

So far as is known, these islands contain little or no mineral wealth, but they offer, it is confidently believed, a fine field for sheep raising and possibly stock raising. Grasses grow luxuriantly and the climate is temperate, the coldest weather recorded, so far as I am advised, at any time, being 4° F. above zero. The precipitation is heavy almost throughout the entire year. The islands are practically without timber and the opportunities presented for grazing, especially by sheep, are supposed to be excellent. Under the reservation system, however, those desiring to enter into the sheep raising business are discouraged from doing so by reason of the fact that, in order to secure the capital which would be necessary for the successful prosecution of such an enterprise, the grazing privileges would be required for a sufficient number of years to insure the investors that they would not be molested in their occupancy. The population of the Aleutian group is largely confined to members of the Aleut tribe of natives, such white population as is present, being sparse and settled in such localities as Kodiak, Unalaska and a few others.

While the United States government maintains an agricultural experiment station on Kodiak Island, where sheep have been successfully raised, there has been but one attempt to prosecute the sheep raising industry elsewhere in the archipelago, and that enterprise resulted in total failure. It

was inaugurated some ten years ago, perhaps, but owing, it is alleged, to extremely bad management, the sheep shipped to the islands perished during the first winter. This fact has served to discourage any further attempts at sheep raising in that region. From my personal knowledge of that section of Alaska, and from what I have learned from stock raisers who have investigated the grazing situation of the Aleutian group to some extent, I believe that it is better adapted for the purpose of raising sheep than for cattle.

I need scarcely point out to you the desirability of encouraging in every way legitimately possible, an industry of this kind in Alaska, and especially in view of the diminishing meat supply of the United States. While I am not acquainted with Doctor Smith, he has been highly recommended to me by a number of people, including Father R. J. Criment, S. J., Apostolic Prefect of Alaska. Doctor Smith is represented as a man of high character, and it is men of this caliber, with sufficient capital at their command, coupled with a knowledge of the business which they have in view who can best achieve success, if such is attainable, in this branch of industry. I am also clearly of the opinion that if the Aleutian Islands are suitable for grazing purposes, as I believe they are, every legitimate encouragement should be given to those who are willing to back their faith with their money in an endeavor to begin a new industry in the Territory.

Such an industry should be welcomed rather than discouraged,  
and knowing as I do your unselfish efforts and your interest  
in the bona fide development of the resources of Alaska, I  
would respectfully ask that the application of Doctor Smith  
and his associate be given such consideration as you may find  
it possible under all the circumstances involved.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1917

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Rev. Father R. J. Crimont, S. J.,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Father Crimont:

It affords me much pleasure to hand you herewith a copy of a letter which I have this day written the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of February 14, personally handed to me by you.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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February 20, 1917

Captain William Quick, in charge of the Salvation Army,  
and  
All others whom it may concern,

Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Complaint has reached this office from a most reliable source, which it is not my present purpose to divulge, to the effect that the members of the Salvation Army at Killisnoo have been interfering with the personal rights of members of another religious denomination. Specifically it is charged that certain members of the Salvation Army have compelled people, against their will, to become members of that organization at Killisnoo, among them being a widow with a number of children, also a number of girls, members of another church, who, it is alleged, under duress, were compelled to become members of the Salvation Army.

I hope that I need scarcely point out to you that the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and no person, be he a member of a religious denomination or not, has any right to interfere with religious observances of any other people or sect.

I trust, therefore, that I shall not have to repeat this warning or take steps which I consider drastic in order to enforce the law, to the end that the fullest guarantee of religious and personal freedom be afforded to all people.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1917

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Mr. Allen Shattuck, Agent,

American Surety Co.,

City

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your conversation of this date with the Governor, there is enclosed herewith his bond as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," in the sum of \$20,000, duly signed and witnessed and with the oath of office duly executed.

Will you kindly forward the bond to your Seattle office by first mail and request them to give it all possible dispatch and mail it direct to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., as soon as properly executed on behalf of your company.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 24, 1917

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Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a requisition in duplicate, duly signed, for \$20,000, account legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917. I have further to advise that I have this day executed the bond and oath of office forwarded me by the Department on February 14, the bond being furnished by the American Surety Company and forwarded to the Seattle office of that company, which has been instructed to, in turn, forward the bond to the Department for approval and filing. This bond should reach the Department about the same time as does this letter.

I have also to state that I have on hand, from the 1915 session of the Territorial legislature, a supply of official checks, bearing symbol No. 95008 (my official number as disbursing officer for the 1915 appropriation), and I beg to suggest that the same number be continued for the 1917 session, inasmuch as this will save ordering new checks or making a change in the number of the symbol on those which I now have.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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

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February 24, 1917

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Yours very truly

Mr. Walthew Reinhart,  
Post office box 355,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 19, in which you say that last year you applied to the Government office of agriculture for seed and were notified that you should obtain a permit from me.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has nothing whatsoever to do with the issuing of permits for seeds of any kind, and if the Department of Agriculture so advised you, the Department was certainly laboring under an error. Seeds for free distribution are issued through the Department of Agriculture to members of Congress, but, so far as Alaska is concerned, have never at any time, so far as I am advised, been issued through the Governor's office. I would, therefore, advise you to write at once to Hon. James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, House of Representatives, Washington, and ask him to forward to you such seeds as you may desire. I have further to add that if a letter from me to the Department of Agriculture, recommending that you be

furnished with seed will be of any service to you, I shall  
gladly assist you in this respect.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 26, 1917

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Dr. Herman A. Bruzer,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Bureau of Municipal Research,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your undated letter just received, there is being mailed to you under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916.

The name of your Bureau is being placed upon the mailing list of this office for future issues of the annual report of the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1917

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Honorable John Mitchell, Chairman,  
State Industrial Commission,  
Department of Labor,  
250 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a copy of chapter 71, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, containing the Workmen's Compensation Law for Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 26, 1917

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Mr. John Richards, Supt.,

Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co.,

City

Dear Mr. Richards:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. L. S. Fox, an old-time Alaskan whom I have known well and favorably for many years. Mr. Fox is desirous of securing a position of some kind with your company, and I can recommend him as a sober and industrious man, and who is, in every way, worthy of confidence.

I believe that Mr. Fox would discharge any duty with which he might be entrusted in a satisfactory manner.

Anything that you may be able to do for him will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

I mention these things to show you that the provisions of the game law to which you refer do not work out to the advantage of the nonresident over the resident. As a matter of fact, if you will note the provisions of the game law with regard to the open seasons for the various game animals, you will observe that a nonresident would have to spend the greater portion of a year in the Territory in order to legally secure his 18 trophies.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the game law, which contains also the full text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Juneau, February 26, 1917. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Can procure Wappler high-frequency and X-ray complete and  
in first class condition here, thus saving one hundred twenty dollars.  
Consult Doctor Johnston and advise me by wire.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

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February 21, 1917

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Dr. O. J. Keating,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners for the unexpired term ending July 29, 1917, vice C. L. Hale, of Cordova, whose resignation has been accepted, effective April 1, 1917.

Two copies of an oath of office form are herewith enclosed and you are requested to execute the oath on or before April 1, transmitting the original to this office and the duplicate to Dr. E. H. Kaser, of Juneau, Secretary of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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February 27, 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 approved bond and oath of office of H. J. Vinal, of Ophir, Alaska, who desires a commission as a notary public. The bond is accompanied by a postal money order in the sum of ten dollars, payable to you, to cover the legal fee.

I am under the impression that Mr. Vinal now holds a commission, and take it that he wishes a renewal of same. Your records will, of course, show the exact status of the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 27, 1917.

11-1

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved bond, oath of office, and ten dollars in currency, together with letter of the 8th instant addressed to this office by Guy B. Erwin, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who wishes a renewal of his notarial commission, which will expire on the 13th proximo.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 27, 1917

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Ketchikan Commercial Club,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 25, with reference to the fish bending bill now before Congress, and for which you ask my endorsement.

In reply I have to advise you that upon receipt of your telegram, I telegraphed Senator Simmons and Representative Kitchins, strongly urging the passage of the measure, as I believe it to be in the interests of the great majority of the people of southeastern Alaska.

Expressing the hope that the bill will be enacted, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 27, 1917

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Mr. Orville Brasnell,  
Route 2, Box 141,  
Holtville, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 19, I have to say that wages in the gold lode mines in Alaska are from \$3. to \$3.50, and from \$4 to \$4.50 in the copper mines. Board must be deducted, say, from \$1. to \$1.25 a day. In the placer regions of the Interior and on Seward Peninsula, the average wage is \$5 a day, less board, which ranges from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day.

On the government railroad, I believe that the wage scale is about \$4 per day for eight hours' work. Should you wish employment on the government railroad, you should address the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska. I do not know whether there is any demand for labor on the government railroad or not, and, therefore, I cannot advise you.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the annual report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1916.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, February 26, 1917. O. P. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. HH = 49¢

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Honorable Claude Kitchin,

House Representatives,

WASHINGTON.

Earnestly recommend passage Alaska fish bonding bill. Matter of vital importance to Alaska, making certain market nearer fishing grounds and preventing Canadian absorption of Territory's fisheries. Measure will also greatly benefit Alaska fishermen.

J. F. A. 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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Juneau, Alaska, February 26, 1917. O B Govt. WEIGHT rate PAID.

41-1

Honorable F. M. Sizoo,

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON.

H earnestly recommend passage Alaska fish bonding bill. Matter of vital importance to Alaska, making certain market nearer fishing grounds and preventing Canadian absorption of Territory's fisheries. Measure will also greatly benefit Alaska fishermen.

J. F. A. STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

February 27, 1917

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Dr. Henry Waldo Coe,  
516 Selling Building,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Doctor Coe:

This letter will serve to introduce Mrs. Charles Est-  
mere, wife of a patient now in the Sanitarium, who is visit-  
ing Portland in the desire of being near her husband. Mrs.  
Estmere is an excellent lady and is worthy of every consider-  
ation. I am sure I need not ask you to extend to her every  
courtesy possible, as I know you will gladly do so.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 27, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish first-class transportation, meals and berth to the bearer, Mr. W. H. Moore, from Juneau to Sitka, on the "Prince of Wales."

Please submit your bill in duplicate, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 27, 1917.

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Pacific Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly furnish to the bearer, Mrs. Charles Estmere, first-class transportation, meals and berth, Juneau to Seattle, on your S. S. "SPOKANE", sailing the 28th instant.

Charge the above transportation to the Territory of Alaska, presenting your bill, in duplicate, to this office, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, Feb. 27, 1917 O. B.

Sheep,

Sitka

William H. Moore, formerly of Nome, troubled with blindness arrived here today from Seattle on his way to the Nome. Under circumstances have deemed it advisable give him transportation to Sitka and hope you will be able to care for him in some way.

STRONG, Governor

*B. W. Jolta*  
Stenographer

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February 27, 1917

Mr. H. A. Bishop,  
United States Marshal,  
City

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Lemon Watson, a private of Company A, 14th Infantry, Fort William H. Seward, Haines, in which he makes the following statement:

"I, Lemon Watson, was arrested by J. W. Combes, United States Marshal, and was taken to Juneau, Alaska, and remained there for two months. Was released and came back to my post. On my last pay roll there was \$7 retained for the transportation from Juneau, Alaska, to Haines, Alaska, so I was directed by my company commander to write to you and see if I could get the money back. It was turned into the steamship company by the Quartermaster at San Francisco, Cal. This was in March, 1915.

"Please let me know what can be done in regards to the case."

I have, therefore, to request that you will kindly advise this office as to the truth of the above statement, and, if the statements contained in the letter are correct, why this money was taken from said Watson, who evidently was a prisoner of the United States.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 27, 1917

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Mr. Leson Watson,  
Company A, 14th Infantry,  
Fort William H. Seward,  
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 22. In reply I have to state that I will cause an investigation to be made in the matter to which you refer in your communication.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 27, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of February 24 and note you say that there are now 71 inmates in the Home, which is about its capacity. If any more applications are received by this office, you will be notified by wire so that you may advise me as to whether you can accommodate any others.

I have had a talk with Doctor Georgeson, who is here, on his way to the westward, about matters in general in connection with the Home. Inasmuch as the legislature will meet next week, I believe no further action should be taken as to additional buildings. I suppose that in your report you will make necessary recommendations as to new buildings, etc., together with the appropriation that will be needed for the maintenance of the Home during the biennium. Of course, your report will show exact conditions, and I am satisfied will be as comprehensive as your report of two years ago.

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Of course, you know about the election of March 6, to elect a successor to the late John G. Heid. The election does not seem to be causing any excitement here and probably a small vote will be cast. While I have not seen any of Reek's friends, Sewerby himself and his supporters claim that he will be elected without any trouble; but you know about election forecasts---sometimes they do not pan out as predicted. However, both are good men and whoever is elected, no doubt, will render satisfactory service to the people.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of members of the legislature, an attorney general, and so forth, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that GEORGE B. GRIGSBY, of Nome, Alaska, has been duly elected as Attorney General for the Territory of Alaska, for the term beginning March 1, 1917, and the election of said GEORGE B. GRIGSBY is hereby certified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs  
CANVASSING BOARD

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs  
CANVASSING BOARD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
JUNEAU

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs  
CANVASSING BOARD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

JUNEAU

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

~~Collector of Customs~~  
~~Notary Public~~

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs

CANVASSING BOARD

**RUSH**

**Juneau**  
**February 28, 1917**      **O. B.**

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**H. N. Ross,**  
**Road Commissioner,**  
**Fairbanks**

Canvassing Board today issued certificate election to you as road commissioner for road district number four, for term beginning March first, nineteen seventeen. Under provisions of chapter twenty-seven, nineteen fifteen, session laws, you are required to qualify by taking oath of office on March first. The Territorial Treasurer will communicate with you regarding matter of bond.

**STRONG, Governor**

**Secretary**

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RUSH

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Juneau, Feb. 28, 1917

James E. Willson,  
Road Commissioner,  
Valdez

Canvassing Board today issued certificate election to you as road commissioner for road district number three, for term beginning March first, nineteen seventeen. Under provisions of chapter twenty-seven, nineteen fifteen session laws, you are required to qualify by taking oath of office on March first. The Territorial Treasurer will communicate with you regarding matter of bond.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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RUSH

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Juneau, Feb. 28, 1917

O. B.

John A. Wilson,

Read Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska

Canvassing Board today issued certificate election to you as read commissioner for read district number two, for term beginning March first, nineteen seventeen. Under provisions of chapter twenty-seven, nineteen fifteen session laws, you are required to qualify by taking oath of office on March first. The Territorial Treasurer will communicate with you regarding matter of bond.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, March 1, 1917

O. B.

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James E. Willson,  
Road Commissioner  
Valdez

Referring to telegram of yesterday, your copy of office should  
be mailed to this office for filing.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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~~Juneau~~, March 1, 1917

O. B.

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John A. Wilson,  
Road Commissioner,  
Nome, Alaska

Referring to telegram of yesterday, your oath of office should  
be mailed to this office for filing.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, March 1, 1917

O. B.

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M. H. Ross,

Road Commissioner,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Referring to telegram of yesterday, your oath of office should  
be mailed to this office for filing.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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March 1, 1917

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Mr. H. H. Ross,  
Road Commissioner,  
District No. 4,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the election certificate issued to you on yesterday by the canvassing board. Please acknowledge its receipt.

On yesterday afternoon a telegram was sent to you, advising the issuance of a certificate to you and instructing you to qualify by executing an oath of office today. In that message we failed to advise you that the oath of office should be forwarded here for filing, and a telegram to this effect is being sent to you this morning.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1917

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Mr. John A. Wilson,  
Road Commissioner,  
Road District No. 2,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the election certificate issued to you on yesterday by the canvassing board. Please acknowledge its receipt.

On yesterday afternoon a telegram was sent to you, advising the issuance of a certificate to you and instructing you to qualify by executing an oath of office today. In that message we failed to advise you that the oath of office should be forwarded here for filing, and a telegram to this effect is being sent to you this morning.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1917

124

Mr. James E. Willson,  
Road Commissioner,  
Road District No. 3,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the election certificate issued to you on yesterday by the canvassing board. Please acknowledge its receipt.

On yesterday afternoon a telegram was sent to you, advising the issuance of a certificate to you and instructing you to qualify by executing an oath of office today. In that message we failed to advise you that the oath of office should be forwarded here for filing, and a telegram to this effect is being sent to you this morning.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1917

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Mr. Ed C. Hurlbut,  
Road Commissioner,  
District No. 1,  
Thane, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hurlbut:

On yesterday afternoon the canvassing board issued an election certificate to you, and I immediately telephoned to the labor and timekeeper's office at Thane, and asked that you be notified of the issuance of the certificate, and that your attention be called to the fact that the law required you to qualify by executing an oath of office today. I neglected to add that the oath of office should be forwarded to the Governor for filing.

The certificate of election above referred to is herewith enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
JUNEAU



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the votes in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of senators and representatives, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that JAMES R. HECKMAN, of Ketchikan, in the First Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska, has been duly elected as a Senator from said judicial division, and the election of said JAMES R. HECKMAN is hereby certified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs

CANVASSING BOARD

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MEMO OF ISSUANCE OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES TO TERRITORIAL SENATORS ELECTED IN THE  
GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 1916.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1917, Canvassing Board issued certificates to the following named,  
in form as per attached duplicate of the certificate issued to James R. Heckman:

James R. Heckman, of Ketchikan, for Division No. 1

John Sundback, of Nome, for Division No. 2

John Renan, of Eward, for Division No. 3

Dan Sutherland, of Peerman, Division No. 4

March 3, 1917

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher covering your bill of the 23d ultimo, for supplies ordered by this office for the use of the Alaska Territorial legislature, third session.

Kindly have the voucher signed and mailed to this office, and on its receipt a check will be mailed to you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, March 2, 1917

O. B. NIGHT RATE PAID

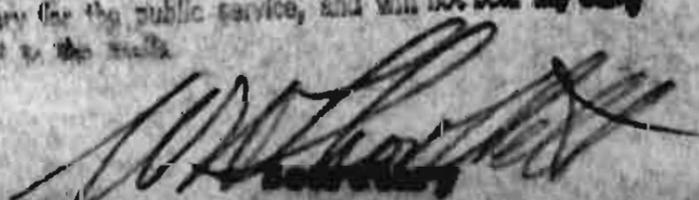
Secretary Interior,

Washington

In connection with the official canvass of returns of general election held in Alaska November seventh last, the canvassing board, consisting of the Governor, the Surveyor General and the Collector of Customs, has been served with an alternative writ of mandamus issued on the relation of Charles A. Sulzer to prevent the issuance of election certificate to James Wickersham as Delegate from Alaska. The Territorial Attorney General, having appeared before canvassing board on behalf of Sulzer, is disqualified from representing the board in mandamus proceedings. United States District Attorney Sulzer is in some doubt as to his authority to represent the canvassing board, and on behalf of the board, I respectfully ask that the United States Attorney General be requested to instruct District Attorney Sulzer at Juneau to represent canvassing board in proceedings mentioned. The writ is returnable at two o'clock March third, but reasonable continuance may be had pending receipt of instructions by Sulzer.

STRONG,  
Governor and Chairman Canvassing Board

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



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Juneau, March 2, 1917. O. B. to Cordeva. COLLECT, Cordeva to Shushanna Junction.

Joseph Murray,

Shushanna Junction.

Unless enjoined by court canvassing board will issue certificate election to you  
this afternoon at four.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, March 3, 1917 O. B. to Cordova. COLLECT, Cordova to Shushanna Jet.

Joseph Murray,

Shushanna Junction

Election certificate issued you by canvassing board this morning.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board

Secretary

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Juneau, March 3, 1917 O. B. to Cordeva COLLECT, Cordeva to Stralna

T. H. Holland,

Stralna

Canvass completed. You received twelve hundred forty-two votes, Murray  
twelve hundred fifty. Certificate issued to Murray today.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board.

Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of senators and representatives, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that JOSEPH MURRAY, of McCarthy, in the Third Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska, has been duly elected as a Representative from said judicial division, and the election of said JOSEPH MURRAY is hereby certified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs

CANVASSING BOARD

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes." approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of senators and representatives, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that PHIL CORRIGAN, of Nome, in the Second Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska, has been duly elected as a Representative from said judicial division, and the election of said PHIL CORRIGAN is hereby certified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs

CANVASSING BOARD

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of senators and representatives, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that W. W. CASEY, of Juneau, in the First Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska, has been duly elected as a Representative from said judicial division, and the election of said W. W. CASEY, is hereby certified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, at Juneau, the Capital, this 28th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs

CANVASSING BOARD

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MEMO OF ISSUANCE OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES TO REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED IN THE  
GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 1917.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1917 -- Canvassing Board issued certificates identical in form  
with the attached, to the following:

Monte Benson, of Douglas, Division No. 1

W. W. Casey, of Juneau, do

Peter C. McCormack, of Wrangell, do

James P. Daly, of Kougarek, Division No. 2

Nate H. Coombs, of Nome, do

A. A. Allan, of Nome, do

Frank B. Cannon, of Knik, Division No. 3

Charles M. Day, of Valdez, do

Thomas C. Price, of Anchorage, do

W. T. Burns, of Little Elderade, Division No. 4

L. C. Hess, of Fairbanks, do

Andrew Nerland, of Fairbanks, do

C. K. Snow, of Ruby, do

MARCH 3, 1917 -- Canvassing Board issued certificates in form as attached to:

Phil Gerrigan, of Nome, Division No. 2

Joseph Murray, of McCarthy, Division No. 3

March 3, 1917

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Professor Jos. E. Avent,  
State Normal School,  
East Radford, Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the 17th ultimo, in which you request to be furnished with the names and addresses of any normal schools in this state which give extension courses or do any kind of extension work.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are no normal schools or similar institutions in the Territory of Alaska.

Enclosed is a circular letter containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory together with a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 5, 1917

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To the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Third Legislative Assembly:

In accordance with the provisions of section 3, chapter 7, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled "An Act providing for an expression by the people of the Territory of Alaska as to whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold in the Territory of Alaska after the first day of January, 1916," I have the honor to transmit herewith the certificate of result issued by the Territorial Canvassing Board under date of March 3, 1917, showing the "dry" and "wet" votes cast in each of the four judicial divisions of the Territory.

Governor

March 5, 1917

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To the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Third Legislative Assembly:

In accordance with the provisions of section 3, chapter 58, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled "An Act providing for an expression by the electors of the Territory of Alaska whether they are in favor, or are not in favor, of a general eight-hour day for all wage and salary earners, in the Territory of Alaska." I have the honor to transmit the certificate of result issued by the Territorial Canvassing Board, under date of March 3, 1917, showing the vote cast in each of the four judicial divisions of the Territory, for and against a general eight-hour law.

Governor

Enc.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
 JUNEAU

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of members of the Territorial Legislature, and for other purposes, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that the following vote was had under the provisions of Chapter 58, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled, "An Act Providing for an expression by the Electors of the Territory of Alaska whether they are in favor, or are not in favor, of a general eight-hour day for all wage and salary earners, in the Territory of Alaska."

DIVISION	Votes "For a general 8-hour law"	Votes "Against a general 8-hour law."	TOTALS
No. 1	3,638	973	4,611
No. 2	1,009	250	1,259
No. 3	3,041	201	3,242
No. 4	<u>2,721</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>3,293</u>
TOTALS	10,419	1,996	12,415

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and af-  
fixed our seals, at Jamaica, the Capital, this third day of March,  
in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs  
CANVASSING BOARD

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MEMO.

The original certificate of result issued by the Canvassing Board on March 3, 1917, covering the vote on the 8-hour law, was transmitted to the Legislature by the Governor on March 5, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 58, 1915 session laws.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

JURMAN

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, That in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act To create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, the undersigned, forming a Canvassing Board to canvass and compile in writing the vote in the election held on November 7, 1916, for the election of members of the Territorial Legislature, and for other purposes, having duly canvassed and compiled the returns of said election, find that the following vote was had under the provisions of Chapter 7, Section Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled, "An Act Providing for an expression by the people of the Territory of Alaska as to whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold in the Territory of Alaska after the first day of January, 1918."

DIVISION	"Dry" votes	"Wet" votes	Total votes
No. 1	2,942	1,669	4,611
No. 2	1,608	597	2,205
No. 3	2,556	1,418	3,974
No. 4	2,082	1,112	3,194
TOTALS	9,188	4,796	13,984

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and af-  
fixed our seals, at London, the Capital, this third day of March,  
in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs  
CUSTOMERS BOARD

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'S', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

MEMO.

The original certificate of result issued by the Canvassing Board covering the vote on the Prohibition referendum was transmitted to the Legislature by the Governor on March 5, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, 1915 session laws.

March 6, 1917.

MEMO.

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To the Chief Clerk of the Senate

and

The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Sirs:

I beg to call your attention to the following records which should be made up and furnished to the Governor's office by each of you, for use in connection with the payment of salaries and mileage of members of the Third Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, and the salaries of the employees of that body:

1. Duplicate copies of the oaths of office of the members of the Senate and the House.

2. Certified copies, in duplicate, of the proceedings of each house, showing the calling to order, temporary and permanent organizations, and the action taken by each house in respect to the employment of clerks, and other employees; certificate to be made by presiding officer and chief clerk of each house.

3. Oaths of office, in duplicate, of all employees of each house.

The certified record of the proceedings (item 2 above) should include the record of the reading by the Secretary of the Territory of the names of the duly elected members of each house, and of the names of the hold-over senators.

Respectfully yours,

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March 6, 1917.

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Mr. W. G. Smith,

Territorial Treasurer,

CITY.

My dear Mr. Smith:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the sum of ten dollars in cash, which has this day been paid by Capt. H. S. Back, as refund of the amount allowed to him by voucher No. 119, November 20, 1916, drawn on the appropriation for "Relief of Destitution." The Governor has receipted to Captain Back for the amount, and asks that it be credited to the appropriation mentioned.

For purposes of record, will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the remittance.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Encls. \$10.

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March 7, 1917

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Dr. E. H. Kaser, Secretary,

Alaska Board of Dental Examiners,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter from Dr. J. R. Potts, of Kansas City, Missouri, who desires information regarding the requirements for the practice of dentistry in this Territory and as to possible favorable locations.

The letter is referred to you for appropriate attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 7, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith application of Mr. H. M. Pratt, of Hope, Alaska, for appointment as notary public, together with approved bond, oath of office and postal money order in the sum of \$10, endorsed to you, to cover the legal fee for the commission.

Kindly have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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March 6, 1917.

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Honorable L. C. Hess,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I beg to advise that, acting under authority of House Joint Resolution No. 11, passed by the Second Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, I have selected and contracted for quarters for the Third Session of the Legislature, the same consisting of Senate and House halls, two committee rooms for each, and one clerks' room for each. It is understood that if additional committee rooms are necessary, they are to be provided by the contractor -- the Goldstein Improvement Company.

I have also to advise that the following items of stationery and supplies have been contracted for:

Binders and stock for Records of Bills

Binders and stock for Senate and House Journals

Typewriter paper, marginal ruled and numbered

Carbon paper

Typewriter erasers

Manuscript covers

10 or more typewriting machines for use of stenographers -- to be rented for the session; the contractor to keep them in repair, and to furnish ribbons.

Pens, penholders, ink, pencils, blotters, library paste, pins,

(Speaker of the House -- 2)

wire paper clips.

Bill holders for desks of members of the Senate and House

Punches for perforating paper for insertion in holders.

No doubt other items of stationery and supplies will be needed from time to time during the session. Under the provisions of the Resolution above mentioned, the Governor's office will arrange for the purchase of all such items immediately upon receipt of requisitions from the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

Governor.

March 7, 1917

Mr. John F. Blain,  
General Secretary, Marine Carnival,  
206 New York Block,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, in which you advise me of my selection and appointment as a member of the honorary advisory committee of the Marine Carnival to be held in Seattle on July 5, 6 and 7; and you also state that the above event will be followed by a 10 or 12-day cruise to Alaska, under the auspices of the Seattle Yacht Club, cooperating with the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club.

In reply I have to advise you that it affords me much pleasure to accept the appointment and to say that I shall do everything in my power to cooperate with you in making the carnival and the Alaska cruise an unqualified success.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 7, 1917

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Mr. Hilding A. Swanson,  
St. Francis Hotel,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 17, in which you ask for certain information as to taxes on railroads and railroad property, and also information relating to our revenue laws.

In reply I have to advise you that the Federal government lays a tax of one per cent on the gross income of railroads in this Territory, which tax is, in turn, covered into the Territorial treasury for the use of the Territory. Railroad property is not taxed under Territorial laws. The Territorial revenue is derived from license and occupation taxes of various kinds, the principal source of which is a tax laid upon the output of salmon canneries and lode mines.

In reply to your other inquiry as to the 8-hour law, I have to advise you that in all government work, Federal or Territorial, the 8-hour law is in force, an 8-hour law is also in force in all lode and placer mines of the Territory.

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I have also to say that we have no minimum wage law  
for men or any other kind of employees.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1917

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Mr. J. Wiedermann,  
Cobb Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, concerning the whereabouts of your brother, William Wiedermann.

In reply I have to advise you that I have written the United States Commissioner at Sunitna, asking him to advise if he knows anything concerning your brother, and you will be advised of the result as soon as any information is received by this office.

I received a letter from the Department concerning your brother, and made inquiry, addressing my letter to Mr. F. I. Reed, of Anchorage, Alaska, to which, however, I have received no reply.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 7, 1917

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Mr. J. Lindley Green,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, together with a copy of a bill with reference to uttering checks on a bank without having sufficient funds therein to pay said check when presented.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe the object of the bill is most excellent and shall do what I can to secure its passage. I have not yet had an opportunity to talk the matter over with Senator Roman, but shall do so in a short time.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 7, 1917

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Mr. T. H. Deal,

Postmaster,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Postmaster:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 8, and, in reply, permit me to say that I was pleased to hear from you once more. I rather expected that I would be able to meet you during your trip to the States last summer, but somehow or other I did not. I understood that you had a very pleasant trip to your old home and elsewhere throughout the country.

Now, I have also received the application for allowance of James Harvey Ferris, and this will be acted upon by the board at its next meeting. I may add that, from a careful scrutiny of the application, there is little doubt that he will be allowed the maximum amount.

I am very thankful for your kind words, and note that while in Washington, D. C., you talked with some man of influence, who stated they were for me for reappointment. I certainly appreciate your kindness, as I have always considered you one of my warmest friends. I may add that this is reciprocal and it will afford me great pleasure to

be of any service to you at any time, or in any way.

With reference to the Governorship, I have not yet fully made up my mind whether I want another term or not. However, I have the matter under the closest advisement. Many of my friends throughout the Territory are urging me to take another term and it may be that I will accede to their wishes, but if I were to follow my own, I would certainly decline it, as I am not very fond of official life, although, after all, I have had no reason to complain, as I can truthfully say that during my administration of the office I have had absolutely no difficulties, either with the people of Alaska, or with the Administration that I represent in part.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

March 7, 1917

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Mr. James Frawley,  
United States Commissioner,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith certificate of allowance issued by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home on October 1 to Frank Nash, of Nome. The Secretary of the Board forwarded this certificate to the said Nash, but it was returned as unclaimed. As I believe you prepared the application for Nash, will you kindly forward this to his address? I am advised that he resides about 12 or 15 miles west of Nome, and it is possible that he seldom visits the town. I also beg to advise you that it is necessary Nash should have this certificate before receiving his quarterly allowance from the Territorial treasury.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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March 7, 1917

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Mr. J. T. Jennings, Librarian,  
Seattle Public Library,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, in which you state that if we have other territorial documents than those noted in the list furnished, you will consider it a favor if we tell you what they are and who issues them so that you may make proper application.

In reply I have to advise you that you seem to have all the public documents that have been issued by the Territory of Alaska. I have also to add that the name of the Seattle Public Library is on our list to receive such publications as may be issued by the Territory from time to time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1917

Mr. Murray S. Webber,  
99 Nassau Street,  
New York City

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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 5, in which you state that you have in mind the promotion, organization and establishment of a company, from among citizens of and in Alaska, which will design, construct, equip and furnish buildings, on a single contract and for a limited cost to its clients, I have to state that, while I am scarcely in a position to advise you as to the feasibility of your purpose, it is my opinion that there is no demand for a promotion of the kind to which you refer. In most of the towns of Alaska many of the people own their own homes, and as conditions are totally dissimilar from those obtaining elsewhere in the United States, I cannot really see much hope for a venture of the nature of which you speak.

It might be well for you, however, to address the mayors of the following cities for further information in this respect: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Douglas, Juneau, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez, Fairbanks and Nome.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 7, 1917

Mrs. Isabel A. Gilman,  
Douglas, Alaska

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Dear Mrs. Gilman:

I must apologise for not replying to your letter of February 21 at an earlier date. Your letter was received by me on Friday morning, February 23, probably between 10 and 11 o'clock, and I phoned you that it would be impossible for me to be present at the meeting of which you spoke.

You will have noted that since that time there has been a change in the office of deputy marshal at Douglas. I have had a talk with the new deputy, and I believe that you will very soon notice a very decided improvement in moral and other conditions, of which you so justly complain. I am sure that deputy marshal Merton will do everything in his power to bring about an improvement, but, in order to do this, he must have the support of the good people of the town.

I shall watch developments, and, if it should be found necessary to take more drastic methods than the ones we will employ from now on, it shall be done.

Yours very truly

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Governor

March 7, 1917

Yours very truly,

Mr. Andrew W. Thomas, Secretary,  
Brotherhood of Klawock,  
Klawock, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 23, in which you state that your Society was organized two years ago in the interest of the native race of your village, and that it has a membership of about seventy and is a strictly local society, with rules and by-laws for its government; you also state that at the last session it was resolved that its name be filed in the Governor's office, that legal protection be secured, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no law governing the filing of the name and the objects of your society with this office. I believe that in order for you to do this in a legal manner it would be necessary for you to incorporate under the laws of Alaska. For your further information, I would advise you to address Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, Juneau, in regard to this, and ask him to forward to you the law authorizing incorporations in Alaska and any other information that

he may have at his command.

Yours very truly.

Governor

March 7, 1917

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Mrs. Aline Bradley,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Bradley:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your confidential telegram of March 1, 1917, and I have carefully noted its contents. It is needless for me to say that, knowing Mr. Snow as I do, it will give me very great pleasure to assist him in any way that may be possible. There is no question about either his ability or integrity to fill the office which you mention, and I would very much like to see him in the place. While I am willing to do every thing within my power to assist in bringing about a consummation of the object sought, I shall ask you to consider this letter confidential in the meantime.

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 7, 1917

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Hon. James A. Smiser,  
United States Attorney,  
City

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. N. Bogoiavlensky, Consul General of the Imperial Russian government at Seattle, which is self-explanatory.

Will you kindly transmit to this office, if compatible with public interest, anything you may know concerning the allegations of the man Alexis Shumakoff, referred to in the Russian Consul's letter?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 8, 1917

Mr. Lemmon Watson,

Fort William H. Seward,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of February 22,  
I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by this  
office from Mr. H. A. Bishop, United States Marshal, from  
which it would appear that your commanding officer instructed  
the United States Marshal that a request for transportation  
would be given you on your arrival at Fort Wm. H. Seward.  
The United States Marshal makes no mention of any money  
transaction.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 9, 1917

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Hon. J. R. Hechman,  
President Pro Tem.,  
Territorial Senate,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy  
of a letter forwarded this date to the House of Representa-  
tives, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc

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March 9, 1917

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To the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a notification, through a committee of your honorable body, that the House of Representatives has been duly organized and would be ready to receive any message that I might see fit to make, at two o'clock this day. I have to advise you, however, inasmuch as the Senate is still unorganized, and the further fact that my message should be delivered before a joint session of the Senate and the House, in my opinion, it would be advisable to defer the reading of the message until Monday next, say, at two p. m., or such other time as might best suit the convenience of the House, when it is to be hoped that the Senate shall have completed its organization, and a joint session will be possible. I have to add, however, that should the organization of the Senate not be completed at that time, I shall either read the message in person or forward it to the House of Representatives at such time on Monday as may be most convenient to you.

Governor

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March 9, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing a voucher in duplicate for burial expenses incurred under authority of the Governor's telegram of the 21st ultimo to you. The voucher has been approved by the Governor and will be transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for issuance of a warrant to Mr. Lambert.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 9, 1917. O. B.

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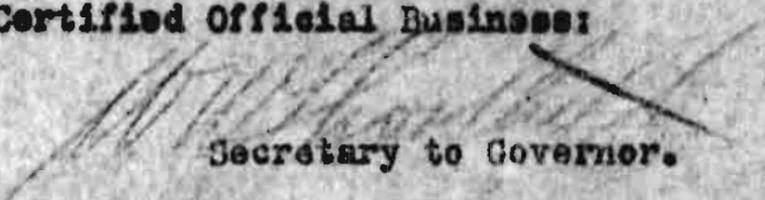
Shoup,

Sitka.

Replying yours date if stores are in good condition better buy such  
as you need, if you consider prices right. Price quoted on flour  
seems very reasonable.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Certified Official Business:

  
Secretary to Governor.

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March 10, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter acknowledging the receipt of your letter transmitting bill of Mr. O. E. Lambert, of Cordova, covering burial expenses of Frank Miller, I beg to advise that upon checking the bill, or voucher, submitted by Mr. Lambert, it is found that it totals \$70 instead of \$75 as submitted by Mr. Lambert. The difference is evidently due to an error in addition of the items in the voucher, which are as follows:

Cost of coffin	\$25.00
Conveyance	10.00
Digging grave	10.00
Undertaker's fee	<u>25.00</u>

Correct Total . . . . . 70.00

The voucher has been corrected to \$70, and passed for payment. Will you kindly advise Mr. Lambert in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau Transfer Company,

CITY.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check No. 643 of this date in your favor for \$352, covering 23 tons of coal furnished to the governor's office and the executive mansion between the dates of January 3 and February 24, 1917, inclusive, as per your January and February bills. In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that under date of February 23 you have charged 2 tons of coal to the governor's office, at \$44. This is, of course, a mistake, as the amount should be \$22. The bill has been corrected accordingly.

The several items covering the hauling of sacks of mail from the post office to the governor's office have been separately listed, and will be covered in a voucher payable from the Territorial Library fund, as the mail hauled was for the Historical Library & Museum. This voucher will be issued to cover the fiscal quarter ending March 31st. Please see that your books are corrected to show all these mail-sack items charged to the Alaska Historical Library & Museum, instead of the Governor's office.

The item of February 6, "Phonograph to and from Rec., 1.00" should have been a personal charge against the Governor, and not against the office.

The item of February 21, "papers to bindery, 50c", should have been charged to the Alaska Bindery, which has a contract for binding newspapers and documents for the Library.

--Jensen Transfer Co., 2--

The item of February 21, "Express pkg to Gov. office, 50c" is a charge against the Third Session of the Territorial Legislature, and we have made separate notation of it and will arrange to take it up by voucher on the legislative appropriation in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

March 12, 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 approved bond, oath of office, and remittance of \$10 in currency, just received from Mr. H. R. Moore, of Flat, Alaska, who wishes to secure an appointment as a notary public.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

March 10, 1917

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Mr. Tex Jones,  
P. O. Box 1618,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Jones:

In response to the request contained in your letter of February 19, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the annual report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1916, which I trust may be of some service to you.

I have heard, from time to time, of your good work for the success of the Party, and I was much pleased with the excellent showing that Anchorage made in the late election.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 10, 1917

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Mr. Marian Thomas,  
4104 Arcade Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 8, with an enclosure from Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, with reference to the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Home at the latter place.

In reply I have to advise you that, inasmuch as any new buildings that will be erected will necessitate the granting of an appropriation by the Territorial legislature, now in session, action upon this matter must be deferred until that time. I note by your letter that you will be in Juneau the latter part of April, at which time I shall be pleased to meet you and discuss the matter further.

Yours very truly,

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

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March 10, 1917

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Mr. Allen Shattuck,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith application for bond of the American Surety Company, of New York, transmitted to me by you, together with my check for \$40, being the amount of the premium on said bond of \$20,000.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 10, 1917

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Hon. N. T. Matsunaga,  
Consul of Japan,  
Imperial Japanese Consulate,  
Central Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2, advising me that you have been appointed as His Imperial Majesty's Consul, to reside at Seattle, Washington, and that you assumed charge of that consulate on March 2.

In reply I have to state that it will give me great pleasure to cooperate with you in every way possible in the mutual interests of both countries.

With assurances of my distinguished consideration,  
I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 10, 1917

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Professor Irving Fisher,  
450 Prospect Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, together with an article which recently appeared in THE FINANCIER, entitled "Our Yellow Peril."

In reply I have to advise you that I have read this article with much pleasure, and I am convinced that your discussion of the subject involved is entirely illuminating, and I shall take the opportunity to make some public mention of the monetary side of this important matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 10, 1917

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Mr. I. W. Irving,  
Chief Scout Executive,  
American Junior Naval and Marine Scout,  
51 Chambers Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 16, in which you state the objects for which the American Junior Naval and Marine Scout, Incorporated, has been organized, and you ask me to become a member of the Commission.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me great pleasure to become a member and cooperate with you in every way possible for the success of this most praiseworthy organization.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 10, 1917

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Mrs. Nellie Thomas,  
Klawock, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, with reference to the case of your sister, Mrs. Card, now an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon. You state that Doctor Coe, superintendent of the Sanitarium, promised to discharge Mrs. Card early this spring, but that you recently get a letter from Doctor Coe in which he told you that Mrs. Card has not yet fully recovered. I also note that you state it is your belief that your sister will die unless she be taken from Morningside and returned to her former home, where she can get native diet.

In reply I have to advise you that I will take up this matter with Dr. Coe, in order to ascertain the exact condition of Mrs. Card and if she really has recovered to such an extent as to warrant her release. Upon receipt of such information from Doctor Coe, you shall be duly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 10, 1917

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Dr. Henry Waldo Coo.

516 Selling Building,

Portland, Oregon

My dear Doctor Coo:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Nellie Thomas, of Klawock, Alaska, with reference to the condition of her sister, Mrs. Card, now an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium. Mrs. Thomas, who is a very intelligent native woman, writes me that she is willing to take care of her sister and see that she is cared for, and that she further believes that her sister needs a native diet, etc.

Will you kindly advise me as to Mrs. Card and whether, in your opinion, she should be released to the care of her relatives at Klawock.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. A. J. Dawson,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 2, with reference to J. R. Heckman, a Territorial senator from Ketchikan, and in which you ask that I, as Governor of Alaska, prohibit the said J. R. Heckman from taking the oath of office as senator for the reason alleged that he is not a citizen of the United States;

In reply I have to advise you that the Governor of Alaska has no power to do this, inasmuch as all legislative bodies, such as the Congress of the United States, the legislatures of the various states, and the legislature of Alaska are the sole judges of qualification of their members; and your communication should be addressed to the President of the Senate, and this, therefore, is a matter which the Territorial senate alone can determine.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 10, 1917

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The Honorable  
The Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have pleasure in endorsing the application of Mr. W. A. Holsheimer, of Ketchikan, Alaska, for the position of United States Attorney for the third judicial division of Alaska. Mr. Holsheimer was a resident of Juneau for some time until appointed Assistant United States Attorney at Ketchikan. He is a lawyer of the strictest integrity and I am satisfied that he would discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires with the utmost fidelity and distinguished ability

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

March 10, 1917

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Mr. George Service,  
207 North Mills,  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 22, in which you state that Mr. Reese L. Brewer, a miner of this city, has written you of his ambition and desire to enter the school of journalism of the University of Wisconsin, September 15 next, and you state that he has written in a rather peculiar style to the LaFollette family also, and you would like to know if he is rational and whether he is worthy and deserving of help in securing an education.

In reply I have to advise you that your inquiry covers a rather delicate matter. I know Mr. Brewer but slightly, and I would not like to say that he is irrational, although I might be justified in saying that he seems to be a little erratic. He is a young man in whom the ego is highly developed and, perhaps at times, lacks a sense of proportion, due, it is possible, to not having the education to which he aspires.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 10, 1917.

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Mr. Charles Coolidge Parlin,  
Manager, Division of Commercial Research,  
Advertising Department,  
Curtis Publishing Co.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter, addressed to the "Public Utilities Commission," has been referred to this office.

In reply I have to advise you that I am unable to furnish in full the information you ask. There are electric light plants in all of the principal cities of Alaska, the source of motive power being water, supplemented sometimes during the winter months by coal or fuel oil. I cannot give you the amount of current generated in these plants; the purpose for which they are used, however, is to furnish lighting for the respective towns and power for industrial enterprises. I have no information as to their peak loads nor the possible market for appliances or the total volume of business, divided into various parts, such as motors, lamps, etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 10, 1917

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Honorable James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 22, together with a copy of a letter which you wrote Senator Jones, etc., in relation to your effort to secure the insertion of the Juneau public building bill item in the sundry civil appropriation bill, for which I thank you. I regret that the sundry civil appropriation bill failed of passage, of course, but I suppose, under the circumstances, that it could not be helped. I notice this morning that an extra session of Congress is called for, to convene on April 16, which possibly this bill may pass. In the meantime, if I can be of any further service in this or other matters of interest to the Territory, be good enough to command me.

By the way, I suppose that owing to the calling of a special session of Congress, you will probably be unable to visit Juneau as you had intended.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 10, 1917

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Hon. Will H. Parry,  
Federal Trade Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Parry:

I am advised by Mr. Harry H. Brown, of Tacoma, now connected with the United States Bureau of Fisheries, that he is desirous of securing an appointment as special agent in the domestic field service of the Federal Trade Commission, and I desire to say that I have known Mr. Brown for more than twenty years, and it gives me pleasure to recommend him as a man of the strictest integrity and of more than ordinary ability. I am sure that if Mr. Brown were appointed to the position which he seeks, he would render faithful and efficient service in every respect.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

March 10, 1917

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Mr. Charles Goldstein, President,  
Goldstein's Emporium,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28, with reference to the rental to be paid you for the rooms furnished for the use of the Territorial legislature during the present session, and wherein you state that you desire to call my attention to the fact that I promised to recommend that an additional appropriation of \$250 be made for rent of the legislative rooms, in addition to the \$2,000 allowed by the federal appropriation.

In reply I have to advise you that I recall the conversation, as quoted by you and shall make such recommendation to the legislature at the proper time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1917.

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To the House of Representatives:

Herewith I am transmitting for your consideration  
the Biennial Report of the Territorial Treasurer for the two  
years ended December 31, 1916.

Governor.

March 12, 1917.

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To the House of Representatives:

Herewith I am transmitting the Biennial Report of the  
Territorial Banking Board for the period ended December 31, 1916.

Governor.

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COPY

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1916

No. 353.22-T

From Quartermaster General

To. Fred V. Berger, Team Captain, Alaska Rifle Team, Jacksonville, Fla.

Subject: Routing change

1. This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 15th instant requesting authority be issued changing routing on return journey of Alaska Rifle Team from Jacksonville to Seattle. There is no objection to change in routing provided no excess cost to the Government is incurred in so doing, and where change in routing is made and any excess cost does occur, such excess cost should be deposited with the Camp Quartermaster, Jacksonville, before return journey is performed.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

(Sgd.) G. B. DRAKE,

Major, Q. M. Corps

JFT-CLB.

March 13, 1917

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Respectfully yours,

The Department Quartermaster,

United States Army,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Upon the request of Mr. Fred V. Berger, Captain of the Alaska Rifle Team, I am enclosing herewith unused portions of Pullman car tickets belonging to certain members of the Alaska Rifle Team, and have to request that there be refunded to the claimants the value of the unused Pullman accommodations. The claims are as follows:

Geo. Swarva, Jacksonville, Fla. to Seattle, Wash.

W. R. Colvin, Jacksonville, Fla., to Seattle, Wash.

The Pullman accommodations were first-class from Jacksonville, Florida to Chicago, and second-class to Seattle from Chicago.

In this connection, there is enclosed a copy of a letter of October 16, 1916, addressed to Captain Berger by the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., on the subject of changing the routing of the members of the Alaska Rifle Team on their return trip from Jacksonville to Seattle. The original of this letter is being forwarded to the Depot

Quartermaster at San Francisco, Cal., in connection with  
claims for unused portions of railway tickets to certain  
members of the Alaska Rifle Team.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

March 13, 1917

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The Depot Quartermaster,  
Western Department, U. S. A.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Upon the request of Captain Fred V. Berger, of the Alaska Rifle Team, I enclose herewith unused portions of tickets belonging to certain members of the Alaska Rifle Team, and request that the persons named be reimbursed to the amount of the return value of the unused transportation.

The claims are as follows:

F. L. Gibson, railroad fare, Chicago, Ill., to  
Seattle, Wash.  
M. N. McCall, railroad fare, Omaha, Nebraska to  
Seattle, Wash.  
Geo. Swarva, railroad fare, Jacksonville, Fla.,  
to Seattle, Wash.  
W. R. Colvin, railroad fare, Jacksonville, Fla.,  
to Seattle, Wash.

In support of the claims there is enclosed the original order from the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., dated October 16, 1916, No. 353.22-T, addressed to Mr. Fred V. Berger, Team Captain, Alaska Rifle Team, Jacksonville, Fla., with reference to changing the routing of the team on its return trip from Jacksonville to Seattle, consenting

to such change in routing, providing the same did not in-  
crease the cost to the government.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

March 13, 1917

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Mr. D. E. Wilber,  
Supervisor of Accessions Dept.,  
Columbia University Library,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 13, 1917

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Mr. G. A. Adams,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22d of January last, enclosing duplicate voucher blanks for use by me in submitting claim for postage paid on election returns from the second judicial division.

Since my letter of the 6th of December last, to you, was written, we have received all of the returns from the Second judicial division and, with but two or three exceptions, they carried sufficient postage. I paid out possibly a dollar in postage on returns from the Second division, but will not bother to submit a claim for the same.

In the case of the returns from the Third and Fourth divisions it was necessary to pay postage to the extent of some \$30, and I have submitted claims to the clerks of these divisions covering the same.

Thanking you for your prompt response to my letter of the sixth, I am respectfully,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 13, 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 the approved bond and oath of office of Harry E. Carter, of Tazetna, Alaska, which was received by this office on the 12th instant from the clerk of the District Court, at Fairbanks. I understand that your office received a remittance of the fee required for the notary commission which Mr. Carter wishes to obtain.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 13, 1917

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The J. C. Hub Manufacturing Co.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your bill of the 12th ultimo, covering our order of January 13 last for Security folders. With our order we enclosed a voucher blank on which to make out your bill, but as this may have been misplaced, we are enclosing another voucher, with the request that you kindly have the same signed and mailed to this office. Upon its receipt a check upon the United States treasury will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 13, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of Seward Kunz, an Indian, in regard to the status of a parcel of land containing 249.72 acres, known as the Kunz homestead, between the Burwash and Dotson claims, near Amalga, also known as the Kunz homestead, about five miles northwest of Tes Harbor. I am advised by Mr. Kunz that he has had some correspondence with you concerning this land, and, inasmuch as it is within the Tongass Forest Reserve, he requested me to write you concerning it.

I gather from what he tells me that a number of white men are casting covetous eyes on this plot of ground and that he has had more or less trouble in keeping them off it.

He advises me that this land has been in the continuous possession of himself or family since 1884.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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March 13, 1917

Sir:

I am requested by a local organization known as the "Alaska Home Guard," to address you in their behalf and explain the nature of their organization. It was brought into being by about 200 of the older men of Juneau at the time that diplomatic relations were severed between the United States and Germany, these men believing that, owing to the peculiar situation of this town and the contiguous country, some such organization was necessary, not only for defensive purposes but for protective purposes as well. I want to amplify this statement by saying that this is a mining section of Alaska, with three large lode mines in near proximity to the town. These mines employ a large number of men, of which probably six or eight hundred are Austrians, Germans, Bulgarians and other subjects of the central European powers, few of whom have ever been naturalized.

The promoters of the Alaska Home Guard are aware that a company of United States soldiers is stationed at Fort William H. Seward, about 100 miles from Juneau, the capital, but they reason that, in case of a sudden emergency, much damage might be done to city property and the contiguous

mines as well before a detachment of soldiers could reach Juneau from Fort William H. Seward. The leaders of this body of men, which I want to say is composed of American citizens solely, of mature years, also fear that a contingency might arise when a body of these aliens, led by some ignorant and designing leaders, might attempt to loot the banks or wreck the mines. The local banks have on deposit something like two million dollars.

The provisional officers of the above Home Guard, therefore, are desirous of learning if they would be given any recognition by the War Department and, if so, if they could be furnished with, say, 200 Springfield or other rifles, and also one or more machine guns.

I may say, for myself, that, while outwardly the situation here in Alaska is as calm as a summer sea, still, should the United States actually engage in hostilities with Germany, I am not prepared to say whether or not trouble would eventuate in this section or elsewhere in Alaska. It is always well, however, to be ready in case of emergency. In Alaska we have a mixed population, and prior to breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany, there were many outspoken German sympathizers, but these have been remarkably mute since that date. I, therefore, respectfully beg to be advised as to the subject-matter noted above.

Respectfully,

The Secretary of War.

Secretary

March 13, 1917

Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 3, together with a copy of the Alaska prohibition act, as approved by the Resident, a copy of the school bill as introduced by you and a second copy of the same bill as it was reported by the Committee on Territories, together with a copy of the Committee's report in favor of the bill; also a copy of the Senate bill, as introduced by Senator Jones at your request, and which you state is in the exact form in which it was finally passed by the Senate and the House, and also a copy of the report of the Committee on Territories in support of the bill, for all of which I thank you.

My message to the legislature was read by myself yesterday in the House of Representatives, the Senate having not yet organized, being deadlocked over the selection of a president. In my message I referred to the school bill, among the other matters which I discussed.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 13, 1917

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Mr. C. T. Gardner,  
Forest Ranger,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 8, addressed to my secretary, in which you ask for information that will assist you in making application for appointment in the Alaska Territorial officers' reserve.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no knowledge, official or otherwise, of the existence of such a reserve. I might suggest, however, that you write to the Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington, D. C., for further information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B. R U S H

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SHOUP,

Sitka.

Can you admit one more man to the Home. Man from Anchorage desires  
to enter.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

March 15, 1917.

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Honorable O. P. Hubbard,

President of the Senate.

Sir:

I beg to advise that, acting under authority of House Joint Resolution No. 11, passed by the Second Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, I have selected and contracted for quarters for the Third Session of the Legislature, the same consisting of Senate and House halls, two committee rooms for each, and one clerks' room for each. It is understood that if additional committee rooms are necessary, they are to be provided by the contractor -- the Goldstein Improvement Company.

I have also to advise that the following items of stationery and supplies have been contracted for:

Binders and stock for Records of Bills

Binders and stock for Senate and House Journals

Typewriter paper, marginal ruled and numbered

Carbon paper

Typewriter erasers

Manuscript covers

10 or more typewriting machines for use of stenographers -- to be rented for the session; the contractor to keep them in repair and to furnish ribbons.

Pens, Penholders, ink, pencils, blotters, library paste, pins, and wire paper clips.

(The President of the Senate.)

Bill holders for desks of members of the Senate and House  
Punches for perforating paper for insertion in holders.

No doubt other items of stationery and supplies will be needed from time to time during the session. Under the provisions of the Resolution above mentioned, the Governor's office will arrange for the purchase of all such items immediately upon receipt of requisitions from the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

Governor.

March 15, 1917.

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The House of Representatives:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit  
for your information and consideration the report of the Territorial  
Mine Inspector for the year ended December 31, 1916.

G O V E R N O R.

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March 15, 1917.

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To The Senate:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit  
for your information and consideration the report of the  
Territorial Mine Inspector for the year ended December  
31, 1916.

G o v e r n o r .

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March 15, 1917.

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Honorable O. P. Hubbard,  
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit copy of my message  
to the Senate and House of Representatives, Third Ses-  
sion, which was read in the House on the 12th instant,  
the members of the Senate being present informally.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B.

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Marshal Brennan,

Valdez.

What is official mileage between Anchorage and Seward via winter route as established by you in payment of jurors and witnesses, also the official summer mileage between these points. Also advise official mileage between Cordova and McCarthy or Shushanna Junction via railroad. Also advise official mileage via both winter and summer routes between Knik and Seward.

Answer by wire.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B.

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Marshal Erwin,

Fairbanks.

Advise by wire official mileage allowed jurors and witnesses via both winter and summer routes between Peorinan and Ruby.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B.

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Lang, Clerk District Court,

Valdez.

Replying yours date Keffeler not granted permission to enter home, but he will be admitted upon application provided he has no infectious or contagious disease.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

March 7, 1917

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Mr. Carl C. Almy,  
United States Commissioner,  
Susitna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from J. Wiedermann, Cobb Building, Seattle, Wash., in which he requests information concerning the whereabouts of his brother, William Wiedermann, last heard from at Susitna or vicinity. Will you kindly make such inquiries as you may be able to concerning said William Wiedermann and advise this office of the results?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 8, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence relative to the matter of postage charges on packages of election returns from the Third Judicial Division, in connection with the General Election of November 7, 1916, I beg to enclose herewith voucher, in duplicate, signed by me, covering the amount of \$23.34 paid out by me from my personal funds on account of such postage. Itemized receipts are attached to the voucher, showing the various packages, the precincts from which they came (where this could be determined from the markings on the envelopes), the post office registry numbers, postmarks, etc.

If there is anything further required or desired in connection with the matter, kindly advise me and I shall endeavor to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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March 8, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence relative to the matter of postage charges on certain packages of election returns from the Fourth division, in connection with the general election of November 7, 1916, I beg to enclose herewith voucher, in duplicate, signed by me, for the sum of \$6.74, which represents the amount paid out by me from personal funds on account of such postage due charges. Itemized receipts accompany the voucher. I trust you will find the same in satisfactory form, but if there is anything else you wish, kindly advise and I shall endeavor to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encs.