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Mr. Chris Bittel,

Box 323,

Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th ultime, in further reference to your brother, George Bittel. We are today writing to the postmaster at Peorinan, Alaska, in an effort to obtain some definite information regarding the George Bittel, who is reported to be carrying on mining operations on Spruce Creek, in interior Alaska.

It will be two or three months before we hear from the postmaster. As soon as his reply is received, you will be advised as to the information contained therein.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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The Postmaster,

Peorham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Chris Bittel, of Albany, New York, who is endeavoring to ascertain the whereabouts of his brother, George Bittel. We have been advised that there is a George Bittel engaged in mining in the Spruce Creek section, and I am writing you to ask if you can corroborate this information. It will also be appreciated if you will kindly ascertain, if you can do so, without too much trouble, where Mr. Bittel came from, his age, and any other information which might assist Mr. Chris Bittel in determining whether or not the George Bittel referred to is his brother.

I enclose a franked and addressed envelope for your use when replying to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Hon. Claude Ericson,  
Acting Mayor,  
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the fifth instant, with its enclosures, also your letter of the 6th instant, in reference to the case of Fred Gaslander, who is a charity patient in the General Hospital and suffering from tuberculosis.

On yesterday the Governor signed a voucher in favor of Mr. C. B. Secret, for the sum of \$25, as an allowance toward the care of Mr. Gaslander for the month of February.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Hon. S. V. Stewart,  
Governor of Montana,  
Helena, Montana

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Governor Strong to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for a copy of your message to the fifth legislative assembly, which you so kindly forwarded and which has been read by the Governor with much interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Hon. Henry D. Hatfield,  
Governor of West Virginia,  
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Governor Strong to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for a copy of your second biennial message to the legislature of 1917, which you so kindly forwarded and which has been read by the Governor with much interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Hon. Ernest Lister,  
Governor of Washington,  
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Governor Strong to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for a copy of your second inaugural message, delivered to the fifteenth legislature, which you so kindly forwarded and which has been read by the Governor with much interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Hon. Samuel W. McCall,  
Governor of Massachusetts,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Governor Strong to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for a copy of your address to the 1917 session of the Massachusetts legislature, which you so kindly forwarded and which has been read by the Governor with much interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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The Sister Superior,  
Sacred Heart Orphanage,  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Madam:

I beg to return herewith five 20cent stamps which were recently received at this office with a voucher covering the care of the Palton children for the quarter ended February 10, 1917. It is unnecessary for you to send stamps with the quarterly vouchers forwarded to this office. The Secretary of the Territory who issues warrants covering your vouchers is not required to pay postage on official matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Juneau, February 7, 1917. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Steamer Admiral Coedrich will leave Seattle ~~fifteenth~~ instant  
with hundred fifty tons South Prairie coal for the Home.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, February 8, 1917. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

How many more men can home accommodate? Have application from  
men at Petersburg and one from Juneau for admission.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

~~Secretary to Governor.~~

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Hon. T. D. Patulle,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Patulle:

I wish to secure a copy of the British Columbia prohibitory law, and it occurred to me that you might be in a position to favor me with one. Congress, as you may know, has passed a stringent prohibitory law for Alaska, which will become effective on January 1, 1918; and it becomes necessary for the people of Alaska to be advised as to just what kind of prohibitory law will be in force presently in British Columbia. I shall, therefore, esteem it a favor if you can oblige me.

Permit me, at this time, to extend my sincere congratulations to you upon your election to the British Columbia Assembly and your elevation to a cabinet position. As an old Klondiker, you have many friends in the North who have watched your career with much interest and great satisfaction to themselves.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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Messrs. Miller & Bretsfelder,  
55 Liberty Street,  
New York City

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, in which you state that, as attorneys for the Bulgarian Legation at Washington, D. C., you ask if there is a workmen's compensation commission in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no commission, but we have a so-called workmen's compensation law, a copy of which is transmitted herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

Mrs. L. H. Johnston,  
Corresponding Secretary, W. C. T. U.,  
Shagway, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Johnston:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 5, in which you express, on behalf of the Shagway Women's Christian Temperance Union, your appreciation of my action in assisting you and the good people of your town in exterminating the illicit traffic in spirituous liquors in your city.

In reply permit me to say that it was a pleasure for me to be of some service to you and the cause that you represent and the people of Shagway, in securing the enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicants in your city. Perhaps it is needless for me to say that I stand for the enforcement of all laws equitably, so far as it is possible to do so, and I am especially interested in the enforcement of laws against the illicit traffic in intoxicating liquors, and this course I shall pursue in the future without any deviation, so long as I have the honor of occupying the office of Governor of this Territory.

I want also to thank you and the Shagway Women's Christian Temperance Union for the confidence that they have shown me in

expressing their hope that I again may be reappointed Governor of Alaska. The appreciation of such a body as the Women's Christian Temperance Union is a matter of profound gratification to me, and, whether or not I shall continue in the office of Governor of this great Territory, I shall cherish this mark of esteem. I am not an active candidate for reappointment and at this time I do not know whether I shall be. I have given little or no thought to the matter of reappointment, and, if I were to consult my personal desires, I would be more than pleased to retire to private life, with the consciousness that, during my occupancy of the position of Governor, I have given the best that was within me to the faithful discharge of every duty as it arose from day to day.

With expressions of my personal esteem, and best wishes for the continued success of the Shagwey Women's Christian Temperance Union, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Mr. Edward L. Redenberg,  
House of Representatives,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, together with a letter from my old-time friend, Hon. C. E. Ryberg, formerly of Nome, Alaska. In your letter you state that you are anxious to come to Alaska and ask for information as to securing a position of some kind, either with a private corporation or in the government service.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no governmental positions which are vacant at this time. Such vacancies as occur from time to time are usually filled from actual residents of the Territory. It might be possible, however, for you to secure a position with some private or public concern. We have a number of large mining companies here, whose addresses are as follows and to whom you might write:

The Alaska-Castineau Mining Co., Juneau  
The Alaska-Juneau Mining Co., Juneau  
The Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell.

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You also state that you are familiar with telephone work, but we have but one telephone company in this town, although there are similar companies in other towns of Alaska. The company operating in Juneau is known as the Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co., Edward Webster, manager, to whom you might also write. Other towns operating telephones in southeastern Alaska are Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Skagway.

If I can be of any further service to you, I shall gladly render it.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Hon. Charles E. Ryberg,  
3008 41st Avenue, South,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 18, forwarded me by Mr. Edward L. Redenberg, of St. Paul.

In reply it is needless to say that I was pleased to hear from you, and it gave me especial pleasure to note that you are now a member of the legislature of the good old state of Minnesota. This shows that you are progressing, and I trust that your progress will continue until you are Governor of your state and then will be elevated to the United States Senate, both of which positions I know you would fill with great ability.

With regard to your friend Redenberg, I have just written him, but I regret that I know of nothing that would suit him at this time. I have given him the names of a number of concerns with whom he might get in touch, with the view of securing employment, should he desire to come to this Territory.

I trust that you are in good health, and with best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

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Hon. Ralph W. Thomas,  
State Tax Commissioner,  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 27, in which you state that you are desirous of obtaining a complete collection of tax reports of the several states and territories, but that you have been unable to secure anything in the way of regular reports or reports of special tax commissions from Alaska.

In reply I may say that there is a reason for this, there being no tax commission in the Territory. Territorial taxes are derived wholly from trade and license taxes and taxes on corporations doing business within the Territory, and no general property tax is levied, except in incorporated towns of Alaska, the annual tax levy being limited to 2 per cent.. Furthermore, the Territorial government is but four years old and we are still in swaddling clothes so far as a tax system is concerned.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Miss Margaret E. Perkins, R. N.,  
1400 N. Twelfth Ave.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 20, in which you ask for information concerning nursing in Alaska, and as to hospital positions available, and whether or not civil service examinations are required.

In reply I have to advise you that nurses are employed in the different hospitals of the Territory, but, so far as I am advised, no civil service examination is required for positions in the hospitals maintained by the United States Government. Of course, civil service examinations are not exacted in private hospitals. The United States Government maintains a hospital at Juneau, and for information concerning it, you are advised to address the United States General Hospital, Juneau. Other private hospitals are St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau and St. Ann's hospital, Douglas. Private hospitals are also maintained at Nome, and Fairbanks in the interior. That at Nome is known as the Holy Cross hospital.

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and is conducted by the Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church.  
The hospital at Fairbanks is known as St. Joseph's and is  
conducted by the same people.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Mr. Al. Chamberlain.

Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Chamberlain:

I have just received your telegram, as follows:

"A scurdough can raise a regiment of Alaskans.  
I am one."

In reply I may say that I believe there is no one in Alaska that can raise a regiment of Alaskans to fight the Germans or anybody else as easily as yourself, and, if the occasion should arise when Alaska will be called to furnish a regiment or so of her true and loyal sons to assist in the defense of our great republic, your services will be most desirable.

Permit me to thank you for the spirit evinced in your telegram.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Mr. James W. Johnston,  
City Health Officer,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 25, with reference to the measles situation in your town. I note with much satisfaction what has been done to control the epidemic, and I am pleased to know that these measures have enabled you to control the situation, and that you look for a speedy termination of the disease.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

February 8, 1917

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The Clerk,

Seward Hotel,

Portland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a message from Mr. Paul Buckley, deputy United States marshal at Unalaska, Alaska, requesting that copies of the Governor's annual report be forwarded to various persons in the States, including "Klakey, Seward Hotel, Portland, Oregon." We have interpreted the word "Klakey" to mean "clerk," and are, therefore, mailing to you two copies of the Governor's annual report for 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 8, 1917

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Mr. Paul Buckley,

Deputy U. S. Marshal,

Unalaska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your night letter message of yesterday's date, reading as follows:

"Please send two copies each your annual report to Johnston and Erickson, 500 to two See-Line building, Minneapolis; Sargent and Co., McKnight Building, Minneapolis; George Dismukes, Biloxi, Mississippi; Klaksey, Seward Hotel, Portland, Oregon; Geo. and Co., Belmont Block, Victoria B. C.; and myself. Am boosting Alaska."

In accordance with the request contained in your letter, we are today mailing two copies of the Governor's annual report to the parties mentioned in your telegram, also two copies to you. The word "Klaksey" in the message we have interpreted to mean "clerk," and have addressed two copies to the clerk of the Seward Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 9, 1917.

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The Agent of

The "Prince of Wales",

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Mr. Phil Callahan, first-class transportation, Juneau to Sitka, on the next sailing of the "Prince of Wales", charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Submit your bill to this office in duplicate, attaching this letter thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

February 9, 1917

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Mrs. Elisabeth Bailey,

Proprietress Circle City Dining Room,

City

Dear Madam:

This will be your authority to furnish the bearer,  
Mr. Phil Callahan, with meals until the next sailing of  
the "Prince of Wales" for Sitka.

Please submit your bill in duplicate, attaching  
this letter thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 9, 1917

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The Proprietor,  
Circle City Hotel,  
City

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish a room to the bearer, Mr. Phil Callahan, until the next sailing of the "Prince of Wales" for Sitka.

Please present your bill in duplicate with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 10, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9, with reference to the premiums on your surety bonds as Territorial Treasurer, in which you ask, in view of the fact that the appropriation for contingent office expenses of the Territorial Treasury is practically exhausted, if such premiums, now maturing, can be paid from the emergency appropriation under the control of this office.

In reply I have to advise you that I see no reason why such premium could not be paid from the fund indicated, and upon proper presentation of vouchers for such payment, they will be approved by me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 10, 1917

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Mr. Ward T. Bower, Agent,

United States Bureau of Fisheries,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Bower:

I am advised by Mr. George C. Naud that he is applying for a position on one of your new launch cruisers, which I understand are being added to the Bureau of Fisheries patrol fleet in Alaskan waters, and I wish to say, in his behalf, that I have known Mr. Naud for some time past and have been most favorably impressed with him. He is a young man, energetic and of excellent habits, and I believe that he would faithfully discharge any duties to which he might be assigned. I believe that he is fully competent for any position to which he might ask to be appointed. If you are in a position to favorably consider Mr. Naud's application, I shall appreciate it very much.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 10, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Chase,  
Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 2, with reference to health conditions for the month of January in your district. I have read your letter with interest and am glad to note that the measles epidemic which had prevailed, has been practically exterminated, with no deaths, in your vicinity.

I also note, with much pleasure, that Cordova is flourishing, and I hope that it will continue to grow and prosper indefinitely.

With reference to the protection of fish at Abercrombie Canyon, which you say are in danger of depletion, this matter has been given some consideration by this office. The trouble is, however, that it is hard to convince the Bureau of Fisheries that there is any danger of the depletion of the salmon fisheries of Alaska. I do not know, as yet, what action had been taken with respect to conserving the fish supply of the Copper River, but I do know that it has been receiving the

attention of the Bureau, inasmuch as it was represented to the Bureau as early as last summer that, with the intensive fishing of the river, the supply was threatened with exhaustion and an important food supply for the Indians as well. I shall do everything I can toward conserving the salmon of the Copper River.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

February 10, 1917

Mr. E. M. Axelson,  
United States Commissioner,  
Yakutat, Alaska

My dear Mr. Axelson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10, which I have read with much interest. In reply I have to advise you that I sincerely regret the measles epidemic which has visited your village, but I am glad to say that you are equal to the occasion and that the epidemic is under control. Your action in getting after the beer-makers and destroying their brews wherever you found them, is unqualifiedly commended by this office. In fact, it is the only way that I can see to exterminate this nefarious business, and I pledge you that I will stand behind you to the fullest extent in this matter. Therefore, destroy it wherever you find it, at the same time warning the natives that they must desist from this practice. I note that your action here direct and fruitful results, inasmuch as you had a sober village during Christmas and New Year, no doubt, something unparalleled in the history of Yakutat since intoxicating drinks were first known there.

I trust that Mr. Italic will be able to render you such assistance. I regret to hear that he has been ill, but trust that he has fully recovered.

I wrote you recently, acknowledging receipt of the moccasins, with which both Mrs. Strong and myself were very much pleased, not only because of your kindly thoughtfulness, but because they show the handiwork of your people.

I wish to add here that an election has been ordered on March 5, for the election of a representative to the Alaska legislature, a position made vacant by the decease of the Hon. John G. Heid, who died in San Francisco on January 24. The Democratic candidate is Mr. Isaac Soverby, of Juneau, but the Republicans have not yet made a nomination, and I cannot say, at this time, who they will nominate. I understand that the ballots for the election will be forwarded to you by the Clerk of the Court Ball, but I suppose they will not reach you before election day. The notice and order of election was forwarded to you some time since by this office.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 10, 1917

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Miss Theodora Booth, President,  
The Girls' National Honor Guard, Inc.,  
34 West 28th Street,  
New York City

My dear Miss Booth:

I have your letter of January 29, with reference to the campaign you are making in an effort to secure an appropriation for the American Girls' Camps.

In reply I have to say that I believe Congress could make no better use of public funds than by making a sufficient appropriation for the laudable work in which you are engaged. I am sure that if the scope of the work of the Girls' National Honor Guard were sufficiently known throughout the nation, it would meet with the enthusiastic support of the people generally. I may add that I shall do everything within my power to further this work, and I take this opportunity of wishing you the greatest success.

You are at liberty to use this letter in any way that you may deem fit and proper.

I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

February 10, 1917

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Miss Julia B. Collins,

Lawson, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 29,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular which contains the names of the school districts in the Territory and other information as to the white schools. The white schools on the Pacific coast belt of Alaska have been checked for your further information.

With reference to filing on land for homesteading, I have to advise you that, if you are otherwise qualified, you may file upon 160 acres of land, irrespective of the fact whether you have hitherto used your right in the States. The other rights are practically the same as in the public land states of the West. For further information concerning this matter, you should address the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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February 10, 1917

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Miss Lucy R. Case, Executive Secretary,  
Joint Legislative Committee,  
Direct Legislation League of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

By reference from Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the United States Bureau of Education, Seattle, I am in receipt of your letter of January 30, in which you ask to be informed as to the amount of the forest reserve funds received by the Territory of Alaska under the federal statute, which is apportioned to the public schools and the public roads of the Territory.

In reply I have to say that 25 per cent of this fund is appropriated by the Territorial legislature for school purposes and 75 per cent for road and trail construction.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 10, 1917

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Mr. F. T. Staley,  
Assistant to the Solicitor,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, in which you state that you desire to ascertain, in connection with the administration of the federal aid road act of July 11, 1916, and especially section 8 thereof, if any laws have been passed by the Alaska legislature which might have a bearing on the question.

In reply I have to advise you that the legislature of Alaska holds biennial sessions, and the next session will begin on March 5 proximo. As a consequence, no laws in connection with the act referred to have been passed. It is probable, however, that some action will be taken with reference thereto at the forthcoming session, of which you will be advised in due course.

In the meantime, I know of no official in the Territory other than the Governor, who would be in a position to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture for the survey, construction and maintenance of roads and trails in

this Territory, and I am not quite certain as to whether the Governor could assume such duty. As indicated above, however, this matter will probably be taken up and passed upon by the Territorial legislature, and, if legislation be necessary to provide for cooperation between the Territory and the Secretary of Agriculture, it will be attended to, without doubt.

In this connection, I may add that I note, with some interest, the decision of the Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture and the Comptroller of the Treasury, to the effect that the judicial districts of Alaska are to be taken as units corresponding to the counties in the states, within the meaning of said section 8 of the federal road act. For your information, I may state that in a suit brought in the United States district court for the first judicial division of Alaska some eighteen months ago, it was decided otherwise, it being held that Alaska, not having any form of county government, was to be considered as a whole. This decision, however, applies to the distribution of funds received by the Territory from the Federal Forest Reserves of Alaska.

Under separate cover, I am transmitting to your address copies of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1913 and 1914.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 12, 1917

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Mr. Anton Kuharic,

Kennecott, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of his report for 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 12, 1917

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Mr. E. I. Julian, Librarian,  
Financial Library,  
66 Liberty St.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to this office, in which you request a copy of the Governor's last report.

Under separate cover, there has been forwarded to you a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1916.

In this connection, permit me to call your attention to the fact that the capital of Alaska has been located at Juneau for some eight years past, having been transferred from Sitka, the original capital of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 12, 1917

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Mr. Michael McGann,  
Binbrooke, Ontario, Canada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask for information regarding the name of the representative or senator from Nome.

The members of the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature, elected from Nome, are senators Frank A. Aldrich and John Sundback, and representatives J. P. Daly A. A. Allan, T. M. Reed or Phil Corrigan. The election returns have not yet been canvassed, and it is not definitely known whether Reed or Corrigan has been elected. The members of the 1915 session from Nome were senators Frank A. Aldrich and Thomas McGann and representatives J. P. Daly and W. W. Gatchell.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 12, 1917

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Respectfully yours,  
Mr. Harvey M. Stackpole,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that you wish to secure an appointment as notary public.

No blank is provided for use in making application for appointment as notary public; all that is required is a letter addressed to the Governor, asking such appointment. Each applicant is required to remit with the application the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for the commission. The remittance should be in the form of a postal money order, payable to the Governor of Alaska. It is also required that applicants shall execute a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with one or more sureties, which bond must be approved by the clerk of the district court. An oath of office is also required.

Herewith you will find a bond blank, on the will be found an oath of office form. This only executed by you and the bond should then

be forwarded to the clerk of the court at Junesu for his approval, with the request that he transmit it to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 12, 1917

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Mr. William H. Johnson,

Box 241, Missouri Valley, Ia.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a copy of chapter 71 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, containing the workmen's compensation act for this Territory. The journals of the Alaska legislature are for sale by the Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of the Territory, Juneau. Their cost is, I believe, approximately \$5 per volume.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 13, 1917

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Mr. D. Smeaton, Agent,  
Steamer Prince of Wales,  
City

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish the bearer, Mr. Ernest E. Young, first-class transportation, meals and berth on the "Prince of Wales," Juneau to Sitka.

Please submit your bill in duplicate, attaching this letter to it.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 13, 1917

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Dr. Henry Walde Coe,  
President, The Sanitarium Co.,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

On November 8, 1912 John I. Nelson, of Junction, was committed to the Morningside Sanitarium, after a hearing had in the United States Commissioner's court at Junction. An examination of the detailed report furnished this office by you, covering the period January 16, 1904 to March 31, 1916, fails to disclose the name of John I. Nelson, but does disclose the name of J. I. Neilson, who was admitted on November 15, 1912 from Junction. The record shows that this patient died on November 14, 1915. In view of the fact that there is now in Junction a man by the name of John Nelson, who claims to be the John I. Nelson who was committed to the Home, the question arises as to whether or not the report is in error in stating that the patient, J. I. Neilson, died on November 14, 1915.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly investigate your records and advise this office in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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James P. Daly,

O. B. ~~Canfield~~

Seattle, Wash.

Canvass of election returns not yet completed; awaiting arrival  
returns from Second division and precincts in other divisions.  
Members House of Representatives, second division, so far as  
known, are Daly, Coombs, Allen, and either Corrigan or Reed;  
third division, Cannon, Price, Day and either Holland or Murray.  
No certificates of election have been issued, nor will they be  
until probably next week.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

February 14, 1917.

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to request that there be forwarded to this office 250 blanks, Form 1-323, "Voucher for Traveling Expenses," and 200 blanks, Form 1-111, proposal and acceptance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1917

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Hon. R. F. Roth,

United States Attorney,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Roth:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12, together with enclosures, namely, letter of Mr. Joseph N. Smith, of Iditarod, with voucher and subvouchers and an affidavit, all relating to the expenses connected with the burial at Iditarod, on December 25, 1915, of Philip O'Brien, a native boy.

In reply I beg to advise you that this is not chargeable to the Territory of Alaska, inasmuch as the supervision of the natives of Alaska is vested directly in the United States Bureau of Education, and there is no Territorial fund available to which it might be charged. For your further information, which you will be kind enough to communicate to Mr. Smith, I am advised that the United States Bureau of Education has a fund which may be used for the purposes mentioned herein, and that Mr. Smith should forward his voucher to Mr. George E. Boulter, superintendent of native schools, whose address is Tanana, Alaska. I may add that I have taken this

matter up with Mr. C. W. Hawksworth, superintendent of schools for southeastern Alaska, and he advises me that this is the procedure which should be taken in this case.

I am returning herewith enclosures received.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

February 13, 1917

**EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:**

Mrs. L. E. MacFarlane, 1515 Boran Avenue, Seattle, writes the Governor's office for information concerning John Archibald Rankin, age sixty years, who is believed to be somewhere in Alaska. Anyone knowing anything about Mr. Rankin is kindly asked to communicate with the Governor's office or with Mrs. MacFarlane at the above address.

Other papers please copy.

February 13, 1917

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Mrs. L. E. MacFarlane,  
1515 Boren Ave.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of February 5, in which you state that Mrs. John Archibald Rankin is in your city, in search of her husband who is believed to be somewhere in Alaska. I note you say that Mr. Rankin is known to spend much of his time with Mr. George Adams. Alaska, as you know, is a very large country, the towns and settlements being widely separated. I know, however, a George Adams in 1912, who then lived in Iditarod, Alaska, and it is possible that, by addressing him, you might be able to learn something concerning Mr. Rankin. In the meantime, I will cause investigations to be made as to the whereabouts of Mr. Rankin, and should these be successful, you will be advised in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 13, 1917

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Mr. Ira M. Hawkins,  
<sup>Wilson</sup>  
Hawston, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January, 30, in which you ask for certain information concerning Alaska; and you state that a number of men in your community are planning to come to this Territory.

In reply I may say that there are, no doubt, opportunities in Alaska that are not to be found in the more thickly settled states of the Union, but, as you will readily acknowledge, much will depend upon the character of the men looking for these opportunities. Alaska is a far different country from North Carolina in every respect; conditions are very dissimilar, and also, perhaps, the people; climatically, Alaska is very unlike North Carolina, and it might be quite possible that people coming to Alaska from North Carolina would be as homesick and despondent as were those Pilgrims from England who settled at Jamestown, Virginia, early in 1600. I recall a story to the effect that these men, unused to physical toil, when set to felling trees and cultivating the

the ground, their oaths were louder than the strokes of their axes, and, in order to decrease the volume of profanity thus caused, Captain Smith decreed that for every offense, a can of water should be poured down the sleeve of the guilty man. I simply tell you this story because I believe that it might apply in this case, but, of course, I hope not..

Alaska is a mountainous country, timbered to a greater or lesser extent throughout; cultivable land is found in the valleys of the numerous streams which enter the sea from the mainland and the many islands with which the coast is studded. The principal industries are mining and the fisheries, the salmon fisheries of Alaska being the most productive of the world. Other fisheries are halibut, herring and cod. Farming is followed, to some extent, but the areas cultivated as yet are limited, due to the fact that such agriculture as we have has the growth of recent years. Land in small areas may be found in the vicinity of Juneau and most of the coastal towns, as well as in the interior, where there are a number of fairly well cultivated farms, principally in the Tanana River Valley. Wages in and about the mines of Alaska run from \$3 to \$4.75 a day, without board, board usually costing \$1 to \$1.25 a day. The labor used in connection with the salmon canneries is largely Chinese, Japanese, Philippine and natives, but some white men are also employed. The same is true of the other fisheries; still it might be possible for an experienced fisherman to obtain employment in these lines.

The Government is building a railroad from Seward, on the coast, to Fairbanks, in the Tanana River Valley, a distance of some 350 miles, and, no doubt, employment could be obtained on construction work for the railroad. The wages paid for common labor are about \$4 a day for eight hours' work, I understand. For information concerning employment on the Government railroad, you should address the Alaska Engineering Commission, Alaska Building, Seattle, Wash. For your further information, I am forwarding, under separate cover, a copy of the report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1916.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 15, 1917. O. B.

C. C. Geergesen,  
Secretary Board Trustees Alaska Pioneers Home,  
SITKA.

Appropriations under chapter sixty four session laws nineteen fifteen exhausted. Issue no warrants for payment of allowances until legislature has made another appropriation.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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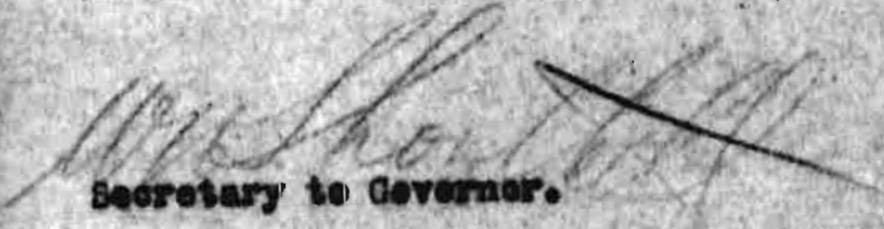
Juneau, February 15, 1917. O. B.

Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,

Fairbanks,

An opinion furnished this office through the Interior Department held that the school legislation enacted by the nineteen fifteen session of Alaska legislature was invalid inasmuch as it was in contravention of the provisions of the enabling act by which the control of the schools outside incorporated towns was reserved to Congress.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

February 16, 1917

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Miss Floy Tracy,

Supt., Douglas Public Schools,

Douglas, Alaska

My dear Miss Tracy:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, in which you request a copy of his last annual report.

Under separate cover, a copy of the report is being mailed to you, together with a copy of a circular of general information issued by the Department of the Interior. A revised edition of this general circular will soon be available for distribution, and if you should care for copies of it, we shall be glad to furnish them to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 16, 1917

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Hon. George B. Grigsby,  
Chief Counsel,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I am submitting herewith, for your consideration and opinion, certain questions that have arisen as a result of the canvass of the election returns of the general election held in the Territory of Alaska on November 7, 1916, by the Alaska canvassing board, consisting of the Governor, the Surveyor-General and the Collector of Customs. For your further information, I desire to state that at a meeting of the canvassing board this morning, it was unanimously decided to submit these questions to you and ask for an opinion thereon as soon as you shall find it practicable so to do.

Questions submitted and upon which an opinion is desired  
by the  
Canvassing Board

1. Where judges of election failed to execute oath.
2. Where one judge swore the other two, but was not himself sworn.
3. Where all three judges signed oath form, and one signed the jurat.
4. Where all three judges signed oath form, but no one signed the jurat.

5. Where all three judges signed oath form, and two of them signed the jurat.
6. Where no registration book was used.
7. Where registration book was used, but names of voters were written therein by member of election board instead of by the voters themselves.
8. Where registration book was not certified by election board.
9. Where but one judge signed certificate to registration book.
10. Where no register of voters was used in addition to the registration book.
11. Where election board did not make a duplicate return or certificate of the election and forward same to the clerk of the district court.
12. Where (as in the second division), no oaths of election officers were with the returns sent to the Governor's office, but clerk of court claims to have furnished oath forms to all boards and that their oaths are on file in his office.
13. Where election board did not sign the certificate of result in back of register or registration book.
14. Where election board did not fill in the certificate of result nor sign same.
15. Where only record of result is the tally sheets sent in by the board, only one of which is certified.
16. Where unofficial ballots were used and no explanation made by election board as to why they were used.
17. Where sample ballots were used (furnished by the clerk of the court) instead of the official ballots and no explanation given.
18. Where worker's ballots were used instead of the official ballots, and no explanation made by election board.

19. Where worker's ballots were used instead of official ballots (the ballots used bearing the name of a political party), and explanation made by election board as to their use.
20. Where election returns are in, but canvassing board has not received certified copy of Commissioner's order and notice of election.
21. Is chapter 25, Session Laws of 1915, valid?
22. In what respects does chapter 25, Session Laws of 1915, change the procedure of elections in the matter of a duplicate register of voters, duplicate return by election boards, certification of returns, etc., so that procedure was outlined in the act providing for the election of a Delegate to Congress?

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of  
Canvassing Board.

February 16, 1917

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Mr. W. F. Weiner,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 26, making application for appointment as United States deputy marshal at Telstei, in the fourth judicial division, has been handed me by Mr. J. J. McGrath, formerly of Seward. I have forwarded your letter to Mr. L. T. Erwin, United States Marshal for the fourth judicial division at Fairbanks, together with a recommendation in your behalf, should he see his way clear to give you the appointment.

Wishing you success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1917

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Hon. L. T. Erwin,  
United States Marshal,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received by me from W. F. Weimer, of Seward, Alaska, which is self-explanatory. I may add that friends of Mr. Weimer assure me that he is capable and trustworthy in every respect, as well as a good and loyal Democrat. Of course, I do not know whether you can make use of Mr. Weimer's services or not, and am merely forwarding his application to you at the request of one of his friends.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$227.25, payable to you as superintendent of the Home, being the amount allowed by Judge Brown, from the indigent fund, for the quarter ended December 31, 1916.

Be good enough to endorse the check and forward it to the Territorial Treasurer.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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February 16, 1917

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Mr. D. Smith Harris,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Harris:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 13, with reference to a vacancy that is about to occur in the office of postmaster at Ketchikan. I note what you say about Mr. Clarence Fickle as a suitable man for this place. I may say that I have heard Mr. Fickle well and favorably spoken of, and I shall give due consideration to your letter, if I am asked to make any recommendation as to the Ketchikan post office. I may say that I have strictly avoided mixing up in post office appointments, these matters having been attended heretofore largely by the national committeeman. However, in any event, your endorsement of Mr. Fickle will have due weight with me, should I be asked for an opinion by the Post Office Department.

I am glad to note that you will visit Juneau and attend the meeting of the Grand Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood, where it will give me much pleasure to again meet you.

With assurances of my great personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Governor

February 17, 1917

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Mr. W. C. Edes, Chairman,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Edes:

I am in receipt of a request from Mr. George Madson, of Seward, whom I have known for a long number of years, stating that he is desirous of securing permanent employment, if possible, as a longshoreman for your Commission. I do know that Mr. Madson is an able-bodied man and has a good record as longshoreman or in similar kind of work. If, therefore, you are in position to give Mr. Madson employment such as he desires, always provided, of course, that he renders faithful service, I shall esteem it a personal favor.

Cordially yours,

February 17, 1917

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Mr. Charles A. Fox, *per se* yourself accordingly

United States Commissioner, *in very truly,*

Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, in which you state that you had posted order and notice of the special election to be held on March 6, to elect a representative to the Territorial Legislature, to succeed the Hon. John O. Heid, deceased, at Sulzer and Craig, and that you would comply with the election law.

In reply I have to state that since transmitting you the order and notice for this election, I have learned that your precinct is included within the recording precinct of Ketchikan, of which Mr. E. S. Stackpole is United States Commissioner and ex officio recorder. Clearly, under the law, the voting precincts should be established by the Commissioner and recorder of the recording districts, as it is understood by this office that you, as United States commissioner do not discharge the duties of recorder but those of a justice of the peace, probate judge, etc.

I am advising you this in this matter so that no conflict may ensue between the notices posted by yourself and the election judges appointed by you with those that no doubt will be appointed by Commissioner Stackpole.

Will you kindly govern yourself accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 17, 1917.

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Mrs. Elisabeth Bailey,  
Circle City Dining Room,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Please furnish meals to the bearer, H. O. Smith, for a period of five days, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska and rendering bill in duplicate to this office with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 19, 1917

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Wisconsin Pure Culture Co.,  
1027 Drake St.,  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the "Dairy & Food Commissioner, Sitka, Alaska," has been forwarded to this office, there being no dairy and food commissioner in this Territory.

In reply to your inquiry, I beg to advise that there are no creameries or cheese factories in Alaska, but dairies are located in a number of the larger towns of the Territory and supply the residents with fresh milk and cream, but it is not the understanding of this office that you wish a list of such dairies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 19, 1917

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Mr. Frank Kitchen,  
United States Commissioner,  
Dunkirk, Montana

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the  
"Federal Judge, Juneau," has been referred to this office.  
United States commissioner W. R. Faddis, McCarthy, Alaska,  
is an appointee of the Honorable Fred M. Brown, United  
States District Judge for the third judicial division of  
Alaska, and your letter is therefore being referred to  
Judge Brown for attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 19, 1917

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Honorable Fred M. Brown,  
United States District Judge,  
Valdes, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to refer to you  
herewith a letter addressed to the "Federal Judge, Juneau,"  
by Frank Kitchen, United States commissioner at Dunkirk,  
Montana, and referred to this office by Judge Jennings.  
The letter referred to is self-explanatory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 19, 1917

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Mr. P. W. Gorman,

Julian, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your wireless message of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, sent in response to an item published in the Juneau Empire of February 15, making inquiry for information concerning your whereabouts. The newspaper inquiry was prompted by a request received at this office some time ago from Miss Louise German, 505 North Vine Street, Creston, Iowa, who asked the assistance of this office in her efforts to learn of your whereabouts.

We have today written Miss German, advising her of the receipt of your wireless message.

I may add that we frequently receive requests for assistance in locating the whereabouts of relatives of people in the States, and, as a rule, our only method of rendering assistance is by asking the newspapers to publish an item, asking for information concerning the persons inquired about.

I make this explanation so that you may understand that we were simply following the usual course when we asked the Empire to publish a request for information concerning your whereabouts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 19, 1917

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Miss Louise German,  
505 North Vine St.,  
Creston, Iowa

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your inquiry of November 15 last,  
for information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. P. W. German,  
I beg to advise that on the 17th instant this office received  
the following wireless message from Mr. German:

"Jualin, Alaska, Feb. 16-17.

"Gov. Strong,  
"Juneau, Alaska  
"Answering your advertisement in Empire Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>,  
as at Jualin.

(Sgd.) P. W. German."

Jualin is a mining camp and post office located some  
thirty miles north of Juneau, on the shores of Lynn Canal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 19, 1917

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Mr. Reed W. Heilig,  
United States Commissioner,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 3, with reference to Harvey Thompson, of Fairbanks, who is receiving an allowance under Chapter 44, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

I have to thank you for your courtesy in replying to my letter and I am glad to know that Mr. Thompson is making such use of his allowance as will not compel the Board of Trustees to take steps to cancel it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

February 19, 1917

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Hon. A. G. Sheup, Supt ..

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing an anonymous letter received by you. I have read your letter and am satisfied that the allegations were unfounded. It is quite likely that a trained nurse should be in attendance on the sick men at all times, and I believe that such an arrangement should be made at as early a date as possible. Of course, this will entail the employment of an additional nurse, making three in all.

I have had a talk with Senator Aldrich about conditions as he found them at the Home, and I may say that the report is very satisfactory to me. I am glad that Aldrich went over as I am satisfied that he made a very meticulous examination of the Home and everything connected therewith.

Now, with reference to increasing fireman Rice's salary, I have to say that I discussed this matter this afternoon with Trustee Shattuck, and we were of the opinion that, beginning March 1, his salary should be increased to \$100 per

month. You will, therefore, advise Rice accordingly. It is quite possible that a readjustment of the wage scale paid at the Home will be necessary, but neither Mr. Shattuck nor I wish to take this up before the coming spring, and I would advise you, in the interests of the Home, not to give publicity to Rice's increase in salary, in order that it might not create some dissension on the part of the other employees, something which we wish to avoid, if possible.

Mr. Shattuck was instructed to purchase 2,000 feet of whiplap and 1500 ft. of ceiling, as per the request contained in your letter, for partitioning off the rooms in the storehouse for the women employees. This shipment will go forward as soon as it is possible to send it on the Alki, if possible. How soon this will be I do not know at this time.

I am glad that your measles epidemic is decreasing and hope that it will soon be a thing of the past.

A number of vouchers was received today, in payment of a number of special bills contracted by you because of the sickness among the employees.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

February 19, 1917

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, in which you discuss matters in relation to a new dormitory for the Home, and state that you and Mr. Shoup are unable to get very far for want of technical knowledge. You also suggest that Mr. Harlan Thomas, architect of the new Juneau school building, be consulted with respect to this proposed building.

In reply I have to advise you that Trustee Shattuck and myself discussed this matter this afternoon, and, in view of the fact that the Territorial legislature will soon be in session and that work on the new building could not be begun before the coming spring, we decided it would be advisable to defer action for the present. The construction of a steam laundry and the purchase of electric washers and cleaners were also deferred for the present. It may be that the legislature may also authorize the

construction of a home for pioneer women, and this contingency, coupled with the fact that the Territory may possibly be granted the land whereon the present buildings now occupied by the Home stand, may call for more comprehensive plans in the matter of providing additional rooms for this institution; and, if this be done, it is my opinion that a competent architect should be employed and he should visit Sitka and take into consideration the present buildings, the contour of the land, etc..

Senator Aldrich returned, much pleased with his visit to the Home, and, upon my suggestion, he filed a report which is highly satisfactory in every way.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home



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Dr. C. C. Georgesen, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Doctor Georgesen:

Herewith I am returning the applications for allowances, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of Edward Emmet Mortimer, of Woodchopper, and William McCarty, of Ketchikan, and I have to advise you that Mr. Shattuck and myself, at a meeting held today, approved your recommendation of \$12.50 per month in the case of Mortimer, and \$10 per month for William McCarty.

Action upon the application of Anna B. Dukes, of Nome, was deferred, pending the receipt of further information regarding the merits of the statements contained therein.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

Encs.

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February 20, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith letter of the 9th instant addressed to this office by Isaac R. Hitt, Attorney-at-Law, Washington, D. C., whose commission as a Commissioner of Deeds for Alaska expired on the 4th of August last.

Mr. Hitt asks that he be again commissioned, and enclosed a certified check for \$5 to cover the fee, which check has been endorsed to your order by the Governor and is herewith enclosed.

The Governor directs me to ask that a commission be prepared for the usual period of four years.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 20, 1917.

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Mr. D. Smeaton,  
Agent, "Prince of Wales",  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This will authorize you to furnish to the bearer, Joseph Fields,  
first-class transportation, meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, via sailing of  
this date, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Present bill in duplicate, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 20, 1917

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Dr. C. C. Georgesen, Secretary,  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Doctor Georgesen:

The Governor has asked me to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Joseph (or J. T.) Field, of Petersburg, who has been on the pension list, is today leaving Juneau for Sitka to enter the Pioneers' Home.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 20, 1917

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The Frest Manufacturing Co.,  
Galesburg, Illinois

Attention of  
Mr. Fred Lupton

Dear Sirs:

4 The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you ask for the latest laws and rulings on the construction and installation of steam boilers and tanks. In reply I beg to advise you that there is no legislation in this Territory covering the subject-matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, February 21, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. 76-81K

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Have been asked by responsible people to urge  
necessity assigning government soldiers or other special protection for  
radio stations in Alaska. Specially pointed out that there are large numbers  
foreigners in Cordova section whose nationality might influence them to  
commit depredations on these properties should further international dis-  
turbance arise. Am of opinion that present situation not emergent, and  
action as above suggested will only be necessary in case of actual hos-  
tilities.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, February 21, 1917. O. B.

R. W. Baxter,

SEATTLE, Wash.

Your telegram seventeenth. Matter referred to now under consideration and probably action may be taken along line suggested by you.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, February 21, 1917. O. B. to Cordova. COLLECT Cordova to Strelna.

T. H. Holland,

Strelna.

Canvass election returns not completed, no certificates yet issued. Canvassing board probably held final meeting next Monday and will immediately wire you result third division.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, February 21, 1917. O. B.

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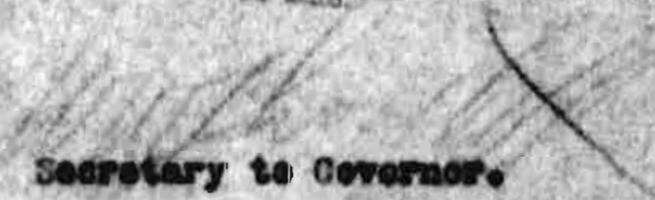
Edward F. Medley, Commissioner,

Cordeaux.

Replying yours twentieth you are authorized arrange burial Frank Miller at expense not exceeding seventy dollars. Forward duplicate vouchers this office for payment.

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.

Janesau, February 21, 1917. O. B.

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Lowman A. Hanford,

Seattle, Wash.

For information this office please wire prices charged by you per thousand copies on following classes work: Bills, resolutions and other matters ordered by legislature, in bill form, printed on half sheet cap paper, not less than fourteen pounds, ten or twelve point. Also wire prices charged for press work on above classes work for first one hundred impressions and each subsequent one hundred.

STRONG, O'CONNOR.

~~Secretary to Governor.~~

February 19, 1917

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Mr. Wade Blaker,

Fox, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a certificate of allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, for Hans Madsen, whose address is believed to be Fox. This was forwarded to me by Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Dr. Georgeson stating that it had been sent to the beneficiary in the usual way but that it had been returned to him. He also advises me that check No. 263 for \$37.50 was sent to you at Fox City at the same time. Under the law, the checks for allowances should not be delivered to the beneficiary except upon presentation of his certificate of allowance.

I would, therefore, thank you to advise this office at your earliest convenience, as to the whereabouts of Madsen and whether he has received his check, and also please hand him the certificate.

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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February 21, 1917

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Mr. U. G. Myers,

Eagle, Alaska

My dear Mr. Myers:

Acknowledging receipt of your telegram of February 17,  
as follows:

"Would earnestly recommend no change be made  
in postmaster here."

I have to advise you that I am not advised that a change is  
contemplated at the present time, although such has been  
suggested. I do not know what representations have been  
made to Mr. Donohoe, the Democratic national committeeman,  
however. Further, I have to say that this office makes no  
recommendations as to the appointment of postmasters in  
Alaska unless requested to do so by the Post Office Depart-  
ment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1917

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Mr. Edward F. Medley,  
United States Commissioner,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram of this date, in reply to your wire, asking for Territorial funds for the burial of one Frank Miller, a resident of Eyak, at an expense not to exceed \$70, I have to advise you that bills in duplicate, covering the above funeral expenses, should be forwarded to this office for payment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1917

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Mr. R. W. Baxter, President,  
Alaska Steamship Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Baxter:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 17, in which you suggest that I recommend that the Government use soldiers or other special protection for the radio stations in Alaska; and you also state that there is a large number of foreigners in Cordova and that vicinity, whose nationality might influence them to commit depredations on these properties if further international disturbances should arise.

In reply I have to advise you that I have taken up this matter with Washington and shall advise you of the Government's action in this respect, if any, in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1917

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Mr. George B. Young, Secretary,  
National Conference of Commissioners  
On Uniform State Laws,  
Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 7, and, under separate cover, a copy of the proceedings of the Twenty-sixth annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

In reply I beg to assure you that it will give me much pleasure to cooperate with the conference in the advancement of this movement and in the enactment of the acts recommended by the Conference in this Territory. I have to add that this Territory already has a law creating a board of commissioners on uniform state laws.

I may also express the hope that Alaska will be represented at the next meeting of the Conference to be held at Saratoga, August 29 to September 13, 1917.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Dr. L. S. Rowe, President,

American Academy of Political and Social Science,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Rowe:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 8, with reference to the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, to be held in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21; and you express the hope that it will be possible for me to appoint three delegates to represent the Territory of Alaska at that meeting:

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me great pleasure, indeed, to appoint these delegates, provided that I can find three qualified persons who will agree to attend the meeting, which I think it is possible to do. I may add that the forthcoming meeting should be one of great importance, especially in view of the momentous issues that now confront the nation.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Mr. James Griffith Stephens,  
314 Pantages Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Jim:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14, with reference to the work that you have been compiling, namely, a book entitled the "Prospector's Aid;" and you ask if there is anything that I can suggest that you might embody in the book that, in my opinion, will be beneficial information for the prospector.

In reply I have to say that in view of your long experience in prospecting and mining, I do not believe there is anything that I could offer that would add to your present knowledge.

I may add that I wish you the greatest success, and I believe that such a work should be warmly received by the prospector and mining public.

Under separate cover I am forwarding to your address a copy of the annual report of the Governor for 1916, and a circular containing general information regarding the

Territory, which, perhaps, you may find of some use.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cardially yours,

Governor

February 21, 1917

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Mr. C. D. Ganso,  
61 Broadway,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 9, in which you ask for a copy of the fourth annual report of the Governor of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I am forwarding herewith a copy of such report.

I also note you state that you are interested in the Alaska Mines Corporation, Alaska Westover, Alaska-British Columbia Metals Co., etc., and you suggest that if I can furnish you or advise you where to communicate regarding the "one real good mine" out of the lot above mentioned, you will be much indebted to me. In reply I have no information whatsoever concerning the mines or the corporations mentioned, and I, therefore, am not in a position to offer any advice as to their value or lack of value.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Dr. C. L. Hale, Member,  
Alaska Board of Dental Examiners,  
Cordova, -Alaska

My dear Doctor Hale:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your resignation as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners, to take effect as soon as it is convenient for this office to accept it. I also note that you suggest the names of either Doctor Keating of Seward, or Doctor German, of Anchorage, as your successor.

In reply I may add that I accept your resignation with sincere regret, to take effect April 1 next. If you will kindly remain a member of the Board until then, such action on your part will enable me to make a selection of your successor and also enable him to execute the necessary oath of office and transmit it to this office.

With assurances of my personal esteem, and wishing you every success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Dr. O. J. Keating,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a formal notice of your appointment as a member of the Alaska Dental Board for the third judicial division, to succeed Doctor C. L. Hale, of Cordova, resigned. I trust that you will be able to accept this appointment. I may add that you have been highly recommended for such appointment by Dr. Hale himself, Dr. E. H. Kaser, of Juneau, Secretary of the Dental Board, and Mr. B. M. Stone, of Seward.

Should you accept this appointment, will you kindly execute an oath of office and forward it to this office at your earliest convenience. Your appointment will be effective April 1.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Mr. Fred Harrison,

Fortuna Ledge, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 2, together with certain affidavits having reference to the election returns from Willow Creek, in the Fortuna. I note with some surprise that it was reported in your community that the returns from the Willow Creek precinct had been questioned and perhaps rejected on account of the delay which, it had been inferred from the postmark, may have occurred.

In reply I have to advise you that no such delay occurred, that no irregularities were shown in the returns from either of the precincts in the Fortuna Ledge recording district, and that the votes were duly canvassed and found correct by the canvassing board.

I may add, in passing, that it is simply marvelous what strange reports and what absolute fictions find currency in this Territory.

I trust that your camp is flourishing and that you are prospering with it.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, Chairman of Canvassing  
Board

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Juneau, February 23, 1917. O B Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. 55-60¢

Honorable George E. Chamberlain,  
Chairman Senate Committee Military Affairs,

WASHINGTON.

Earnestly recommend that five five hundred thousand dollars construction maintenance roads and trails in Alaska, stricken from bill in House, be reinstated in Senate. Failure of this appropriation would be calamitous to Alaska, whose development along material lines would thus be greatly retarded.

STRONG, Governor.

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

Secretary to Governor.

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February 24, 1917

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Honorable C. E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,

City

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith approved notarial bond, oath of office and fee of Harvey M. Stackpole, of Ketchikan, who has made application for the issuance of a notary commission to him.

Will you kindly have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 13, 1917

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Mr. Emmett Egan,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, in which you suggest Professor F. G. Davis, of Valdez, as having excellent qualifications for the office of Governor of this Territory, should I not be a candidate to succeed myself.

In reply I have to advise you that, at this time, I have not yet fully decided upon my future course in respect to the Governorship, nor will I, in all probability for several weeks.

With reference to Professor Davis, I want to say, however, that I have met him and have formed a high opinion of his worth in every way, and I am sure that he would fill the position of Governor, or any other position of responsibility within the gift of the Administration, with ability and skill. I take it, however, that whosoever shall be appointed to the position of Governor, should have the endorsement of the Democratic Territorial organization, and if I am not a candidate, I want to say, for myself, that the appointment of Professor Davis would be pleasing to me, should he be endorsed for that purpose.

I shall ask you to consider the statements I have made  
to you herein confidential for the present.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

February 15, 1917

Sir:

I have the honor to endorse the application which will be presented to you by Doctor Andrew Smith, President of the Hibernian Savings Bank, Portland, Oregon, in behalf of himself and Mr. A. L. McIntosh, of Bend, Oregon, for a lease of certain lands situated in the Aleutian archipelago, for the purpose of engaging in the sheep raising industry.

The Aleutian Island Reservation, which embraces the islands of the Aleutian group, was created by Executive Order on March 3, 1913, ostensibly for the propagation of fur-bearing animals, reindeer and fish. This group of islands includes several thousand square miles of Territory, and I am firmly of the opinion that but a small area, if any, is necessary for the purposes for which it was reserved. In the annual report of this office for the fiscal year 1913, it was stated that if it was proposed to establish experiment stations for the propagation of fur-bearing animals, reindeer and fish, it was a demonstrable fact that a much smaller area than that embraced in the entire Aleutian Island Reservation would suffice, and that the remainder should be opened to the settler and prospector.