.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture maintains experimental farms at Sitka, Kodiak and Fairbanks with a view to ascertaining what grains, fruits and vegetables are best suited to this Territory.

Quite a number of people have settled in the Cook Inlet region within the past year along the line of the government railroad which is now under construction. These people are of various nationalities, quite a number being of Swedish or Norwegian birth.

There are practically no manufacturing establishments in Alaska at the present time.

The opportunities for employment in this Territory are very few at the present time, the local supply in most cases being quite equal to the demand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Government.

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July 19, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas A. Heledy,
15 Rankin Avenue,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to the Governor, you are advised that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines in this Territory has been quite equal to the demand. This is true also of clerical help. The wages paid to laborers in this section are \$3.00 per day, mechanics \$5.00 to \$6.00. Men employed in the gold mines receive from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day. The salaries of clerks in stores and offices range from \$75.00 to \$150.00. The cost of living is fifty to one hundred percent greater than where you live.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1913.

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Mr. Al. Bringsan,
130 Dudley Street,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines has been quite equal to the demand, not only in Juneau but practically all other sections of Alaska. This condition will probably obtain until the labor situation in the States is materially improved. This office cannot advise anyone to come to Alaska at this time with a view of obtaining employment.

Regretting I cannot give you any more favorable reply,
I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 19, 1915.

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Public Affairs Information Service,
White Plains, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of the 9th inst. addressed to the Governor, and in response to your request, there are being sent to you under separate cover three copies of the Governor's Message to the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislative Assembly.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Miss Frances Heck,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing postal money order in the sum of \$10.00, and making application for appointment as a Notary Public for Alaska.

As soon as your bond has been received from the clerk of the court at Valdez a commission will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

12

Miss Virginia Bryson,
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant addressed to him, and to say that at the present time this office does not know of any available positions for stenographers, and it is not believed that it would be advisable for you to come to Alaska at this time.

Ever since the outbreak of the European war the demand for help of all kinds in this Territory has been quite fully met by the local supply, and this condition will probably obtain until there is a material improvement in business conditions in the states.

There is enclosed herewith a booklet issued by the Juneau Commercial Club which contains considerable information relative to Juneau and vicinity.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 20, 1915. O. P.

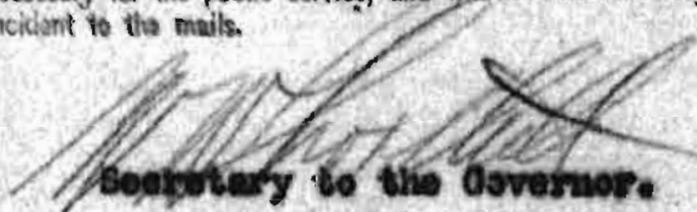
C. C. Georgesen, Secretary,

Sitka.

Returned this morning. Approve action relative painting Home buildings as per letters from you and Shoup. Also approve new form application prepared by Shoup.

STRONG, Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Mr. William L. Swornstott,
Assistant Manager,
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company,
Southern Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the execution of his new bond in the sum of \$7,000 and enclosing an application form to be signed by him, I beg to transmit herewith the application form which has been signed this date by the Governor who has just returned to Jaxson.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Mr. B. T. Justesen,
Secret Service Bureau,
Manila, P. I.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo addressed to him, requesting information with regard to the requirements for admission to the bar in Alaska and the opportunities for the practice of that profession in this Territory.

In reply, I beg to advise that the requirements for admission in this Territory are somewhat similar to those of many of the states. There is enclosed herewith an extract copy of an Alaska code which refers to admission of persons desiring to practice law. Attorneys who have been admitted to practice before the highest court in any of the states are admitted upon presentation of a certificate from such court.

With respect to the opportunities for a young attorney in this Territory, I beg to advise that so far as this office is informed, practically every section of the Territory is quite well supplied with attorneys. It is impossible to advise anyone with respect to coming to Alaska to practice law or to engage in any other profession. Much depends upon the individual.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Mrs. Margaret Tretnow,
161 E. 58th St. N.,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting the assistance of this office in your efforts to obtain information with respect to the alleged marriage of Homer H. Ford and Caroline Vege which, it is claimed, took place some sixteen years ago at Eagle City, Alaska.

The records of the Registrar of vital statistics at Juneau have been searched but they fail to disclose any information relative to this case.

A letter is being addressed to the Clerk of the United States District Court at Fairbanks, Alaska, asking him to communicate with the United States Commissioner at Eagle, Alaska, with a view to ascertaining what, if any, record the Commissioner's office contains with respect to the marriage in question.

Your letter states that the claim is made that a Notary Public performed the ceremony, but since Notaries are not authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in this Territory, it is assumed that probably the officer referred to was a United States Commissioner.

As soon as a reply has been received from the Clerk of the Court at Fairbanks you will be further advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Clerk of the Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit copy of letter of the 12th instant, addressed to this office by Mrs. Margaret Tretlow, who inquires with respect to a record of an alleged marriage of one Homer H. Ford and Caroline Vogt or Vought. You will note that claim is made that this marriage took place some sixteen years ago at Eagle City, Alaska, and that a Notary Public performed the ceremony.

Since Notaries are not authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in this Territory, I assume that the official referred to was probably a United States Commissioner.

Will you kindly communicate with the United States Commissioner at Eagle and ask him to search his records and furnish such information bearing on this case as may be found therein?

The records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Juneau have been searched but they fail to disclose any information relative to this case.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Mr. Jack Lindner,
403 Watkins Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that ever since the outbreak of the European war the local supply of labor in this Territory has quite equalled the demand, and you are advised that at the present time this office cannot recommend any one to come here with the expectation of securing employment.

There have recently appeared in the New York American and other Eastern papers items to the effect that there existed in Alaska a demand for laborers and mechanics and suggesting that this office be communicated with. As a result, we have received a large number of inquiries similar to yours, to all of which we have been obliged to reply in substance as above.

This office has never authorized the publication of a statement of any kind with reference to a demand for laborers and mechanics in Alaska and it is to be regretted that so many people have been misled by the publication of items which have appeared in the papers above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Editor of the New York American,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a clipping received in today's mail with a letter from a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. who makes inquiry as to opportunities in this Territory. Similar inquiries have been received from a large number of persons in New York City, Brooklyn and other places throughout the East based upon the same or similar items appearing in your paper. A previous item which appeared in your paper stated that wages were high in this Territory and that there was a great demand for laborers and mechanics.

Permit me to say that such statements are absolutely without foundation as there has been no demand for laborers or mechanics in this Territory beyond what could be met by the local supply for more than a year past, and in some parts of the Territory there have been a considerable number of unemployed laborers and mechanics.

It seems unfortunate that a paper of the character of the New York American should lend itself to the spreading of misinformation in such a manner.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Dr. Kamel Khoury,
4911 6th Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Governor, enclosing a clipping from a recent issue of the New York American, indicating that Alaska is in need of men.

In reply, I beg to advise you that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines in this Territory has been quite equal to the demand.

With reference to business opportunities, this office is not in position to advise, but in general it may be said that practically all lines of business for which any demand exists are quite well represented throughout the Territory.

This office has recently received a large number of inquiries similar to yours, occasioned by the publication of items in the New York American and other papers to the effect that a demand exists in Alaska for laborers, mechanics etc. These items have been published without the knowledge or authority of this office, which greatly regrets that so many people have been misled as to the conditions prevailing in Alaska at this time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Mr. F. H. Rixmann,
156 W. 106th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that for more than a year past the supply of labor in practically all lines in this Territory has been quite equal to the demand.

Recently there have appeared in numerous papers in the States items indicating that there was a demand for laborers and mechanics in this Territory and suggesting that this office be communicated with. As a result, a large number of inquiries have been received, to all of which we have been obliged to answer in substance as above. These items have been published without the knowledge or authority of this office, which greatly regrets that so many people have been misled as to the opportunities in this Territory at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Mr. Almere L. Scott,
Department of Debating & Public Discussion,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the operation of commissions in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that the only commission provided for by law in this Territory is the commission for the promotion of uniform legislation which was created by Act of the 1913 session of the Territorial Legislature. This commission consists of three members who serve without compensation. The 1913 session of the Legislature made provision for the expenses of the commission and approximately \$600.00 was expended during the years 1913-14 in connection with the work of the commission. The 1915 session of the Legislature failed to make an appropriation to cover the expenses of the commission for the succeeding two years and it is, therefore, without funds to carry on its work.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Honorable Charles A. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith find approved bond and oath of office of Thomas
A. Ross of Nome, Alaska, who desires appointment as a Notary Public.
Also find enclosed \$10.00 in currency to cover the legal fee for
the commission.

Kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's
signature.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Captain L. L. Bales,
General Delivery,
Seattle, Washington

My dear Captain Bales:

Enclosed herewith find letter to Mr. Deykin
which I trust may be of some service to you.

Wishing you ever success in your venture
and with assurance of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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Mr. J. C. Boykin,
Assistant to the Chairman,
Government Exhibit Board,
Panama-Pacific International Exposition,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Boykin:

This will serve to introduce Captain L. L. Bales
of Alaska.

Captain Bales has resided for many years in this
Territory and is thoroughly familiar with all sections. He has
devoted much time to the study of animal and plant life, and be-
cause of his knowledge of Alaska and its conditions, coupled with
his ability, he is peculiarly fitted to talk of Alaska and its
resources.

Captain Bales desires to show photographic and other
exhibits of this Territory purely for broad educational purposes,
and it has occurred to me that you may be able to render him assis-
tance in securing quarters in which to display his exhibits and
deliver lectures. I shall, therefore, esteem it a favor if you
will kindly co-operate with Captain Bales in any way possible.

With assurance of my personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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July 21, 1915.

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J. H. Cobb, Esq.,
Territorial Counsel,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Chapter 27 of the 1915 session laws of Alaska which provides for the creation of road districts in this Territory, carries with it an appropriation for the building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges throughout the Territory of 75% of all moneys now paid into the Treasury of the Territory or that may be paid in in the future as the Territory's proportion of receipts from sales in the Chugach and Tongass national forests.

Chapter 74 of the 1915 session laws which provides for a uniform system of schools for the Territory carries with it an appropriation (section 4 $\frac{1}{2}$) of 25% of moneys now paid in or which may hereafter be paid in to the Territorial Treasury as its proportion of receipts from sales in the Chugach and Tongass national forests.

I am directed by the Governor to request your written opinion on the question as to whether the appropriation contained in section 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ of chapter 74 would be in any way affected by a decision of the courts declaring chapter 27 invalid.

In considering the matter of the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction under the provisions of chapter 74, the question arises as to whether or not it is safe to proceed in this matter and to inaugurate the work contemplated by the Act pending the determination of the suit brought to test the validity of chapter 27. It is the opinion of this office that the provisions of chapter 74 will not be in any way affected by whatever determination may be made of the pending suit in connection with chapter 27, but before disposing of the matter of the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction the Governor desires your opinion on the question above stated. Will you kindly submit your opinion in duplicate?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 31, 1915.

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The Commanding Officer,
Benicia Arsenal,
Benicia, California.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Thane Rifle Club, Thane, Alaska, I am transmitting herewith two requisitions which have been approved by me for arms, appendages and ammunition for the Thane Rifle Club, and letter of the 15th instant addressed to you by the Secretary of the Club enclosing San Francisco draft in your favor in the sum of \$310.00 to cover the purchase price of the stores, freight and packing charges thereon.

Please note the shipping directions on the requisitions to the effect that the stores should be shipped to the Thane Rifle Club at Thane, Alaska. A requisition recently sent to you by the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. requested that that shipment be sent to the Thane Rifle Club care of Governor's office at Sitka, Alaska. This was a mistake as the point of destination should have been shown as Thane and not Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 31, 1915.

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Mr. James M. Lahr, Secretary,
Thane Rifle Club,
Thane, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor enclosing two requisitions for arms, appendages and ammunition and letter addressed by you to the Commanding Officer, Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, transmitting San Francisco draft payable to his order in the sum of \$310.00.

Governor Strong has approved the requisitions and they will go forward by first registered mail together with your letter and draft.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

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Mr. C. L. McGill,
Thane, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McGill:

Referring to that portion of your letter of the 21st instant, which relates to the matter of issuance of a Notary Commission to you, I am enclosing herewith Notary bond form which contains also an oath of office form on the back thereof.

Should you wish to secure a Commission kindly execute the bond with one or more sureties and also execute the oath of office. When this has been done the bond should be sent to Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk of the District Court of Junesau, for his approval, with the request that when the same has been approved it be forwarded to this office. You should also address a letter to this office making application for appointment as a Notary Public, and should transmit therewith the sum of \$10.00, preferably in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor, to cover the legal fee for the Commission. Upon receipt of the application fee and approved bond a Commission will be issued to you.

The law requires that every Notary should provide himself with an official seal. The Seattle Stamp Works and the Lowman & Hanford Co., Seattle, are makers of Notarial seals and you can probably obtain one for from \$2.50 to \$3.50. There is no concern in this Territory which makes such seals.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

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Mr. Alexander Long,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to say that I am enclosing herewith a copy of chapter 64 of the 1915 session laws of Alaska, commonly known as the Alaska Pension Act. Blank forms of application for allowance under this Act have been furnished to all United States Commissioners, and if you should wish to make application for a pension under the Act you can obtain the necessary blank by calling upon your United States Commissioner. The application should be forwarded to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 28, 1918.

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Dr. H. H. Seymour,
Commissioner of Public Health,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo addressed to the Secretary of the State Board of Health at Sitka, Alaska, which has been forwarded to this office.

The Governor is ex-officio Commissioner of Health for Alaska but there is no health board. No report is published by the Commissioner of Health but the subject of public health and health conditions is briefly considered in the Governor's annual report on conditions in the Territory, and I am sending to you under separate cover a copy of the last report he issued.

Permit me to thank you in behalf of the Governor for the annual reports of your Bureau of Public Health for the years 1911-12-13 which you have forwarded.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1935.

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Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There have recently been received at this office a number of communications addressed to Mr. James M. Lahr, Secretary of the Thane Rifle Club, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Sitka, Alaska. For the information of your office, I beg to advise that the Governor's office is located at Juneau, which has been the capital[&] of Alaska since September 8th, 1906.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

Mr. Charles W. Dunn,
c/o Dunn's Pure Food and Drug Legal Manual Corporation,
Mutual Life Building,
32 Liberty Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 9th instant as to whether any drug laws have been enacted in Alaska, I beg to advise that the first session of the Alaska Legislature which convened in March 1913, passed an Act for the regulation of the practice of pharmacy in this Territory. I am requesting the Secretary of the Pharmacy Board to send a copy of the law to you.

Enclosed herewith you will find an extract copy of sections 2038 and 2580 of the "Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913" which relate to the drug business. The Federal laws relating to the dispensing of drugs are, of course, in force in this Territory, the same as in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 22, 1915. O. D.

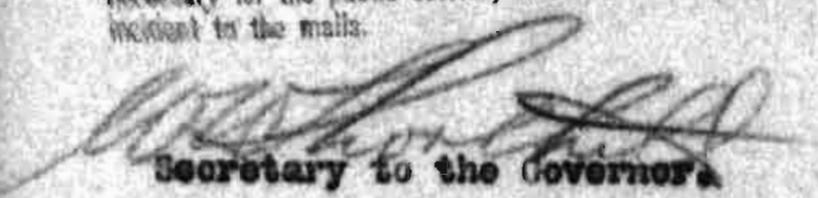
Senator J. H. Tanner,

Skagway.

Will you please forward to this office by mail the address of Edward I. Wade.

Strong, Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

Mr. Floyd D. Iyas,
Secretary, Pharmacy Board,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to request that you forward to this office a few copies of the pharmacy act. We occasionally receive inquiries for the law, and have no copies on hand at present.

Also, please mail a copy of the act to the following address:

Mr. Charles W. Dunn,
Mutual Life Building,
33 Liberty Street,
New York City.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1913.

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Mr. O. W. Baird,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment mentioned. When the appointment is made all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Miss Margaret Keenan,

Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment mentioned. When the appointment is made all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Professor L. B. Henderson,
C/O Y. H. C. Ass,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juno. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment mentioned. When the appointment is made all applicants will be advised.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(Copy addressed to you at Juno, also.)

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. Frank G. Davis,

Allens Mills, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juncos. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment mentioned. When the appointment is made all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. F. X. Karver,
Fairbanks, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment in question. When the appointment is made all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. F. A. Knowlton,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment in question. When the appointment is made, all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1918.

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Professor W. F. Parish,
Pacific, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment in question. When the appointment is made, all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mrs. Anna Sloan Walker,
5002 14th Avenue, N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment in question. When the appointment is made, all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mrs. George Lacy,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court in a suit recently brought against the Territory at Juneau. This suit involves the disposition of certain Territorial funds, a portion of which would be required for the payment of the salary and expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. As it is not known at this time when a decision will be had nor whether the case will be appealed from such decision, it becomes necessary to postpone action in respect to the appointment in question. When the appointment is made, all applicants will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Honorable Charles R. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to transmit herewith letter of the 16th instant addressed to this office by Mr. D. F. Millard, of Valdez, Alaska, who states that his material commission, issued under date of April 17, 1915, was destroyed in the fire which occurred in Valdez on the morning of the 15th instant. Mr. Millard requests the issuance of a duplicate commission.

The Governor requests that you have prepared for his signature a duplicate of the commission issued to Mr. Millard, bearing the same date, and marked: "Duplicate--original destroyed by fire July 15, 1915."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. D. F. Hillard,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that in response to the request contained in your letter of the 16th instant a duplicate notarial commission will be issued to you and forwarded by first mail. There will be no charge therefor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mrs. Mae Faulk,

Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter addressed to this office in the early part of June, I am directed by the Governor to request that you kindly arrange to call and see the Governor the first of next week if convenient for you to do so, or to advise when you can call.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. W. G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your report for the fiscal quarter ended June 30th, 1915.

The warrants which accompanied your report are herewith returned for your files.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Honorable Arthur G. Shoup, Superintendent,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21st with reference to painting the Alaska Pioneers' Home building, together with a copy of a notice that you issued for bids for white lead etc.

I trust that you will receive reasonable bids and that the work may be done as speedily as circumstances will permit.

I am glad to know that Professor Georgeson is taking an active and helpful interest in the institution. I was convinced that he would and I am glad to know that he is co-operating with you so heartily. I am also glad to know that the Board elected you superintendent.

Upon my return to Juneau on Monday I found that the voucher for your salary was still in the hands of the Territorial Treasurer and I instructed him to forward you the warrant for your salary.

It is my intention to visit Sitka sometime in the immediate future.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of two Acts passed by the Alaska Legislature, second session 1915, entitled respectively, "an Act to amend section 324 of chapter 2 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska", and "an Act to provide for a uniform system of schools for the Territory of Alaska", and I have to respectfully request that an opinion be had from the proper authority as to the validity of these laws. The Act to amend section 324 of chapter 2 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, it will be noticed, makes some radical changes, while the Act of the Legislature providing for a uniform system of schools provides for the creation of a Territorial Board of Education and the creation of the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. In this connection I desire to point out that the expenses of such Board and the payment of the salary of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will be borne solely by the Territory.

Before attempting to carry out the provisions of these Acts, therefore, I would like to have, at the earliest possible moment, an opinion from the proper officer as to the validity of such Legislation.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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July 23, 1918.

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Mr. H. E. Weymouth,
Basement P. O. Building,
Bakersfield, California

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 24th which I found awaiting me here upon my return from an official visit through the Territory.

With reference to your inquiry as to the prospects for organizing an insurance company in Alaska, I feel that I am not fully competent to arrive at a correct conclusion, by reason of the fact that I am not familiar with insurance affairs.

It is true, I believe, that Alaska is a profitable field for insurance of all kinds but whether the Territory could support an insurance company of its own, so to speak, is problematical. I would, therefore, suggest that an investigation of the field be made by some competent person before an attempt at organizing a company is made.

With the expected growth of population in Alaska and largely increased development along various lines, there is no doubt in my mind that Alaska within a short time should offer a good field for an insurance company of the kind mentioned in your letter.

If I can be of any further service to you in this matter please command me.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 23rd (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) enclosing a letter from Matthew F. Collins, Marshall, Alaska, addressed to Honorable James D. Phelan, United States Senate, complaining of the conduct of Frank Waskey, Mining Recorder of the Wade Hampton Mining Precinct, Alaska.

I have just returned from an official visit through various sections of the Territory, and while in Nome I investigated the complaint against Waskey and, as far as I could determine, the facts are about as follows: A gold discovery was made in what is now known as the Wade Hampton Mining and Recording District in 1913, and at the time of the discovery the miners located in the district met and organized a mining precinct and elected a mining recorder who recorded a number of mining claims. Subsequently the judge of the second Judicial Division established the Wade Hampton mining precinct in accordance with law and Frank H. Waskey was appointed United States Commissioner and ex-officio mining recorder, with headquarters at Marshall. Waskey, it appears, ignored the act of the miners in establishing a mining precinct and in electing a recorder and required the locators of mining claims who had recorded with the former mining recorder to again record their claims in his office. In doing this it probably was strictly within his rights. The matter, however, seems to have been the cause of considerable dissatisfaction on the part of the miners.

Mr. Waskey was Alaska's first delegate to Congress. I have known him for many years and I believe that he is strictly honest and would not knowingly be guilty of any dishonest act.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. W. D. F. Dodson, Secretary,
Trade & Commerce Bureau,
Chamber of Commerce,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 15th, in which you state that your commercial interests have been considerably exercised over a recent decision of the Federal Court for the Third Judicial Division, Alaska, declaring the necessity for a company operating from outside of Alaska to obtain a license for the performance of any commercial transaction therein, and asking whether anything has been done by the commercial interests of Alaska to mitigate this situation.

In reply I have to advise you that, so far as this office is informed, no such action has been taken. This being the decision of the court it would seem that there is little or nothing any of the commercial bodies of Alaska can do in the premises. An appeal from the decision of the Alaska court to higher court would be the proper procedure.

Very truly yours,

Governor,

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July 23, 1918.

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Mr. E. C. Austin, ✓
Road Commissioner,
Division No. 1,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19th together with vouchers for certain services rendered on the Charcoal Project Road Project.

As you are aware, the law providing for the division of the forest reserve fund among the respective Judicial Divisions, and the creation of the office of Road Commissioner therein, has been attacked and is now before the Judge of the Court for the first Judicial Division for an adjudication, the case having been argued yesterday. It is hoped, therefore, that an early decision will be had and that within a short time these bills which you have incurred will be paid. I regret to state that there is nothing this office can do to expedite their settlement or it would gladly be done. The only function that the Governor of Alaska has to perform in this matter is the counter-signing of the vouchers, and this I am ready to do just as soon as I am advised that the Territorial Treasurer will pay the bills.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Captain Fred Warner,
Commanding S. S. Alameda,
Alaska Steamship Company,
Seattle, Washington

My dear Captain Warner:

Permit me on behalf of myself and Mrs. Strong to express my sincere appreciation of the courteous treatment and great consideration accorded us on our recent trip on your steamer from Seward to Anchorage and return and thence to Juneau, by yourself, your officers and crew.

While I have made many voyages through the waters of Alaska, this was the most pleasant in every way that I have experienced, and the pleasure was enhanced by the courteous treatment received by all the passengers of the Alameda. Rest assured that I shall ever retain pleasant memories of this most delightful trip.

With assurance of my personal esteem, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. John W. Ruhl,
264 Main Street,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of July 12th, I have to advise you that at the present time the supply of labor of all kinds in Alaska exceeds the demand. Alaska, however, is a young man's country and the success to be achieved will largely depend upon the man himself. I cannot, however, advise you to come to Alaska at this time as disappointment might result. You might keep in touch with the country, however, as conditions are likely to be greatly improved by next year.

I am enclosing herewith copy of circular containing general information about Alaska, which I trust may be of some use to you.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Governor.

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July 23rd, 1918.

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Mr. John J. Sheehy, Jr.,
5335 S. May Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Sheehy:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 13th, in which you asked for information as to engineering work in Alaska.

In reply, I have to advise you that I know of no openings for a stationary engineer at this time. You might, however, write to the following mining companies for such information as you may desire:

Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,	Treadwell, Alaska
Alaska-Gastineau Mining Co	Juneau, Alaska
Alaska-Juneau Mining Co.	" "
Kennecott Mining Co.	Kennecott, Alaska

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Robert C. Root and
H. H. Bell,
Joint Secretaries,
International Peace Congress,
1355 Van Ness Avenue,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to attend the great International Peace Congress, which will be held in San Francisco October 10th, 11th, 12th, 1915.

In reply, I have to advise you that it will give me great pleasure to be present on that occasion if my official duties will permit my leaving Alaska at that time.

I may add that I am in entire sympathy with the purpose of the Congress.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

Honorable E. J. Watson, President,
National Drainage Congress,
302 Union National Bank Building,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of June 24th, in which you request that I name and appoint fifteen delegates to represent Alaska at the sessions of the Fifth National Drainage Congress to be held at San Francisco September 17th to 21st, 1915, I have to advise you that I regret that it is inexpedient for me to comply with your request at this time, inasmuch as it will be impossible to secure the attendance of such delegates at the Congress.

With best wishes for the success of the meeting, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of June 12th, requesting me to appoint delegates to attend the seventh annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology to be held in Salt Lake City August 16th, I regret to advise you that it will be inexpedient for me to make such appointments in view of the impossibility to secure the attendance of delegates at that meeting.

With best wishes for the success of the Institute, I
am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

Mr. George L. Schon,
General Secretary, The American Prison Association,
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of June 16th, requesting me to name delegates to the annual meeting of the American Prison Association to be held in Oakland, California, October 9th to 14th, 1915, I have to advise you that it is deemed inexpedient to appoint delegates to attend that meeting because of the impossibility to secure the attendance of such delegates.

Expressing the hope that the meeting may be abundantly successful, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. James Wylie,

Care Alaska Gastineau Mining Co.,

Carlson Creek, via Juneau.

My dear Jim:

You will remember that some time ago I spoke to you about the position of Janitor for the Governor's offices and residence in Juneau. The duties are various, but entail no great physical labor, strict attention to business being the particular thing to be desired, coupled with doing the work right. The salary is \$100 per month. I knew that you could fill the position excellently, but I do not know that you would be willing to accept it. Should you desire to do so I would first desire to have a talk with you so as to explain just what services you would be expected to render. If you cannot make a trip up will you write me as to whether you will accept the position or not. I am convinced that you can fill it to my satisfaction. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, as if you will accept I would expect you to commence work on August first or as soon as possible thereafter.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

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Mr. Edward I. Wade,
Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have an opening for a stenographer and typewriter in the Governor's office, and in view of the letter from you which I found awaiting me here upon my return from Nome, I am writing you to say that if you would like the position I would consider your application upon being informed as to your qualifications therefor. The work requires a skillful stenographer and typewriter, and one who is at all times willing to perform such duties as may be assigned him. The salary is \$1,800 per year, or \$150 per month.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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