

November 23, 1915

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r. G. C. Georgetown, Secretary,

Alaska Department of Fish and Game,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely,
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Very truly yours,

Enc.

Very truly yours,

November 23, 1915

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Mr. William Bennard,
Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application for allowance under Chapter 64 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, I have to advise you that the Board is of the opinion that, instead of being granted an allowance, it would be much better for you were you to enter the Pioneers' Home at Sitka. The Home is well conducted, is comfortable in every respect, and is, in no sense, an asylum for the poor, but rather what its name implies—a home for the pioneers of Alaska. The Board is of the opinion that it would be better for you, physically and mentally, were you an inmate of that institution rather than to receive the small allowance under the above-cited law.

With this end in view, I am enclosing herewith an application for admittance to the Home. If it should meet your views, you will fill out the application in the required manner, and you will be received at the Home upon presentation of the application to Superintendent Sheup.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Mr. Charles J. Grundstrom,
927 Winfield street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the fifth instant, addressed to the
"Secretary of State, Sitka," has been referred to this of-
fice.

In reply you are advised that the Territory of Alaska
does not publish a "blue book." A list of officials is con-
tained in the annual report of the Governor, however, and
your name will be placed on the mailing list for a copy of
the 1915 report, which will probably be ready for distribu-
tion about the first of next year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1915

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SIR:

On April 14th last the Department transmitted to the Auditor for the Interior Department, certain vouchers covering deficiency mileage due to members of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature. Among these was a voucher in favor of W. T. Burns, whose address was given as Little Eldorado, Alaska, the amount of the voucher being \$104.25. A letter just received from Mrs. Burns advises that the warrant covering the voucher in question has not, as yet been received. She also explains that, some two months prior to April 14, 1915, the post office at Little Eldorado had been abandoned.

It will be appreciated if the Department will cause an inquiry to be made as to the warrant in question, which, when located, should be mailed to Mrs. William T. Burns, in care of W. E. Ketcham, 738 Thirty-fourth Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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

My dear Mr. Walker:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Game Warden Robert E. Steel, Eagle, Alaska, requesting to be furnished with copies of the regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals, and we are sending him a few copies from the supply which we have on hand.

It occurs to me that possibly the game wardens operating under this office might be of some assistance in giving information with respect to the fur regulations, and, I have no doubt, will gladly do so if furnished with copies of the regulations. I give you their names and addresses in the event you may deem it advisable to send a few copies of the regulations to each of them.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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LIST OF GAME WARDENS IN THE TERRITORY.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
J. A. Baughman	Seward
Peter S. Erickson	McCarthy
Aren Ericson	Anchorage
Andrew Heey	Fairbanks
J. F. McDonald	Juneau
R. S. McDonald	Fairbanks
Charles Neuhaus	Nome
Robert E. Steel	Eagle
Julius Sternberg	Wrangell

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Mrs. Alice Harriman,

1349 South Flower St.,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Harriman:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 28th, with reference to the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to state that, apart from the native schools of Alaska, which are conducted under the immediate supervision of the United States Board of Education, we have white schools to the number of 52, 14 of which are within incorporated cities, and 38, known as "Nelson" schools, outside of incorporated communities. These latter schools are so named from the fact that the law providing for them was fathered by Senator Nelson of Minnesota. The schools within incorporated towns are directly controlled by a board of school directors, and this is also true of schools outside of incorporated towns. The schools within incorporated towns are maintained, in part, by moneys received from federal license taxes, and, in part, by direct taxation. The schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained by license taxes levied by the Federal Government, and paid into what is known

as the "Alaska Fund," 25 per cent. of which is set aside for the support of these schools.

I may add that the schools of Alaska are generally well conducted; for the most part the teachers having charge of them are either normal school or university graduates, often both, and, as a result, they are usually efficient, and the teachers are doing a good work.

High schools are maintained in the towns of Juneau, Douglas, Skagway, Ketchikan, Valdez, Fairbanks, Nome, Seward, and Wrangell, and graduates of these schools are admitted, without examination, to the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of white schools in Alaska during the school year 1914-15 was \$267,632.92, of which \$106,806 was for schools in incorporated communities, and \$161,426.92 for schools outside of incorporated towns. The total number of pupils enrolled was 8,803.

I am enclosing herewith a few photographs (the only ones available), which may be useful to you in your forthcoming article.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of service to you, and with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor

November 26, 1915

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Mr. J. G. Schwab, Librarian,
Yale University Library,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 18th ultimo, requesting to be supplied with copies of the Governor's reports from the year 1908 to date.

In reply I regret to advise that our supply of reports for the years in question has been exhausted, and we are unable to furnish any of them.

Your library will be placed upon our mailing list for a copy of the 1915 report, which will be ready for distribution early in the new year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 28, 1915

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Prof. C. C. Geergesen,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Referring to your recent request for a list of the United States commissioners in the Territory, I enclose herewith a revised list of the commissioners in the Third Judicial Division. This list has been furnished by the Clerk of the Court at Valdez, and has been brought down to November 19, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

**LIST OF UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS IN THE
THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION**

Name	Headquarters	Precinct
N. E. Belchanin	Unalaska	Alutian Ids.
L. H. French	Dillingham	Bristol Bay
Wm. O'Connor	Chitina	Chitina
G. Parker Smith	Copper Center	Copper Center
Edward F. Medley	Cordova	Cordova
Lee Van Slyke	Susitna	Cook Inlet
Fred Phillips	Iliamna	Iliamna
Robert D. Gray	Katalla	Kayak
Leopold David	Anchorage	Knik
S. Irvine Stone	Kodiak	Kodiak
M. J. Conroy	Seward	Kenai
J. J. Cavana	Naknek	Kvichak
F. G. Driffield	Unga	Unga
Geo. J. Love	Valdes	Valdes
Anthony McGottigan	Chisana	White River

With Powers of Justice of the Peace only.

W. R. Paddis	McCarthy	Chitina
Rayden D. Chase	Anchorage	Knik
H. M. Spaulding	Knik	Knik
Estey Ward	Ellamar	Valdes

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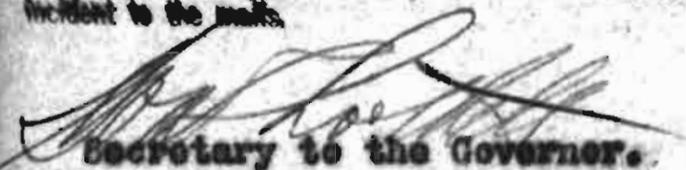
Juneau, November 26, 1915. O. B. Ans.

Bronneman, Marshal, VALDEZ.

Hoffman commission issued November second. Mailed to Hoffman at Chisana
instead care your office through oversight of Secretary's office.

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.

November 26, 1915

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Hon. J. H. Cobb,
Chief Counsel,
Territory of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a voucher signed by Mr. Ed. Wood, road commissioner, Third Road District, Alaska, in favor of O. E. Lambert and H. A. Slater, for the sum of \$100, "for services as assistant road commissioners to Ed. Wood, road commissioner for the Third Division of Alaska, in supervising construction of road running from the southerly border of Cordova, Alaska, to cemetery and old town, constructed by Bartley Howard, Cordova, Alaska, under contract with said road commissioner, dated September 7, 1915."

While I am clearly of the opinion that the assistant road commissioners authorized by Chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, are clearly entitled to compensation for their services, the law seems to make no provision for such payment. I have, therefore, to request that you will advise this office as to the legality of compensating assistant road commissioners for services rendered under this act.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Mr. H. R. Ross,
Road Commissioner,
Fourth Road District,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For reasons set forth in my letters to you of October 29, November 2 and 6, and in accordance with the opinion of Territorial Counsel Cobb, a copy of which was also forwarded to you, I am returning herewith vouchers, in duplicate, numbered 26, 27, 28, 29, 40 and 41, for such corrections as you may be able to make in order to comply with the provisions of Chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Mrs. A. R. May,

Allagan, Michigan

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the death of Melvin Dempsey, concerning which this office received a letter from you of October ninth, I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. C. Parker Smith, United States Commissioner at Copper Center, Alaska, for your information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Mr. Sumner S. Smith,
U. S. Mine Inspector,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Mr. Smith:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 20, with reference to the case instituted against the superintendent of the Ellamar Mining Company, for refusal to comply with the provisions of the Territorial act relating to the inspection of mines, etc.

With reference to this suit I have to say that, immediately upon receipt of your first telegram, I took up the matter with Territorial Counsel Cobb, who advised me that it was clearly the duty of the United States Attorney for the Third Judicial Division to prosecute the case, the amendment to the Organic Act approved August 29, 1914, having imposed such duty upon the various United States attorneys for the Territory of Alaska. I, therefore, telegraphed United States Attorney Spence, asking for his reasons for refusing to prosecute, my intention being, if Mr. Spence's reasons were found valid, to take up the matter with the Attorney-General and

request him to designate the Territorial Council to handle the matter. However, the following day I received a wire from Mr. Spence, stating that, after further investigation, he had concluded that it was his duty to act. I, therefore, trust that, so far as the prosecution of the case is concerned, this matter has been satisfactorily adjusted.

I am pleased to note that you and Mr. Maloney are co-operating, and I trust that you will be successful in your efforts to secure compliance with the mine inspection act.

Kindly communicate the contents of this letter to Mr. Maloney.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 24, 1918

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Mrs. Theo. V. Conner,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 24, with reference to your appointment to the Board of Children's Guardians, for the First Judicial Division of Alaska.

Permit me to say that I am pleased to note that you will accept this appointment, as I am sure that you will render excellent service. Your formal appointment is transmitted herewith.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Res.

Governor

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Mr. E. A. Bishop,
United States Marshal,
Division Number One,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to advise that, under the provisions of Chapter 22, of the Alaska Territorial Session Laws, entitled "An Act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians, and for other purposes," approved April 24, 1913, I have today appointed Mrs. Thomas V. Connor, of Douglas, Alaska, as the woman member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of the Territory, for a period of three years, without compensation.

Mrs. Connor has been appointed in the place of Mrs. John G. Heid, of Juneau, who tendered her resignation a few days ago.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

November 27, 1915

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Hon. Robert W. Jennings,
United States District Judge,
Division Number One,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that, under the provisions of Chapter 32, of the Alaska Territorial Session Laws, entitled "An Act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians, and for other purposes," approved April 24, 1913, I have today appointed Mrs. Thomas V. Connor, of Douglas, Alaska, as the woman member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of the Territory, for a period of three years, without compensation.

Mrs. Connor has been appointed in the place of Mrs. John G. Reid, of Juneau, who tendered her resignation a few days ago.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Mrs. Thomas V. Connor,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Under the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Alaska Territorial Session Laws, entitled "An act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians, and for other purposes," approved April 24, 1913, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of Alaska, for a period of three years from this date, without compensation.

The other members of the Board for the First Judicial Division are the Hon. Robert W. Jennings, Judge of the District Court, and Mr. H. A. Bishop, United States Marshal.

A copy of the act above mentioned is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

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Major F. C. Boggs,
Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Chief of Office, the Panama Canal,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the eleventh instant, and to thank you for the ten copies of the Official Handbook of the Panama Canal, which have also been received.

In response to your courteous offer, it will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly place the Governor's office upon your mailing list for the Canal Record.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk of the District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you book of vouchers and affidavit of J. R. Chambers, dated the 18th instant, and executed in connection with disbursements made by him on behalf of Peter Norberg, when he accompanied from Fairbanks to Juneau.

Upon arrival at Juneau early in the morning of the 18th instant, Mr. Chambers took Mr. Norberg to the Bergmann Hotel, where this office had previously arranged for him to be taken care of during his stay in Juneau, awaiting the departure of the steamer Georgia for Sitka. Mr. Chambers met Hon. Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, on the street, after the boat landed, and, as it was before office hours, he turned over to Mr. Davidson, the book of vouchers and the affidavit above referred to, together with \$13.80 in cash. The vouchers, affidavit and money were subsequently turned over to me by Secretary Davidson.

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The \$13.50 in cash, turned over by Mr. Chambers, has been used in the payment of expenses of Mr. Norberg as follows:

Steamer fare, berth and meals on the steamer Georgia, Juneau to Sitka, as per receipt dated November 23, and signed by the Manager of the Juneau Steamship Co..... \$12.50

Breakfast and lunch for Norberg, on November 18, as per receipt signed by M. E. Bergmann... 1.00

In a letter addressed to this office, Judge Bunnell advised that he had furnished Mr. Chambers with \$125 in cash to pay Norberg's transportation and other expenses from Fairbanks to Sitka. The affidavit executed by Chambers shows disbursements of \$111.60, which would leave a balance of \$13.40 on hand upon arrival at Juneau. However, as above stated, he turned over \$13.50 to Secretary Davidson, and the same amount was turned over to me, and has been expended for Mr. Norberg, as above shown. Mr. Norberg's hotel bill, while in Juneau, with the exception of the \$1. shown above, has been paid from the Territorial Indigent Fund.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

States District Court being at Juneau. The Second Judicial Division embraces northwestern Alaska, eastward to the 148th meridian, thence south to the Endicott range of mountains, from which it pursues an irregular course to the 163d degree of longitude, thence south to the mouth of the Kuskoquim river; the Third Judicial Division embraces what is popularly known as "Southwestern Alaska," including the Aleutian group of islands, and thence the line follows an irregular course to the summit of the Alaskan range of mountains east to the 141st meridian; Judicial Division No. 4 comprises all the interior region between the boundaries of the Second and Third Judicial Divisions.

I am also forwarding to your address a copy of a circular letter giving general information concerning Alaska, the report of the agricultural experiment stations for the year 1914 (the latest available), and a copy of the report of the United States Geological Survey on the mineral resources of Alaska.

Trusting that this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Thomas B. Drayton,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November eighth, in which you ask for certain detailed information respecting the Territory, and such printed data as may be available in order to familiarize yourself with the laws and legislative proceedings of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting to your address, under separate cover, a copy of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, which I believe will meet your requirements, as the volume contains the Organic Act, the titles and functions of the various territorial officials, and other information.

In addition, I may say that Alaska, for judicial purposes, is divided into four units, known as "judicial divisions;" their geographical limits, however, can only be obtained from a specially prepared map. However, roughly speaking, the First Judicial Division embraces all of southeastern Alaska to the 141st meridian; the east of the United

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Miss Isabel A. Gilman,
Rampart, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 23d, in which you ask for a copy of the report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that no copies of the report have been received from Washington, where it is printed; but, as soon as a supply is received, a copy will be forwarded to your address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 27, 1915

Mr. W. G. Weigle,
Forest Supervisor,
Tongass National Forest,
Ketchikan, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

Complaints have been received at this office respecting alleged insanitary conditions at Tenakes, Alaska. As I am somewhat at a loss to know just what control your Bureau exercises in this matter, at that place, I would esteem it a favor if you will kindly advise me as to your attitude in the premises.

In this connection, and for your further information, I am enclosing herewith a letter from Dr. P. Wilberforce, of Tenakes, to Dr. E. M. Davis, Assistant Health Commissioner for the First Judicial Division. Dr. Wilberforce is now in Juneau and, in a talk with him today, he confirms every statement made in his letter, besides pointing out that numbers of persons, both white and Indian, with various skin and other diseases, bathe indiscriminately in the bath-house at Tenakes, as well as wash their bedding and clothing in its waters.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 27, 1915

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

Dear Mr. Sheup:

A voucher of W. P. Mills Co., Inc., was forwarded by this office to the Territorial Treasurer for payment a few days ago. I am advised that the voucher was a subject of discussion from the same old source, which source you will readily understand, and which I need not name.

One item of objection, I understand, was the fact that tea had been purchased in one-pound lots, and other objections of a critical nature were urged, statements having been made which I would only repeat to you personally, and not by letter. Of course, while little attention need be paid to such irresponsible statements, still it is well to avoid, wherever possible, anything that might lead to deserved criticism.

I also understand that comments were made as to the prices charged by the W. P. Mills Co., it being alleged that they were excessive, but, upon being questioned, the complainant was not able to say in what important particular

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except, I believe, in the case of the amount charged for cabbage.

In this connection, do you think it would be advisable to call for bids for, say, three months' supplies in advance? I have no doubt that some of the complaints made originate in Sitka and are transmitted by the Sitka complainants to Juneau. However, you are more familiar with the Sitka situation than I can possibly be. Of course, you will understand that I am perfectly satisfied that the prices charged for supplies by the W. P. Mills Co. are as good as, and probably better than, can be obtained elsewhere. You will remember that a year or so ago, when bids were called for from a number of firms represented in Juneau, we received only one reply, and a comparison of the prices submitted showed that W. P. Mills Company's bid was better than the one received, freight, etc., being taken into consideration. I would, therefore, suggest that you take up this matter and discuss it fully with Messrs. Mills and Georgeson, and let me have the benefit of your joint opinion as to the best course of procedure to be followed.

I am getting somewhat tired of the loose, irresponsible talk and criticism of some of the self-appointed censors of

the Pioneers' Home, and it is my opinion that they should be effectually silenced, if it be considered worth while to do so.

You will please consider this letter as being only for the information of yourself and Messrs. Mills and Georgeson.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

O. B. GOVT. NIGHT, PAID.

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Juneau, Alaska, November 29, 1915. 52-57K

HENRY FORD,

Hotel Biltmore,

NEW YORK.

Replying your telegram twenty-eighth greatly regret unable to accept your generous invitation to attend international peace conference. Express fervently the hope that conference may be crowned with success and that very soon over all the earth shall be spread forever the mantle of peace.

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.

O. D. Govt. HIGH PAID.

(15¢ for 20 words
& 1¢ ad each addnl)
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JUNEAU, November 29, 1915.

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J. C. Boykin,

Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, Calif.

Replying yours twenty-eighth. As contributors mineral exhibits Alaska did not request return, approve your plan distribute them in National and local museums.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

November 29, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith application of Mr. J. H. Smith, Anchorage, Alaska, dated the 6th instant, asking appointment as a notary public, together with postal money order for ten dollars which has been endorsed payable to your order by the Governor, in whose favor it is drawn.

The application and order were received at this office with a notarial bond executed by Mr. Smith, which, however, was not in proper form and has been returned to him with the request that he execute a new bond.

As this office is not provided with a safe the papers herewith transmitted are sent you at this time for safe keeping, pending the receipt of the bond and oath of office from Mr. Smith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

2 encls.

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November 20, 1915

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Mr. H. W. Phillips, Editor,
American Hotel Directory,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information relative to fishing regulations, seasons, etc., in this Territory, has been referred to Mr. Ernest P. Walker, Inspector of Fisheries, Wrangell, Alaska, with the request that he furnish you the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 20, 1915

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Inspector of Fisheries,
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Walker:

I beg to refer to you herewith, for answer, an inquiry of Mr. H. W. Phillips, Editor of the American Hotel Directory, Washington, D. C., who requests information with regard to the fishing regulations, seasons, etc., in this Territory.

Mr. Phillips is being advised that his letter has been referred to you for attention.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 1, 1915. O. B. Govt.

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Emil Hurja,

Seattle.

**As today wiring Henry Ford advising you are authorized
represent Alaska at International Peace Conference.**

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.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, DECEMBER 1, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT PAID.

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Henry Ford,

Biltmore Hotel, NEW YORK.

Earl Hurja of Seattle is authorized represent Alaska at International Peace Conference. He leaves Seattle for New York tonight.

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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The Star Merchandise Co.,

455 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to the Department of Labor and Statistics, has been delivered to this office.

In reply you are advised that there are no manufacturers of notions, small wares, buttons, bindings, tapes, etc., in Alaska at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 2, 1919

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Mr. Arthur Shea,
1120 South Main street,
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 18th, asking for a copy of the Thanksgiving Proclamation of the Governor of Alaska, I regret to advise you that we have no copies of this proclamation in printed form, or your request would be gladly complied with.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 2, 1915

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Mrs. Mary Sumner Boyd,
National American Woman Suffrage Ass'n,
305 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of November 23, in which you ask for information relative to the figures and rates of divorce in Alaska, for the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914, I have to advise you that this office cannot furnish you this data. You should write to the clerks of the United States district courts at the following places:

J. W. Bell	Juneau, Alaska
G. A. Adams	Nome, Alaska
Arthur Lang	Valdez, Alaska
J. E. Clark	Fairbanks, Alaska

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 2, 1915

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Mrs. Mary A. C. Gibson,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 22, together with the application of Manville E. Markham, for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that this application has been forwarded to the other members of the Board at Sitka for their action. If approved, the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Georgeon, will communicate directly with either you or Mr. Markham. I assume that the application will be allowed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 2, 1915

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Mr. G. C. Georgeson,
Secretary Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I am enclosing herewith the application of Manville
E. Markham, for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws
of Alaska, 1915, for such action as you and Mr. Mills may
see fit to take.

The applicant is the man whose application, made in
August last, seems to have gone astray in the mail.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 2, 1915

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Mr. J. W. Stewart,
Editor Stewart's Special,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of November 18th, I have to say that, in my opinion, the outlook for the various industries of Alaska, for the coming year, is most excellent. Mining development and expansion continue in southeastern Alaska, while the building of the Government railroad from Seward to the Interior will open up a promising mining and agricultural section of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 2, 1918

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Mr. J. A. Johnson,

647 Frederick street,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 22, and in reply I have to state that I am glad to note that your visit to Tenakee Springs did you so much good. I trust that your health has been permanently improved.

I have to thank you for the information contained in your letter as to conditions at Tenakee. I am well aware that it is a "tough" place, indeed, and will continue to be such, I fear, until a deputy marshal is stationed there. I have heard nothing from the Department of Justice with regard to such appointment, but I trust that it will be authorized within a short time. However, one can never tell.

I shall bear you in mind if I shall be able to be of any service to you.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

December 2, 1915

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Mr. E. H. Bodley,
338 Ontario Avenue,
Renovo, Clinton Co., Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 13th, in which you state your desire to secure employment as a machinist in Alaska.

In reply I have to state that this office is not informed as to the demand for machinists in the Territory, but assume that, if you are a capable workman, you might secure employment in time. It would probably be too much to expect to secure a job immediately upon arrival, however, and you should be in a financial position to maintain yourself while looking for work.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a pamphlet containing general information concerning Alaska. This office is not supplied with maps for distribution.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Res.

Governor

December 3, 1918

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Hon. R. F. Roth,
United States Attorney,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Roth:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. James P. Collins of Chena, Alaska, with reference to alleged violations of the eight-hour law. This letter is being forwarded for your information and such action as you may deem advisable in the premises.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 3, 1915

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Mr. James P. Collins,

Chena, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November tenth, with reference to the alleged violations of the eight-hour law in the mines of your district.

In reply I may say that this office had received no notice or intimation that the law was being systematically violated. I, therefore, shall take this matter up at once with the office of the United States Attorney at Fairbanks to the end that an investigation may be made and suitable action taken, if violations of the law are found.

The law is a valid law, in my opinion, notwithstanding that it was passed by the Territorial Legislature, and is being ridiculed and scoffed at, as intimated in your letter. The Legislature certainly had full authority to pass such a law, and its enforcement is as much a duty of the officials of the Territory as the enforcement of any law passed by the Congress of the United States, and is, in every way, entitled to as much respect.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 3, 1915

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Mr. Charles Krutwinger,
Flat City, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28th, in which you ask for a letter of introduction to some official of the construction department of the Government railroad. In reply, I am enclosing herewith a letter of introduction to Lieutenant Frederick Heard, whose headquarters are at Anchorage.

Expressing the hope that the letter may be of some service to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 3, 1915

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Lieut. F. Hears,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will serve to introduce Mr. Charles Krutinger, who is desirous of securing employment in the construction of the railroad. I understand that Mr. Krutinger is thoroughly acquainted with railroad construction, train and engine work, and it is possible that his services may be needed by the Commission.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 3, 1915.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of TWO DOLLARS in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as: "Refund to appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915".

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. A.

December 4, 1915

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Mr. James H. Sellers,
Cabrille Commercial Club,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21, in which you ask for certain information concerning Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no map of the route of the proposed government railroad from Seward, its coast terminus, to the Tanana valley, and I do not think that one has yet been issued. You might, however, write the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., for information on this point.

I understand that all lands suitable for townsites along the line of the railroad have been reserved by the Government. For further information on this point you are also advised to address the above commission.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 4, 1915

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, (initialed E. F.) advising settlement of my accounts for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1915, under certificate No. 1109, the same showing a debit difference of \$3, explained as follows:

"Voucher No. 17, J. F. A. Strong, June 21-24, tips to servants, 4 days @ 50¢, \$2. Tips to "servants" not authorized by Travel Regulations. Explanation required. Suspended... \$2

"Voucher No. 7, J. F. A. Strong, July 13 and 14, tips to servants and waiters, 2 days, \$1. Same objection as voucher 17 above. Suspended... 1
Debit difference explained \$3"

Attention is also invited to voucher No. 4, appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915," R. P. Nelson, \$4.20; check No. 411 issued in payment of the voucher in the sum of \$4.20.

Enclosed herewith find duplicate deposit slips No. 1, dated December 1, 1915, covering deposit of \$2 to my official credit, under the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915," to cover the shortage in my depository account, caused by the overpayment of \$3 to R. P. Nelson

by check No. 411, above referred to.

Also find enclosed duplicate certificate of deposit No. 968, dated December 3, 1915, covering repayment to appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915," on account of suspended item in connection with voucher No. 17 referred to above.

There is also enclosed duplicate deposit slip No. 1, dated December 3, 1915, covering deposit of the sum of \$1 to my official credit as Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915," to cover the suspended item in connection with voucher No. 7, above referred to. Proper entry has been made upon my books to cover this deposit to my official credit.

Respectfully,

Governor, and S. D. A.

Encs.

The Auditor for the Interior Dept.,

Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1918

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Mr. Charles J. Duprey,
Brown Brothers,
1482 Broadway at 43d st.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the twentieth of October last, requesting a good photograph of the Alaska Capitol Building for publication.

In reply you are advised that Alaska has no capitol building. The federal and territorial offices are located in various buildings in the town; the only Government building being the United States Court House, which provides quarters for the United States Judge, Marshal, Attorney, and Clerk. The Governor's offices are situated in a very unpretentious building which, at one time, housed an Indian mission school. Photographs of the building have never been considered of any value by the local photographers, and none has been taken.

The local firm of Winter & Pond has some excellent photographs of the Governor's house, which is a very fine structure, and, if you should care for one of these photographs, it may be had on application to the above firm, accompanied by the sum of 50 cents.

Respectfully,

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Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, December 4, 1915. O. B.

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A. G. Sheup,

Sitka.

Send voucher first mail for maintenance inmates from first division quarter ended September thirty, also vouchers inmates each division for quarter ending December thirtieth should be sent in first mail after that date.

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 same.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

December 6, 1915.

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Juneau Steamship Company,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This letter will be your authority for furnishing to George Francis first-class transportation, including meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, account pioneer enroute to Alaska Pioneers' Home. Charge same to the Territory of Alaska, rendering bill in duplicate to this office with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

December 6, 1913.

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Mr. A. G. Shoup,
Superintendent, Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Herewith application of George Francis for admission to the Home. He goes to Sitka on the Georgia tomorrow night. Mayor Rock of Juneau saw the Governor about admitting Francis, who is an old-timer in these parts and in poor health.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

December 4, 1915

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Dear Mr. Sheup:

I have your letter of December second, with reference to matters connected with the Home. Of course, you understand thoroughly that no one appreciates more than myself the attitude of Mr. Mills toward the Pioneers' Home, and his liberal treatment of it in every way. In my letter of November 27th I wrote you somewhat fully in reference to certain criticisms which I knew were absolutely unfounded, uncalled-for, and made deliberately and maliciously with the sole intent, in my opinion, of embarrassing the management of this worthy institution. I believe I stated to you that I was convinced that the prices paid for supplies were right, and were probably better than could be obtained from other sources. I do not wonder that Mr. Mills felt nettled over these criticisms, but his singleness of purpose, his probity and integrity are such that criticisms like these could possibly do him no harm. I have no doubt that they emanate, in the first instance, from Sitka and are, no doubt, blindly used by their proponents, or intended to be used, for political

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purposes. In this I am satisfied they will absolutely fail.

I will add that, so far as I am concerned, personally, I deem myself fortunate in being associated on the Board with men of the intelligence and probity of Messrs. Mille and Georgesen. They not only have my entire confidence, but I think I may also say that they have the confidence of the people generally. You will understand that, personally, I do not care the snap of my finger for the criticisms of their source, knowing full well that, in the language of Shakespeare, "Be thou chaste as ice and pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny." However, I feel that I would like to take a club to some of these irresponsible calumniators which, unfortunately, are found running at large in every community, and, apparently, especially so in Alaska.

I note that you say that your ration bill, which includes all feedstuffs, amounts to less than 23¢ a day per person. This is certainly a very favorable showing, indeed.

I trust that I shall be able to see Father Rancati when he visits Juneau. I am pleased to know that he speaks so highly of the Home, and the way in which it is conducted. It is statements of men like him that count.

I note what you say with reference to the purchase of clothing for the inmates of the Home; also that it has been decided to publish requests for bids for three months' sup-

plies. I think this is the best plan to pursue.

I also note what you say with respect to W. W. Fife, now an inmate of the Home. I was of the opinion, when Fife was sent to the Home from Junction, that he was somewhat mentally unbalanced. He told me the same story that he must have told you, concerning his equity in 700 acres of land left by his father in Kentucky. He intimated to me that his brother was trying to defraud him of his interest in the land.

I trust that Mr. Mills' retirement from the mercantile business does not mean that he will leave Sitka, and that he will still continue on the Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

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

December 4, 1915

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My dear Professor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 26, with reference to certain applications for allowance acted upon by yourself and your colleague, Mr. Mills.

With regard to the application of William Bennard, of Killisnoe, I have to say that, following your suggestion, I forwarded an application for admittance to the Home, to Mr. Bennard, and in today's mail I received the following reply from him:

"I received yours of November 23d, and will have to say I have a nice little home of my own over here at Keetsnabee Inlet, and also have a few friends over here. All that I do need is a little money, and the pension allowance under Chapter 64, would keep me nicely."

I shall, therefore, submit, for further consideration, Mr. Bennard's application to you and Mr. Mills, and shall abide by your decision in the matter.

With respect to the application of Thomas H. Dunkin, now in Seattle, I think that the point raised by you is well taken, and that it is inadvisable, at this time, to grant allowances to men who are residing outside of the Territory.

Probably it would, therefore, be better to defer granting the allowance for the present. Should Mr. Dunkin return to the Territory and make his home herein, he would be entitled to the pension.

I also note your comments upon applications for allowance which are certified to before notaries public, and I believe that, in all cases where an allowance is applied for, certification as to the actual need of the applicant should be made by the United States commissioners of the respective precincts, and not by notaries public. However, we are confronted by the fact that section 3 of Chapter 64 provides that the affidavit of the applicant shall be taken and attested under the seal of a commissioner or notary public. It occurs to me, therefore, that the Board might make a ruling to the effect that where the applicant lives in a precinct where a United States commissioner resides, the affidavit should be made before such officer and not before a notary public. On the other hand, it might be considered that the Board was overriding the plain intent of the law. I submit this for the consideration of yourself and Mr. Mills. Your suggestion to hold such applications as are certified to by notaries public until such time as you can communicate with the United States commissioner, is an excellent one in any event, and it meets with my approval.

I also note what you say with reference to the application of John Harrett, of Douglas, which meets with my approval, and also that you have forwarded two checks to Mrs. May Faulk, of Douglas, for \$25 and \$37.50 respectively, to cover her allowance from November 1 to March 31, 1916; also that you have sent certificates to Isaac Hubley, of Unga, and are holding the application of Allen Sydney Blanchard, of Fairbanks, as well as that of Harrett, for further information; also that you have returned the application of Robert Roberts, of Fairbanks, for the signature of the notary public, who failed to sign his name to the oath, and that you have also written United States Commissioner Brown, asking for a statement of Roberts' condition, as he does not seem to be in need, in all of which I concur, as I do also in the return of the application of Clinton V. Lake, of Anchorage. Your action in approving the application of Captain Francis, of Cordova, is also approved.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 4, 1915

Mr. Chas. C. Moore, President,
The Panama-Pacific International Exposition,
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Moore:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 16, in which you ask me to forward you at once, a brief sentiment that would symbolize my idea of what the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has accomplished, or will accomplish, for human betterment and world progress. I regret to state that, owing to delays to the mail, your favor was not received until November 30, thereby rendering it impossible for me to comply with your request in order that it might reach you on December fourth.

I may say that, of the many people whom I have met and who had the pleasure of visiting the Exposition, not a single discordant note has been heard, as each and all joined in highest praise of the Exposition and its management. I have no doubt whatsoever that, what this Exposition has been able to accomplish in the way of human betterment and world progress, will have a far-reaching effect.

I wish to extend my personal acknowledgment of the success that has been achieved by yourself, as President of this great Exposition, in making America better known and better understood by our own people, as well as those of other lands who had the opportunity of seeing what the great city of San Francisco and the great State of California were enabled to accomplish.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

December 4, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of November 23 (Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), together with five copies of the Department's order of November 20, 1915, with respect to the preparation of telegrams addressed to the Department.

In reply I have to say that compliance therewith will be made in the future, in telegraphing over the lines mentioned in the Department's order.

Very truly yours,

Governor

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1915

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Hon. Arthur C. Shoup,
Supt., Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Shoup:

I wired you today to send vouchers for the maintenance of the inmates of the Home from the First Judicial Division, for the quarter ended September 30; also vouchers for all the judicial divisions, for the quarter ending December 31.

This action was taken for the reason that Judge Jennings notified this office, a few days ago, that he had not received a voucher for the September quarter, and that he would be able to make an allowance of some four or five hundred dollars for that quarter. I believe I informed you, some time ago, that Judge Brown, of the Third Judicial Division, advised this office that he had expended his entire allowance for the quarter ended September 30.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 4, 1915

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Mr. E. A. Henderson,
25 Grove street,
Nicoll's Island,
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 25, with reference to the case of Arthur Bernier. I note that the petition for his pardon has been forwarded to Washington. I have returned the enclosures forwarded, being a letter from James J. Crossley, former United States Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Division, and an excerpt from a letter of former Judge Thomas R. Lynd, of Juneau.

I am not surprised at the sentiments contained in Crossley's letter. In my opinion, he was a misfit of the rankest kind, and the men whom he criticized in his letter are just as good citizens, and much better Alaskans than ever was Mr. Crossley. I understand that he resented very much being relieved of his office; hence his sarcasm and his slighting remarks about Messrs. Irwin and Roth, and former marshal Love. As for Mr. Roth, I may say that he is making a much better record as a public prosecutor than ever did Mr. Crossley, and at much less expense to the Government. Your

estimate of Mr. Cressley, his prejudices and smallness, is eminently correct, in my opinion.

I may assure you that, if my opinion is asked for by the Board of Pardons, as to the merit of Bernier's application, I shall give it my unprejudiced attention. The fact that Judge Lyons has endorsed the application carries a good deal of weight with me.

With best regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Governor

December 4, 1915

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Mr. E. W. Cragin,
United States Commissioner,
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 29,
with reference to the case of George Francis, lately of
Tenakee.

In reply I have to advise you that steps are being
taken to send Mr. Francis to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at
Sitka. The matter is now in the hands of Mayor Reek of
this city, and it is probable that Mr. Francis will be
sent to Sitka on the steamer Georgia, sailing from here
on Tuesday evening next. Francis is now an inmate of St.
Ann's Hospital.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 6, 1919

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Miss Claudia Doran,
152 Underwood street,
Zanesville, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of some months ago in further reference to the Cash mine, near Sitka, patent to which was issued to "the heirs of Thomas C. Doran, deceased," I beg to advise you that I have taken this matter up with the local Land Office, in an effort to obtain further information relative to the patent, etc. However, I have been unable to learn anything particularly new.

As advised in the letter of November 25, 1914, the patent was issued on June 20, 1904. Application for the patent was made by Hon. John G. Brady, as executor of Thomas C. Doran, deceased. The patent should have been filed for record with the Recorder of the Sitka Precinct, but Mr. A. G. Sheep, an attorney of Sitka, who furnished this office with some information when the matter was first investigated a year ago, stated that he was unable to find any record of the matter there.

With regard to the property itself, Mr. Shoup stated that "It has always been the current opinion here that this property is every promising and well worth serious investigation by mining capitalists, but no one has ever been able to make any satisfactory arrangement under which to make investigation and development." Mr. Shoup also stated that the claim was patented under the name of the "Steward Mine," and that that was the name by which it was generally known, although originally held by Mr. Doran as the "Cash" mine.

The Registrar of the local land office advises me that the patent is made out in the usual form and that, as a rule, the names of the heirs of an estate do not appear in any patent issued covering property belonging to such estate. Your attorney can, no doubt, advise you as to the steps which would be necessary to obtain an abstract of title, and to establish your claim to an interest in the property, etc.

It is hardly within the province of this office to advise you as to what you should do in regard to placing the property in the hands of some other agent with the view of effecting a sale.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1915

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Mr. Frank Mather,
Indio, California

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 16, in which you ask for information as to the probable demand for labor, either skilled or otherwise, in the different parts of the Territory of Alaska, next summer.

In reply I have to advise you that, at the present time, there is little demand for either skilled or unskilled labor; the supply, in fact, having exceeded the demand for the past year. I, of course, cannot make a prediction as to what the demand will be next summer. The supply of labor in Alaska is largely governed by labor conditions in the United States; that is to say, when there is a demand for labor in the States, there is a demand also in Alaska. A man in good health, energetic, sober and industrious, however, might do better in Alaska than elsewhere; but he should at least have enough means to maintain him while looking for a job.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 7, 1915

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Mrs. H. V. Halverson,
420 East First Ave., N.,
Roseburg, Oregon

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 15, with reference to the whereabouts of George L. Hale, who is supposed to be somewhere near Fairbanks, in the interior of Alaska.

In reply I have to state that I do not know Mr. Hale nor where he may be found. I recall that, in 1910 or 1911, I received an inquiry concerning him, but I was unable to locate him. This inquiry, I believe, came from his brother-in-law, Mr. L. J. Wallace, of Seattle, and immediate investigation was made at Mr. Walker's request. I have heard nothing concerning Mr. Hale since.

I would suggest, however, that you write to Mr. J. E. Clark, Clerk of the Court, Fairbanks, Alaska; or John K. Brown, United States commissioner and recorder, Fairbanks, Alaska, as they may be able to give you some information concerning Mr. Hale.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 6, 1915

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Mrs. A. R. May,
Allegan, Michigan

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 14, and in reply I have to advise you that, on November 26, I wrote you with regard to the affairs of your late uncle, Mr. Melvin Dempsey, enclosing a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. C. Parker Smith, United States commissioner and recorder for the precinct in which your late uncle's property is located. I believe that Mr. Smith's letter, and the information it contains, will be of some value to you.

Regarding the estate of Mr. Dempsey, the section in which it is located is probably a thousand miles from Junesau. Therefore, my knowledge of the country or the prospective value of the mining claims is necessarily limited. I believe that, if you take this matter up with Mr. Smith, he will be able to give you additional information to that contained in the copy of his letter, which I forwarded to your address. In the meantime, if I can be of any further service to you, command me.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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December 6, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 24, in which you ask for a statement of my views as to the operation of Chapters 65 and 67, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, it having been represented to the Department of Justice that the changes made by these statutes are detrimental to the administration of justice, and that the Department has been asked to recommend to Congress that these changes be disapproved.

In reply I have to advise you that, first, with reference to the prescribing of additional qualifications for jurors, as provided in Chapter 65, I have to submit my opinion that the objections urged against it are of merit, but only in a judicial division where the population is sparse, as in the Second Judicial Division, Alaska. No fault can be found with this statute in the more populous divisions, such as the First, Third, and probably the Fourth, for the reason that the law, in its operation, tends to ex-

clude largely a class of men found in all judicial districts to a greater or lesser extent, known as "professional jurors." I am convinced that the effect of Chapter 65 is to exclude this class from jury duty. From personal knowledge, I can state that "professional jurors" are an unmixed evil, and I am clearly of the opinion that this law practically eliminates them from jury duty in Alaska; at the same time, I admit that it tends to work a hardship where the population is small, but the latter is the lesser of the two evils.

Now, as to the provisions complained of in Chapter 67: I find that complaint is made by plaintiffs in the courts that the system provided in challenging jurors in both civil and criminal trials, is objected to, inasmuch as it is claimed that an unusual and unfair burden is placed upon the plaintiff by compelling him to lead in examining and challenging prospective jurors. I also find that the prosecuting attorneys, in criminal cases, strongly object to losing their right of challenge, as, for instance, when they may have accepted an entire jury, the defendant may use his challenges, thus eliminating all the jurors save two; the plaintiff, having accepted the jurors, is stopped from using his challenges thereafter.

This undoubtedly works a hardship on the plaintiff, but I am not prepared to say that, through this statute, the ends of justice are not as well served as by the method provided for selecting jurors in the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913. I may add that I have heard attorneys discuss the provisions of Chapter 67, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, the opinions expressed as to it being divided, as probably, is to be expected. Speaking by and large, I am of the opinion that both the laws in question are progressive in their nature rather than revolutionary, and I am of the opinion that they should be given a fair trial.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Governor

December 7, 1915

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The Stenhouse Steel Sign Co.,

Denver, Colorado

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Governor's annual report of the fiscal year 1915. This report will be ready for distribution in the near future, and your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1915

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

My dear Mr. Andrews:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, referring to an item in a recent issue of the Empire, and requesting to be furnished with a copy of either or both of the Governor's reports for the years 1884 and 1885.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the report for 1885. I am sorry to say that, as yet, we have been unable to secure any copies of the report for 1884.

I received your letter of recent date, advising that, after looking over your files, you found that you were unable to furnish any of the reports which we need to complete our library file. We secured two of these reports, however, from Sitka recently, so that the only ones we now lack are those for the years 1884, 1888 and 1894.

The Governor sends his best regards, to which I wish to add my own.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 7, 1915

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

My dear Arthur:

Will you be good enough to advise me, by return mail, the terms of admission and charge for maintenance, if any, of children at the Bethany Home, at Glendale, Ohio; also kindly state whether they admit children of both sexes. We have here in Juneau, three children (two girls and a boy of three years), who must be taken care of by the Territory, and it is my desire to put them in the best place that we can find.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 8, 1915.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the enclosed statement of Nov. 30, showing balance due of 90 cents, I beg to advise that before payment can be made it will be necessary to have an itemised bill, since the records of this office do not show any amount due you at this time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

December 8, 1915.

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
SITKA, ALASKA.

My dear Sir:

For the information of this office I have started a record of pension allowances under Chapter 64, 1913 session laws. The record is made up to show the following information in each case:

Name.	Residence.	No. of Certificate.	Date of Cert.	No. Allowance.	Date Allowance begins
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The record is complete to and including Certificate No. 29, to R. H. Becker, of Skagway.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly furnish the data for such subsequent allowances as have been made; also if, at the end of each month, you will furnish like data for such allowances as may have been made during the month.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 9, 1915

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Mr. Wm. Fairley, Principal,
Commercial High School,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 17, in which you ask for information as to the success or failure of women suffrage in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the extension of the voting privilege to the women of Alaska has been a decided success. While all the women do not avail themselves of their voting right, there are many who take an intelligent interest in all political matters, civic and Territorial.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. A. P. McWilliams,
United States Commissioner,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 30, with an enclosure from Mr. W. P. Mills, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, with reference to a pension granted to John Johnson, whose post-office address is Petersburg.

I have noted with some surprise what you say regarding the financial condition of Mr. Johnson. It is my recollection that this case was first presented for the consideration of the Board by Mr. Miller, proprietor of the Petersburg Report. The application, after it had been signed by Mr. Johnson, I believe was forwarded directly to the other members of the Board at Sitka for their action. I have further to add that the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home are using their best efforts to verify every statement made by applicants for allowances under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, in order to prevent the occurrence of cases of this kind; that is, those

cases where the applicant is not in need of such financial assistance.

The law, as you know, provides that an application for allowance shall be certified to by either a United States commissioner or notary public; and it would seem, therefore, as if the Board of Trustees is compelled to accept the certification made by a notary public, if it be properly executed. In correspondence with Professor Georgesen, Secretary of the Board, I am advised that he will hereafter communicate directly with United States commissioners with regard to the merits of any application that may be forwarded from their respective precincts. In this way the Board will have the advantage of consulting the United States commissioner wherever an application has been acknowledged before a notary public.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. Haviland H. Lund, Secretary,
National Forward-To-The-Land League,
Labor Temple, 14th st. & Second Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 15, I have to advise you that the agricultural exhibits from Alaska, at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, had been otherwise disposed of before the receipt of your letter. I have also to advise that it will be altogether impracticable for this Territory to furnish them for your exhibits at the Grand Central Palace.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. L. A. Thurston, Chairman,
Honolulu Water Commission,
Capitol Building,
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of November 1, I have to advise you that, in Alaska, we have no laws or regulations regulating the drilling, and use of artesian waters, and the preservation of waste of the water therefrom; and that there are no decisions of the courts relating thereto, or reports, official or otherwise, on the subject of artesian water.

Alaska is a well-watered country, and artesian wells are unknown.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. William J. Lennett,
Asst. Secretary, the Governors' Club,
100 Oakland, street,
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

I have your undated letter, advising me that I had been elected an honorary member of the Governors' Club of Brooklyn, at your meeting of November 1. While thanking you for the honor thus conferred, I would like to be further advised as to the objects and purposes of the Club, as I judge it is a new institution.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 2, 1915

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Mr. Henry Green,
25 Broad street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of November 20, with reference to the development of Alaska through the medium of well-directed immigration after the close of the present war; and in which you also suggest that this and other cognate matters be presented to the Alaska Legislature for its consideration.

In reply I have to advise you that the next session of the Alaska Legislature will not be held until March 1, 1917. In the meantime, I shall be glad to be supplied with such data, statistics and other vital facts which might be of service in placing this matter in an intelligent manner for the consideration of the Legislature when it shall meet.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 9, 1915

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Mr. H. Tuller,

Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December first, in which you ask for a report on the agricultural resources of the Kuskokwim valley, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no such report, and, I may add, I am of the opinion that no special report has ever been made upon the agricultural resources of the Kuskokwim. In this, however, I may be mistaken, and I would suggest that you write the Department of Agriculture, Washington, for further information. I may say, however, generally, that the Kuskokwim valley is believed to possess great agricultural possibilities. In fact, it is well known that the usual kinds of hardy vegetables grow abundantly at various settlements in the Kuskokwim valley, but there has not been any general agricultural development in that section. Wild grasses and small fruits are also prolific.

I regret that I have no map showing in detail the Kuskokwim river valley. For further information, I have to suggest that you write the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, Washington, for a copy of "Soil Reconnaissance in Alaska, with an Estimate of the Agricultural Possibilities."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. Wm. H. Burnett,

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of November 26, in which you ask to be advised whether Alaska would be a good country for a young lawyer to begin the practice of his profession.

In reply I have to state that I do not think I am in a position to advise you on this point, as much would depend upon the young lawyer himself, his ability, etc., etc. I may say, however, that all the towns of Alaska are well represented in the legal profession, and there are lawyers who have achieved a considerable success in their practice. The country is growing slowly and probably presents fair opportunities in this profession; but I would suggest, to any professional man, that, before deciding to locate in this country, he should make a personal investigation of the conditions. Then, if he does not find them to his liking, he can go elsewhere. It must be always borne in mind by the stranger that conditions in Alaska are very much different, in many

respects from those obtaining in the settled communities of the States. Alaska is a large country, with diverse climatic and geographical conditions. The coast climate is generally an equable climate, with a heavy precipitation. The climate of the Interior, on the contrary, and in northwestern Alaska, is dry and cold in the winter, and warm and comparatively dry in the summer.

Mining (lode and placer), and fishing are the principal industries of the Territory.

The capital and largest town is Juneau, with a population of about 5,000 people; other towns are Douglas, near Juneau; Ketchikan, Wrangell, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez, and Seward on the coast; and Fairbanks in the Interior, and Nome in northwestern Alaska, or on the Seward Peninsula.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 9, 1918

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Mr. Ivan C. Wehrley,

Hilliards, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, in which you ask for information concerning the postal service in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the postal service is under the direct administration of the Post Office Department, Washington, to which you should apply for the information which you desire. I may say, however, that neither rural nor city carriers are employed in Alaska.

The principal towns with post offices of the presidential classes, are Juneau, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Douglas, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez, Seward, Nemo, and Fairbanks. The others are what is known as "fourth-class."

All mails to Alaska are routed primarily from Seattle.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. Leon A. Phillips,
Westwood, Lassen Co.,
California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 21, in which you ask for certain information concerning this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not familiar with the country east of Wrangell, on the Umik river. However, if you are looking for a sparsely settled country where cattle raising would be profitable, there are, I believe, numerous districts in Alaska that would be suitable for this purpose. The population of Alaska is sparse in every geographical division, and there is not much danger of a man being elbowed out of his district by a multiplicity of neighbors.

Coastal Alaska (the portion of the Territory lying on the north Pacific Ocean), is a mountainous country, with numerous valleys and plains, many of which are suitable for agriculture, dairying, and stock raising; the Suisna,

the Matanuska, and other valleys of the Cook Inlet country being the more prominent. Land to the amount of 320 acres may be homesteaded in Alaska, provided the entryman has not used his right to locate land elsewhere in the United States.

The Government does not start people with cattle. I have further to advise that it would be absolutely impracticable for you to make the trip from your home to Alaska with pack horses.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular issued by the Department of the Interior, from which you may be able to obtain further information concerning lands in Alaska, etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 9, 1916

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Mr. J. R. Brundage,
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 15, in which you ask for information concerning the opportunities for the opening of a brokerage business in Alaska, and what lines would be most salable in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that Juneau is the headquarters for most of the brokerage and commission men doing business in Alaska; others, however, have their main offices in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, and San Francisco. The local commercial men represent nearly every line of merchandise such as mining machinery, hardware, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, rubber goods, liquors, cigars, etc., etc. The commercial men with headquarters here cover all the southeastern and southwestern Alaska points. Others make semi-annual trips through the Interior and to the Seward Peninsula.

I cannot advise you as to any other line of business

which might be suitable for you. I would suggest, however, that this would demand a personal examination, to be made by yourself. A live man, equipped with patience and optimism, ought to find opportunities of various kinds in a country such as this.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. W. Short, Proprietor.

Circle City Hotel,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish meals and lodging to the bearer, William Macaulay, from noon of December 9 to Tuesday evening, December 14.

Render bill in duplicate to this office, attaching this letter thereto.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 9, 1915

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Mr. W. T. Lopp,
Chief, Alaska Division,
Bureau of Education,
L. G. Smith Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith letter of the second instant, from Mr. T. G. Linebarger, San Francisco, who asks for information regarding the reindeer industry in Alaska. I have advised Mr. Linebarger that his letter is being referred to you and that you will, no doubt, be able to give him the desired information.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 9, 1913

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Mr. T. G. Lanebarger,
2806 G Pine street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the second instant, addressed to the commissioner of education, is being referred to Mr. W. T. Lopp, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, who is in charge of the reindeer industry in this Territory. He will, no doubt, furnish you the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 10, 1915

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Miss Katherine Woods,
Query Editor, The New York Times,
Times Square, New York City

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 30 submitting the following question:

"I was told recently that two out of every three children born in Alaska are actually burned alive at the stake at the present day. This must surely be a mistake. Can you give me any information about it?"

In reply I have to advise you that, while there has been much that is foolish and altogether misleading written and printed about Alaska and Alaska conditions and its people, the above stands pre-eminently as a masterpiece of fiction. Of course, I assume that the children "burned alive at the stake at the present day" are of the Indian race, and that white fathers and mothers of Alaska are not charged with such heinous crimes, inasmuch as the latter will compare favorably, in all respects, with those of the rest of the United States; and, in so far as our Indian fathers and mothers are concerned, no baser libel has ever been perpetrated when it is said that they destroy their children by

fire or other means. During a residence of more than 18 years in Alaska, I have never known of, or heard of, an Indian child having been killed by its people or tribe. Indeed, on the contrary, the devotion of Indian parents to their offspring admits of no question. In former years, among the Indians, the aged and decrepit were sometimes given scant consideration; witchcraft was practiced to some extent, and may still be secretly followed in remote districts, but at no time have the Indians of Alaska been charged with killing their children. How such a gruesome story can be given credence, I am unable to understand.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 10, 1915

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Mr. John J. Ocell,
Seventh Precinct Police Station,
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December first, recommending Mr. Raymond Hockenberry, of your city, for appointment to a position in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no vacancies in any position controlled by this office, at this time. Appointments to positions in Alaska are given to bona fide residents of the Territory whenever practicable, as it is believed they will render better service than those appointed from outside of Alaska. The positions at the disposal of this office are few, and, as a rule, call for special qualifications.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 10, 1918

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Mrs. Arletta Vert,
87 East Fourth street,
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December first, in which you ask for the post-office address of W. H. Malvern who, you say, is a resident and mine owner of Alaska, located about 120 miles from Fairbanks, and about 25 miles from the "state" automobile road.

In reply I have to advise you that I have caused an examination to be made of the latest issue of Polk's directory, and do not find Mr. Malvern's name listed therein; neither is there any record of him in the office of the Territorial Treasurer. As Fairbanks is distant from Juneau about a thousand miles, you are advised to write Mr. John K. Brown, United States commissioner and recorder, Fairbanks, Alaska, who may be able to get in touch with Mr. Malvern's address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 10, 1925

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Maj. Gen. E. A. McAlpin,
The United States Boy Scout,
7 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

My dear General:

I wish to thank you for a copy of the booklet inscribed with my name and forwarded to me some time ago. I find that I have made no acknowledgment of its receipt. I may say further that, though the population of Alaska is somewhat limited, there is considerable interest in the Boy Scout movement—a movement which could be undoubtedly fostered by intelligent effort and suitable direction. For myself, I have not the time at my disposal to accept any additional duties, and, therefore, I must respectfully decline your kind nomination as National Director for the Territory of Alaska. I would suggest, however, that you take up this matter with Reverend G. D. Christian, Rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Juneau, Alaska, who may be willing to interest himself in the work.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

December 10, 1918

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Mr. Gen. Frederick Bishop,

Evans Building,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 20,
I have to advise you that, while fully appreciating the
importance of co-operative and community interest endeavors,
the sparseness of the population of Alaska, at this time,
is such as to preclude, in my opinion, any work in that
line.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 10, 1915

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Mr. H. W. Sederling, Secretary,
Wenatchee Commercial Club,
Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 15, in which you state that your club is about to begin the work of organizing a campaign to assist Alaska in opening her resources to development; also asking to be advised as to the best manner in which your club can assist in the movement.

In reply I have to advise you that the leading industries of Alaska are mining, both placer and lode, and the fisheries, the principal of which is the salmon fishery. The next in importance are the halibut, cod and herring. The lumber industry is also of some importance, especially in southeastern Alaska.

How to encourage the fullest development of these resources while, at the same time, conserving them from exploitation, is a matter of paramount interest to the people of this Territory, and, incidentally, to those of the Pacific Coast States. Alaska also offers a large field for the de-

velopment of electric power, water powers having been as yet made use of but to a very small extent.

It occurs to me that, at this time, Alaska is more in need of money to develop its many resources than anything else. We are getting some progressive legislation from time to time, and more is promised. It is possible that, at the present session of Congress, the bill for the leasing of water powers on the national domain will be passed by Congress; such a law is needed in order to encourage development of these water powers so that they can be made use of in the manufacture of wood pulp and electro-chemical products. Southeastern Alaska, especially, offers a great field for the manufacture of pulp. Congress will also be asked for an appropriation of some \$3,000,000 for the continuance of the work on the Government railroad from the coast to the Interior; what is known as "The Alaska Development Board Bill" will be before Congress for passage at this session. The object of this bill is to administer, in Alaska, many of these matters which directly affect Alaska and its resources, but which now are under the control of Washington bureaus. It is my opinion that the passage of such bill would be of great material benefit to the Territory. Alaska also needs

more lighthouses and other aids to navigation; it has many thousands of miles of coast, most of which is insufficiently lighted.

These are a few of the more important matters directly affecting the welfare and prosperity of the Territory.

I have to thank you for the interest which your commercial club is manifesting in this Territory, as its influence will undoubtedly be useful in promoting its prosperity.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 10, 1915

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Mr. H. O. Singer,

Postmaster,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On October 13th last, this office addressed letters to a number of residents of Kenai, among them being Miss Alice M. Dolan, and Mrs. Willietta E. Kuppler. We have recently been advised, however, that Miss Dolan and Mrs. Kuppler no longer reside in Kenai, but are now living in the State of Washington. If the letters addressed to them by this office, which were contained in envelopes similar to the one in which this is forwarded to you, are still in the office at Kenai, it would be appreciated if you will kindly remail them to this office. If the letters have been forwarded to Miss Dolan and Mrs. Kuppler, please advise to what address they were mailed.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 10, 1913

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith voucher No. 25, of this date, drawn upon the emergency appropriation, in favor of Albert Thompson, Kenai, Alaska, in the sum of \$3, to cover services rendered on October 6, 1913, as a witness, before the United States commissioner at Kenai, in the case of the United States versus Charles March, a proceeding instituted under Chapter 42 of the 1913 Session laws. Attached to this voucher is certified payroll covering the services of Mr. Thompson and three other witnesses. Reference is also made on the face of the voucher, to correspondence attached to voucher No. 14 of November 8th last, issued to W. N. Dawson in payment of services as juror in the above-mentioned case.

A warrant, when issued, should be mailed to Mr. Thompson at Kenai.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 10, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the following vouchers drawn upon the emergency appropriation:

No. 22, in favor of F. Lashbrooke, Kenai.....64
No. 23, in favor of Jens Julinsson, Kenai.....64
No. 24, in favor of N. Hermanson, Kenai.....64

These vouchers cover services rendered by the payees as jurors in the case of the United States versus Charles March, which was heard in the United States commissioner's court at Kenai on October 6, 1913, being a proceeding under the health and quarantine laws of the Territory.

Warrants in favor of the respective payees should be mailed to them at Kenai.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 10, 1915

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St. Ann's Hospital,

Juneau, Alaska

By direction of the Governor, I return herewith your bill of the ninth instant, covering treatment of Lawrence Botaro. I beg to call your attention to the fact that there appears to be an error in the dates, and to the further fact that your bill covers eight days' treatment, whereas the arrangement which Chief of Police Sliter made with the Governor, was that Botaro should be cared for, at the expense of the Territory, for not to exceed one week.

It is requested that you kindly correct this bill, and that the same be submitted in duplicate when corrected.

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,
Clerk of the District Court,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith voucher in duplicate covering maintenance of inmates of Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from the First Judicial division, for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915. Some days ago Judge Jennings asked Mr. Cole to phone regarding this voucher, saying he would be able to make a payment to the Home for the September quarter, and we immediately wired Mr. Shoup to forward the voucher. It is probable that the amount is more than the payment will be, in which event you are, of course, authorized to change the receipt to conform to the actual amount paid.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Incl.

December 11, 1918

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Mr. E. Valentine,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Valentine:

I have your letter of December 10, with reference to the case of Alexander Long, who wishes to receive an allowance from the Territory under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1918. I have noted what you say with regard to him and his need of assistance, and I shall at once take up the matter with the other members of the Board. I may add that this is the first intimation I have had that Mr. Long's application for allowance had been denied for the present.

Thanking you for calling my attention to this matter,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 11, 1915

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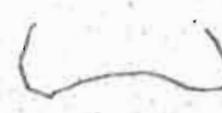
Mr. G. C. Georgeson,
Secretary Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by me from Mr. E. Valentine, of Juneau, who also enclosed a letter received by him from Mr. Bernard Hirst of Sitka with reference to the application of Mr. Alexander Long for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

Will you kindly investigate this case on its merits? I should judge, from the statement contained in Mr. Valentine's letter, that he is probably in need of the assistance asked for under the Act.

I am,

Yours very truly, 

Encs.

Governor

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December 11, 1915

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Mr. Norman A. Watt,

Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30, in which you ask that a copy of Chapter 13, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled "An Act to provide for the liens of laborers and miners working on, in and about mines and mining property," etc., etc., be mailed to you. In compliance with your request, I am forwarding herewith a copy of such act.

I may add that, as this law has been in effect but a short time, I cannot predict how it will work out. It is assumed, however, that its operation will be satisfactory, inasmuch as it was passed after a former act had been found not to work satisfactorily; this law, with amendments, being substituted therefor. I have heard no criticisms of the law since it was passed, from any quarter, and I am of the opinion that it is considered just and equitable.

I am,

Yours very truly,

December 11, 1915

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Mr. C. C. Georgesen,
Secretary, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I have to thank you for your letter of December 4, with reference to unwarranted criticism that has been indulged in, from a certain quarter, regarding the management of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. I have also to thank you for your very kind expressions toward me, which I assure you are appreciated to the fullest.

I have the consciousness of knowing that, in every act in my official capacity, I have had an eye single to the best interests of this great territory. I have never, at any time, played politics, believing that the best interests of the Territory and its people would be promoted by securing the greatest efficiency possible. In all cases, I have endeavored to appoint good men to office, and I have no reason whatsoever to regret any of the appointments that I have made, or been instrumental in making, save one, and that one was given a place in my office, through the request of others. That he proved utterly unworthy, treacherous and

disloyal, I need not say, and that he received some aid and comfort from men who would make a political football of the Territory and its institutions is beyond doubt. I believe these, however, are but a very small minority, and I believe also that the people of Alaska, generally, know that I have given the best that is in me to the discharge of the duties that have been entrusted to my care. I am content, therefore, to rest on that record.

I consider that the Territory is to be congratulated upon having men like yourself and Mr. Mills associated in the management of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. I am convinced that no better selections could have been made. I am not called upon to defend these appointments because no criticism, that is to say, no open criticism can or will be made. Such criticism as has been made comes from sources which I believe are altogether irresponsible and personal. These critics, I believe, would, if they could, use the Home for their own personal profit and emolument. It has been my aim and desire to eliminate, in every way, politics from the management of the Home, and this I shall stand by as long as I am in office. If an institution of that kind were permitted to become the football of cheap partisan politics, its usefulness

would speedily end and disaster would be the inevitable result. I am absolutely satisfied, of course, that there is no foundation for these carping criticisms, as I have intimated above, and that those men who indulge in innuendoes and criticisms, dare not come out in the open. Let me repeat that the services rendered by yourself and Mr. Mills are such that they are appreciated by the people generally. I know this to be a fact, and I sincerely trust that neither of you will pay attention to a few carping, self-designing, self-interested, would-be critics. You have my confidence to the fullest extent. Let me add that these criticisms are a closed incident with me.

I note that you will call for bids from Juneau merchants for about three months' provisions, specifying that the goods must be delivered at Sitka, freight and wharfage paid. This probably will be a good plan, but I venture the prediction that none of them will be able to compete with Mr. Mills, provided he should also be a bidder. I understand, and fully appreciate, what Mr. Mills has done for the Home, in the way of extending his credit for the purchase of supplies elsewhere, from time to time. As a matter of fact, I do not know how we could have gotten along at times without the support and credit which he extended the Home.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 11, 1915

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Mr. E. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 4, with reference to applications for allowances, under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, in the following cases: Allen Sydney Blanchard, of Fairbanks; Harvey Thompson, of Fairbanks; H. J. O'Connor, of Anchorage; Patrick Daly, of Anchorage; and John Harrett, of Douglas, Alaska.

In reply I have to say that the action of yourself and Mr. Mills, as members of the Board, in the matter of granting these allowances, is approved by me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Junesau, December 11, 1915. O. B. Via mail from Helesai.

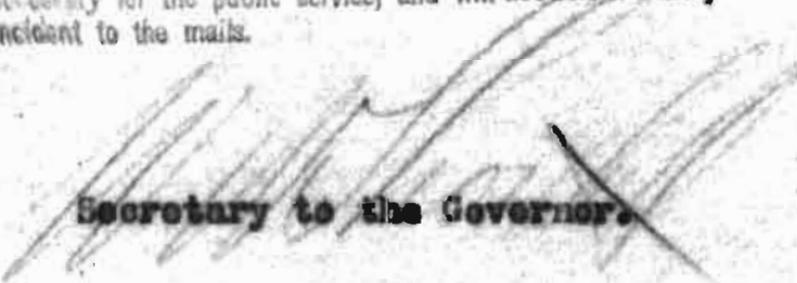
Hon. Dan Sutherland,

Ruby.

On September twenty-fourth last wrote you relative certificates required to voucher covering last payment rent legislative halls second session, and enclosed form with request you sign and mail this office. Did letter reach you and has certificate been mailed?

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.

December 13, 1913.

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The Juneau Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Please furnish to the bearer, Mr. William McCauley, first-class transportation, including meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, on the S. S. "Georgia", sailing the 14th instant, charging same to the Territory of Alaska and rendering bill, in duplicate, to this office, with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, December 13, 1915. C. B. Via mail from Fairbanks.

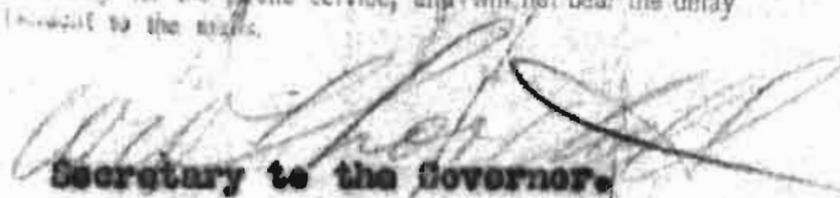
E. B. Collins,

Fox.

Your notary commission issued and mailed November eighteenth.

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 night.



Secretary to the Governor.

December 13, 1915

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Hon. Charles E. Davidson,
Ex officio Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, for your information, a letter received by this office from the Secretary of the Interior, with reference, as you will notice, to the estimate of \$2,350, as approved by me on August 27, for incidental and contingent expenses in the office of the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, not to exceed \$1800; rent, not to exceed \$420; lights, water, janitor service, and incidentals, not to exceed \$330; in all, \$2550, to be expended under the direction of the ex officio Secretary of Alaska.

Your attention is directed to the objections that have been put forward to this estimate. Will you, therefore, as soon as may be, address a letter to this office with reference to the objections raised, for transmission to the Secretary of the Interior?

Kindly return the enclosure to this office.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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December 12, 1915

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Mr. H. H. Ross,
Road Commissioner,
Fourth Road District,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith warrant No. 40, drawn in favor of Ben Thompson, "for repairing washout on road on Engineer Creek," for \$35.50, for reasons set forth in my letters to you of November 2 and 6.

Warrant No. 42, in favor of the Tanana Publishing Company, "for printing and advertising call for bids," amounting to \$6, is also returned herewith. Accompanying this voucher should be the affidavit of publication of the publisher, together with a copy of the advertisement attached thereto. When this shall have been done, return the warrant to this office, and it will be approved and paid.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Governor

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The Juneau Steamship Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Please furnish first-class transportation, including meals and berth, to William O'Keefe, Juneau to Sitka, on the steamer Georgia sailing this date, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Kindly render bill in duplicate, attaching this letter thereto.

Respectfully,

Governor

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St. Ann's Hospital,
Juneau, Alaska

Enclosed find voucher, in duplicate, covering your bill of the ninth instant, for the care and treatment of Laurence Detars, destitute patient, the amount of the voucher being \$17.50.

Kindly have both copies of the voucher signed and returned to this office, and payment will be arranged.

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, December 14, 1915. NIGHT LETTER COLLECT.

Alfred Harlow,

Eureka, Calif.

Impossible for this office ascertain value dredging ground. Kenai Peninsula
distant from Juneau eight hundred miles.

STRONG, Governor.

December 14, 1915.

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Mr. P. R. Bradley,
Consulting Engineer,
Alaska Treadwell G. M. Co.,
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

(YOUR FILE NO. 143)

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and to advise that Dr. H. C. DeVigano, of Juneau, has been authorized to act as Assistant Health Commissioner in the absence of Dr. E. H. Davis.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 15, 1918

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DAILY EMPIRE, AND DAILY DISPATCH:

The Governor's office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. John Malkovich, 1481 Pembroke street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, in which she asks for information concerning the whereabouts of her brother, Paul Babgak, who left home some five years ago and from whom she has not heard since.

The missing man is described as being of dark complexion, with black eyes and black hair, and of medium height.

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Dr. Charles Daggett,
Daggett Block,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December ninth, with reference to matters affecting the practice of dentistry in the Territory. Excerpts have been taken from your letter and forwarded to Dr. G. C. Maule, of Douglas, for his information and reply, and, upon its receipt, a copy of it will be forwarded to you for your further information.

I have to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention, and I shall see that can be done with regard to as complete an enforcement of the laws regulating and governing the practice of dentistry in Alaska, as may be possible. I may say that I fully agree with your views that this country needs a good class of dentists, and the practice of dentistry should be properly safeguarded in the interests of the general public.

I note your enclosure of a note from Doctor Maule, Secretary of the Board of Dental Examiners, to the ef-

fact that he is not in favor of reciprocity for the Territory of Alaska. By reference to Chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, "An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the Territory of Alaska," etc., I find that section 6 of this act provides, among other things, that

"Said board (the Board of Dental Examiners), may accept and register, upon payment of the registration fee, and without examination of the applicant, any certificate which shall have been issued to him, or her, by the dental examining board of any State in the United States, provided, however, that the legal requirements of such dental examining board shall have been, at the time of issuing such certificate, in no degree or particular less than those of the Territory of Alaska, at the time when such certificate shall have been presented for registration, to the board created by this act, and provided that such applicant shall have been lawfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in the State from which he, or she, shall present his or her certificate, for a period of five years next preceding his, or her, application to the Dental Board of the Territory of Alaska; and provided further, that the provisions in this section contained shall be held to apply only to such and of said dental examining boards as accept and register the certificates granted by this board without examination, by them, of the ones holding such certificates."

It would seem, therefore, that, under the above section, provision is made for reciprocity in the matter of admitting dentists to the practice of their profession in this Territory, provided they have the necessary qualifications, and the States from which they come recognize certificates issued in this Territory.

As soon as I have communicated with the Dental Board and received a reply as to the enforcement of the laws, of which, in a sense, they are the administrators, I shall communicate with you further.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Alaska Dental Board,
the following excerpt is taken from a letter received
by this office, dated the ninth instant, from Dr. Charles
Daggott, Seward Alaska:

"On last mail I am in receipt of a letter from
Dr. Cokerille, of Valdez, stating that there were
many illegal practitioners headed for Alaska, and
some already in practice in southeastern Alaska,
and some right in Alaska's capital. This informa-
tion he had received from some of the dentists of
that territory who had written him on the subject.
He in turn has written me, asking whose duty it
is to prevent such a violation of the dental laws
of Alaska, and, in turn, I am turning to you, and ask
your counsel.

"Experience has taught that such a condition does
not make for the public welfare, and, if allowed to
get its evil roots well fixed, causes the authorities
plenty of trouble when, late in the day, the laws are
enforced.

"A locality that gains reputation for laxity soon
becomes the dumping ground for that which is undesir-
able. This country needs good, clean dentists, and,
as its population is increasing, they are needed.
This section will need more, and so will yours, but
when they are with us 'that they will be fit.'

"To answer the questions that come to me, I would ask that you advise me as to the proper course of procedure to enforce the laws, and where the responsibility lies."

Will you kindly advise this office, at your earliest convenience, as to your views upon the matters touched upon in the statement above alluded to?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mrs. John Halkovich,
1481 Pembroke street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December second, in which you ask this office as to information that may lead to the location of your brother, Paul Babgak, who left his home about five years ago and from whom you have not heard since.

In reply I have to advise you that I will cause inquiries to be made through the Alaska newspapers, and, if any news of your brother should be obtained, it will be forwarded to you in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. Lyman Bulkley, Jr., M. D.,
6721 Seventh Ave., N. W.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December sixth, with reference to your admission to the practice of medicine in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that I believe that the Medical Board would grant you a temporary license to enable you to practice in this Territory until you could take the necessary medical examination.

For further information, you should address Dr. B. L. Meyers, President of the Alaska Medical Board, Kotzebue, Alaska; or Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Secretary, Juneau, Alaska, either of whom, I am sure, will forward you all the information that you desire in connection with the medical law, examinations, etc.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 15, 1915

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DAILY EMPIRE, AND DAILY DISPATCH:

The Governor's office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. John Halkevich, 1481 Pembroke street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, in which she asks for information concerning the whereabouts of her brother, Paul Babgak, who left his home five years ago and from whom she has not heard since.

The missing man is described as being of dark complexion, with black eyes and black hair, and of medium height.

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a list of the names
and addresses of the United States commissioners and jus-
tices of the peace, in the Fourth Judicial Division. This
list has been revised to October 30, 1915.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Thomas Riggs, Jr.,

Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Riggs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December fourth, in which you are kind enough to congratulate me upon the worth of my annual report for 1915. I can assure you that your commendation is appreciated to the fullest extent, as I knew that you are thoroughly familiar with Alaskan conditions, and the topics therein discussed.

I fully coincide with your view that the development of the Nenana, or other coal fields of the interior, is a vital necessity for the interior region if the work of mining and mining development is to receive the recognition which is demanded, and which is necessary to the prosperity of the great interior country. The fact that an inferior quality of wood commands a price of \$16 per cord speaks volumes for the development of coal mines and the production of cheaper power that the country may be developed on a scale commensurate with its resources.

I share your opinion as to the great desirability of an early completion of the railroad and the necessity, which I believe to exist, for starting construction of the road at both ends, namely, Seward and Fairbanks. If construction were to begin next year in the Fairbanks country, just so much sooner would the people there be enabled to secure cheaper fuel, and, consequently, cheaper power.

I may assure you that I shall be pleased to do anything within my power to further this object, and, if possible, I shall avail myself of the first opportunity to direct the attention of the Secretary to this matter, in the hope that coal may be made available for industrial use in that section, in the immediate future.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Governor

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Mrs. E. T. Burns,
Care of W. E. Ketchum,
738 Thirty-fourth Ave.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the approved voucher in favor of your husband, Hon. W. T. Burns, in the sum of \$104.25, for deficiency mileage incurred in attendance upon the first legislative assembly of Alaska, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Auditor for the Interior Department, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Mrs. Willietta E. Kuppler,

Port Angeles, Wash.

Dear Madam:

There have been presented to this office, for payment, certain claims for services rendered in connection with the quarantine established at Koniak, Alaska, in October, 1913, by yourself and Miss Alice M. Dolan, acting as a board of health. The claims referred to are those of Alexander R. Ryan, Albert Thompson, and Charles Lund, each of whom claims to have acted as a quarantine guard under the direction of yourself and Miss Dolan.

The claims of Ryan and Thompson are supported by a letter of appointment signed by you and Miss Dolan, and dated October 6, 1913, while the claim of Charles Lund is not supported by any letter showing his authority to act. The claims of Ryan and Thompson cover 31 days' services during October and November, 1913, at \$4 a day, but the dates on which their services began and ended are not shown; the claim of Charles Lund is for 13 days, during the months of October and November, at \$4 a day, but the dates on which the service began and ended are not shown in the claim.

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Accompanying these claims is a notice directed "To all guards," dated October 18, 1913, signed by you and Miss Dolan as ex officio health officers, giving the guards certain instructions with regard to the maintenance of the quarantine, etc.. The names of Albert Thompson, Alexander Ryan, Alexander Demidoff, and Charles Lund appear on this notice. No claim for services has been presented by Alexander Demidoff, and it is assumed that he did not serve as a guard.

As a basis of authority for the payment of these claims (in the event it be found possible to pay them without the authority of a special act of the Legislature), the Governor requests that you kindly prepare a statement setting forth the facts and circumstances in connection with the establishment of the quarantine at Kona, and the employment of guards for the enforcement thereof. In the statement it is requested that you kindly give the names of those persons who were appointed by you and Miss Dolan to act as guards and who actually served in such capacity, and that you give the dates on which the service of such persons began and ended, also the rate of compensation which they were to receive. The statement, when prepared, should be signed both by you and Miss Dolan.

A franked and addressed envelope is enclosed herewith for your use in mailing the statement herein requested.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 17, 1915

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Mr. August Busch,
1215 T street,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your inquiry of October 15, addressed to this office, as to the whereabouts of Mr. Nicholas Orth, who, you state, started on a trip to Siberia from Seward, Alaska, in 1914, I have to advise you that I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Isaac Evans, deputy U. S. marshal at Seward, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Dr. H. C. DeVighe,
Acting Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a letter from Surgeon
General Blue, United States Public Health Service, which
is self-explanatory.

Will you kindly supply the information asked for in
Dr. Blue's letter, on the table enclosed herewith, and
return it to this office?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Mr. Ralph W. Carey,
135 State street,
Auburn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of December 5 for information concerning the opportunities offered to settlers in Alaska, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a circular giving general information concerning this Territory, together with a report of the agricultural experiment stations in Alaska, for the year 1914 (the latest available).

I am.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 17, 1915

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The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of December 4, (J. W. Trask, Assistant Surgeon General), I am forwarding herewith two copies each of the following acts, Session laws of Alaska, 1915: Chapters 36, 37, 44, 47, and 48.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Dr. W. G. Cassole,
Asst. Health Commissioner,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, with reference to certain matters connected with the administration of the Territorial health laws. I note you suggest that a quarterly, instead of monthly, report would offer every advantage, so far as compilation of statistics is concerned, that a monthly report could do. I assume that you are right in this, and, if you are satisfied that a quarterly report will answer all purposes, there will be no objection thereto from this office.

I believe your suggestion that the postal card report blanks should be placed in envelopes, so that they could not be inspected while in the mails, is also a good one.

As to the matter of physicians paying postage, I have to say that you are authorized to expend the amount that you deem necessary for postage stamps in your judicial division. You will render the bill, for such postage stamps, in duplicate, to this office, when a warrant will be issued in payment thereof and transmitted to your address.

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I am advised by Assistant Health Commissioner Davis,
of the First Judicial Division, that copies of chapter 80,
Session Laws of Alaska, 1918, have been forwarded to your
address for distribution.

I have to thank you for the interest you are taking
in this matter, and with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 17, 1915

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Mr. E. G. Weigle,
Forest Supervisor,
Tongass National Forest,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Weigle:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14, enclosing, for my information, a copy of a letter from the Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture, and a copy of a letter from Mr. H. S. Graves to the Secretary of Agriculture, referring to the sanitary conditions at Tanakee hot springs, for which I thank you.

I have read these letters with interest, and have received considerable enlightenment therefrom. I wish it were possible for some person of means to be found who would take hold of the Tanakee springs and develop them as far as possible, and it may be that such a person will be found in the immediate future.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Dr. W. H. Chase,
Asst. Commissioner of Health,
Third Judicial Division,
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 1, together with copies of letters sent to the various physicians and school boards of the Third Judicial Division. Your prompt action is to be commended, and is accordingly appreciated.

This office has had no reports of any epidemic of chicken pox at Valdez, although a few cases have been reported in Inau, the past two or three days. We have also had a few cases of scarlet and typhoid fevers, quarantine having been effected by the city authorities in all cases. I believe that the epidemic is now fully under control.

Again thanking you for the interest you are showing in the preservation of the health of the people of your district, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Mr. Alexander R. Ryan,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 27, together with vouchers signed, in duplicate, for services as special deputy marshal, and witness fees, during a measles epidemic at Kenai, in the fall of 1913.

I note that you say it is a long time for a working man to wait for a settlement, especially when the Government is the paymaster. The fact of the matter is that the action of the school teachers at Kenai in effecting a quarantine, was precipitate, to say the least, although their motives, undoubtedly, were perfectly proper, though they acted without the necessary authority, in my opinion.

The Legislature, at its session of 1913, made no appropriation whatsoever for the enforcement of this law. I believe, however, that your claim, and such others as are properly certified, will be paid within a short time. I may express the opinion that this and other claims should

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be paid, notwithstanding the somewhat irregular manner in which they were incurred, through no fault of yours, or the other claimants, of course, but through the action of the teachers then in charge of the native school at Kona.

I hope to advise you further, within a few days, or after I have further consulted the Territorial Counsel as to the validity of these demands.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 17, 1915

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Hon. Conrad Freeding,
Hotel Barker,
Pike street & Sixth Ave.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of December 10, in which you state that you have received a letter from the First Assistant Postmaster-General, advising you that a vacancy in the postmastership at Nome will occur August 16, and that your credentials, which were presented by Senator Pittman, of Nevada, will be given careful consideration in the selection of a postmaster at Nome.

In reply I have to advise you that you should secure the endorsement of national committeeman Cheney, in the first place, and such others as you might deem necessary.

I believe that I took up the matter of the post office at Nome with the Postmaster General in 1913, at which time you were advised of the result. I am not advised as to whether there are any other candidates for the position at Nome, and I would like to await reports from there before considering the claims of any applicant, should I be asked to do so by the Post Office Department. I may say that I have had nothing to do with the appointment of postmasters in Alaska, these recommendations having

been made, so far as I am advised, by the national committee.

The date and place for the meeting of the Alaska Democratic Convention have not, as yet, been determined, but probably will be within a short time.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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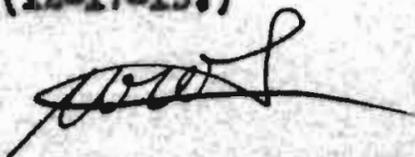
RECENT CONVICTIONS UNDER GAME LAW.

On November 4th Game Warden Erickson, who is stationed at McCarthy (Shoshanna Junction) in the third judicial division, arrested a man by the name of Bryson for exceeding the legal limit in the killing of mountain sheep. Bryson was taken before the United States Commissioner at McCarthy where he entered a plea of guilty. A fine of fifteen dollars was imposed and the carcasses of two sheep were confiscated.

Game Warden Baughman, who makes Seward his headquarters, arrested a native boy on November 1st and took him before the Commissioner at Selkovia on a charge of exceeding the limit on moose. The boy plead guilty and a fine of \$50 was imposed, sentence being suspended, however, on ~~xxx~~ condition that the defendant observe the provisions of the game law in future.

James Sturgill, of Cleark Creek, Fairbanks district, was arrested on November 17th by Game Warden McDonald, on a charge of killing four moose. A hearing was had before U. S. Commissioner Brown, of Fairbanks, and Sturgill was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs. The meat was confiscated.

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Major J. W. McAndrew, Commanding,
Fort William H. Seward,
Haines, Alaska

My dear Major McAndrew:

This will serve to introduce Mr. J. B. Marshall,
United States Commissioner, Juneau. I am advised that
Judge Marshall wishes to consult you upon a matter, the
nature of which he will himself disclose.

I may add that Judge Marshall is a gentleman of
excellent standing in this community, and it affords me
some pleasure in being able to commend him to you.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 20, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith notarial bond of Mr. J. H. Smith, of Anchorage, Alaska, whose application and fee were transmitted to you on the 29th ultimo. At the request of Mr. Smith, the necessary revenue stamps have been attached to the bond and canceled in this office, he having remitted to cover the cost of same.

Will you kindly have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature?

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAU, DECEMBER 20, 1915. O. B.

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A. G. Sheup,

Sitka.

George and Tom Martin, natives of Yakutat, reported to have left Hoonah on October twentynine in gasboat which they got at Sitka. From Sitka they were accompanied by Robert Fulton, also a native. Party intended go Yakutat but had not reached there five days ago. Has anything been heard of them at Sitka? Wire fully such information as you may be able to get.

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 Governor.

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