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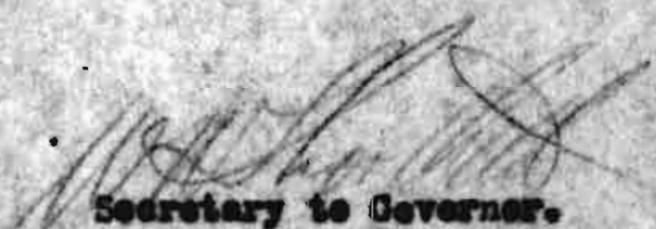
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Dr. Georgeson,

Sitka.

Legislature has passed emergency appropriation for relief of pensioners and you may now issue checks for quarter ending June thirtieth. Checks should be dated April fourteenth.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

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Brown, Judge,

Cordova.

Replying yours date Oliver will be admitted to home.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

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J. F. Warren,

Seattle, Wash.

Your wire this date. Nothing at present. May communicate with you
later.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

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Mr. John Johnson,

Post Office Box 54,

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you request a blank application for an increase of your pension.

In reply I beg to advise that there is no such blank as the one for which you ask, but if you think you are entitled to an increase in pension, the matter should be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home in the form of a letter, setting forth the reasons for asking for an increase. Such letter should be addressed to the Governor, as Chairman of the Board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. A. E. Roberts,
Presser, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire about the opportunities for employment in Alaska during the summer.

In reply I beg to advise that at the present time this office does not know of any positions which would probably suit you. There are no summer schools in Alaska, and, so far as other lines of employment are concerned, the local supply is at the present time quite equal to the demand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Henry Ford Educational Department,

Dearborn, Michigan

Attention Mr. Theodore Delange

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in which you request to be supplied with a manual or directory of the state (Territorial) officers of Alaska for the use of your department.

Under separate cover there is being mailed to you a copy of the Governor's last annual report, in Appendix B of which (pages 83 to 87), you will find a list of the various Territorial officers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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The Secretary to the Governor,
Olympia, Wash.

My dear Sir:

I have yours of the fifth instant, in which you request that there be forwarded, for the use of Governor Lister, a copy of the message of the Governor of Alaska to the Territorial Legislature for 1917, and referring to certain other reports which you desire to obtain to complete your files.

Governor Lister's name is on our regular mailing list, and a copy of Governor Strong's message to the 1917 session of the Alaska legislature was mailed to Governor Lister a few days ago.

I note that you have a copy of the 1915 message. I regret to advise that our supply of copies of the 1913 message was long since exhausted.

I note you say that Governor Lister has the reports of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior for 1913- 1914, 1915 and 1917. The last-named report is evidently the one for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, that being the last report issued. The report for the fiscal year 1917 will not be written until next September and will not

be in print until after the first of January next. I regret that our supply of copies of reports prior to 1913 is exhausted.

You may rest assured we will continue the name of Governor Lister on the mailing list for such reports as are available for distribution through this office. You will understand, of course, that as yet there are but few reports issued by the Territory.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Brown, Judge,

VALDEZ.

Referring to matter of expense in J. Y. Larkin matter, suggest you forward signed vouchers payable to yourself for one hundred fifty dollars to be paid from Territorial fund to supplement amount allowed from your indigent fund.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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Mr. H. A. Bishop,
United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am sending herewith 500 copies of a circular covering the reward of \$1,000 offered by the Territory for the apprehension and delivery to you of Edward Kruse.

It is requested that these copies be as quickly and generally as possible distributed throughout the Division.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Dr. Georgesen,

SITKA.

Replying yours date check book will be forwarded first boat, probably
on Alki Monday. No change in rate of allowances.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

Entitled: "To provide for payment of allowances of certain aged pioneers under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Laws, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

Governor.

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To the House of Representatives:

I have today approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of Alaska, for permanent filing in his office, the following House bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

Entitled: "To provide for payment of allowances of certain aged pioneers, under the provisions of Chapter 84, Session Laws, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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C. C. Geergeson,

Sitka

Investigated case of Melechs and believe his allowance should
not be canceled.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, W. T. Tolch, is a naturalized citizen of the United States, having received his naturalization papers through the District Court for the first judicial division of Alaska. For the past four years he has been a resident of Juneau, and has been employed by the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company in its transportation department. I believe him to be a good citizen and worthy of confidence.

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Hon. Elmer E. Smith,
Mayer of Douglas,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14, together with a petition signed by 157 of the residents of Douglas, asking for the retention of Mr. Harry Morton, United States Deputy Marshal at Douglas.

In reply I have to advise that I have added my recommendation to that of the petitioners and yourself and have asked acting United States Marshal Tanner to retain Mr. Morton.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 16, 1917

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Mr. J. H. Tanner,
Acting United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Elmer E. Smith, mayor of Douglas, together with a petition signed by 157 residents of the town of Douglas, asking for the retention of Mr. H. F. Morton as United States deputy marshal at that place.

If my recommendation is worth anything to you, I wish to add it and ask that Mr. Morton be retained in the service. At different times he has been in the employ of this office and I have always found him faithful, energetic and reliable, and he has almost invariably secured results.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved and signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing and record in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

A BILL

For An Act Entitled: "To declare employment in underground coal mines, underground lead mines, underground placer mines; in underground coal, lead or placer workings; and in all other underground mines, or workings of any kind or nature whatsoever, to be injurious to health and dangerous to life and limb. To regulate and limit the hours of employment in said occupations; to declare the violation thereof a misdemeanor, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict."

Governor.

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April 16, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved, signed, and am transmitting herewith the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "To declare employment in underground coal mines, underground lode mines, underground placer mines; in underground coal, lode or placer workings; and in all other underground mines, or workings of any kind or nature whatsoever, to be injurious to health and dangerous to life and limb. To regulate and limit the hours of employment in said occupations; to declare the violation thereof a misdemeanor, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict.

The Bill is transmitted for permanent filing and record in your office.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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JUNEAU, APRIL 16, 1917. O. B. Ass. DAY MESSAGE.

Major Saville,

Ft. Seward,

Haines.

Replying yours this date coal story figment of
imagination of some newspaper artist; no submarine of any kind has been here,
and no coal sold except for local consumption.

STRONG, Governor.

~~W. H. Thorpe~~
Secretary to Governor.

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The General.

Commanding Western Department, U. S. A.,

San Francisco, California

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. Felix Beauchamp for a commission in the officers' reserve corps, infantry branch, United States Army. Mr. Beauchamp was formerly an enlisted man in the United States Marine Corps and served for a time as sergeant. He is a young man of excellent habits, gentlemanly demeanor and of strictest integrity, and, I am satisfied, would acquit himself with credit to the service, if given an appointment.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Hon. James Wickersham,
Congress Hall,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a certified copy of the election register of the Fort Gibben voting precinct, together with a list of the names of persons who signed challenge oaths, and a copy of the form of challenge oath used, as contained in the original returns received by this office from the judges of election at the Fort Gibben voting precinct.

These certified documents are forwarded in response to the request contained in your telegram of the 14th instant, reading as follows:

"Please forward by mail certified record names parties voting Fort Gibben precincts who were challenged and swore in vote. Understand they are soldiers. Want information war department. Send any information showing they are soldiers."

While I have been unofficially advised that the persons who swore in their votes in the Fort Gibben voting precinct were soldiers from the fort, there is nothing in the records of the election board showing that such was the case. In fact, aside from the challenge oaths, the returns contained no record whatever of the matter.

Faithfully yours,

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Governor

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W. P. MILLS COMPANY,

SITKA.

Your bid dated the eleventh instant covering goods as specified in call dated the third instant, accepted this date upon conditions stated in call, at the total cost of twelve hundred four dollars and sixty four cents.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, April 16, 1917

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E. A. Rasmussen,

Skagway

Wire of fourteenth from you, Ashley and Tanner received. Impossible for me leave Juneau during legislative session. Would give me greatest pleasure accept your invitation to address patriotic massmeeting under auspices Skagway Elks were it possible for me to do so at this time. I commend your action and wish you every success. Will advise Jennings and Smiser of your request.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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H. J. Raymond Company,

City.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority for furnishing to the bearer, Mr. H. S. Sokoleff, groceries and provisions to the value of Ten Dollars, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska, and rendering bill, in duplicate, to this office, with this letter attached. Your bill should be fully itemized.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith post office money order for \$16, for transportation issued by the Alaska Steamship Co., to Joseph R. Wilson, from Juneau to Seattle, said amount having been paid by voucher No. 18 of March 17, 1915, and charged to the indigent fund.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. F. H. Warren, President,
Association of Pacific Fisheries,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of April 14, with reference to the universal eight-hour law now before the Territorial legislature and urging that I, before approving the bill, if possible, consider that California attempted the same action and later was obliged to exempt canneries, to save the industry and food supply, and that Oregon and Washington have like exemptions; and you also state that to put salmon canneries on an eight-hour basis will either raise the average labor cost fully fifty per cent or decrease efficiency.

In reply I have to advise that the matter of adding a provision to the eight-hour bill above referred to, authorizing the Governor to waive its operation as to canneries is now being considered by the legislature and will probably be adopted. I have just received a wire from Secretary Lane, urging that this be done..

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In any event, I shall give this matter careful consideration should the bill be passed without exemption, before approving it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Messrs. R. H. Ferry, B. Sheldon,
Bruce Brown and Frank Morris,
Committee, Haines Home Guards,
Haines, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to Mr. George Vingar of this city, in which you ask him to inform me that you had made a start in the organization of a Home Guard at Haines, has been placed before me.

In reply I wish to heartily commend the steps that you are taking in this direction, and I can assure you of my hearty cooperation with you in every way. I have little or no information to transmit as to what status may be expected to be accorded the organizations of this kind that are now being formed in the various towns of Alaska. The only information at my disposal is contained in the form of a telegram from the Secretary of the Interior, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

I have to advise further that the Territorial legislature recently made an appropriation for defensive and other purposes, and any necessary expenses actually incurred by your organization can be defrayed from that fund. These expenses would include rent of hall, fuel, light, etc.

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As soon as I am in receipt of any further definite information, you shall be advised.

With very best wishes for yourself, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation: "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the period from March 15 to March 31, 1917, both inclusive. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 63 inclusive.
4. Certified synopsis of proceedings in the organization of the Alaska Senate, Third Session, 1917; the appointment of employees; the resignation of Senator Charles A. Sulzer; and the selection of a President pro tempore to serve in the absence of the President.
5. Oaths of office of senators J. R. Hackman, John Rouss, John Sundback and Dan A. Sutherland (the newly-elected senators for the 1917 session and the succeeding term.)
6. Oaths of office of the eight employees of the Senate. Mr. A. E. Maltby, who served as chief clerk of the Senate from March 5 to 14 inclusive, was the duly appointed and qualified chief clerk of the 1915 session, and served in that capacity until the appointment and qualification of his successor.
7. Certified copy of proceedings in the organization of the House of Representatives, and the appointment of employees of that body, third session, 1917.
8. Oaths of office of the 16 members of the House and of the employees thereof.
9. Certified copy of proceedings in the House, showing the presentation of election certificates and the swearing in of Representatives Isaac Security and J. H. Murray.
10. Two copies of Official Mileage Tables adopted by the Special Disbursing Agent, covering allowance and payment of mileage to members in attendance at the third session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, 1917.

Although my requisitions for funds from the appropriation above mentioned have been honored, I have not as yet been

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officially advised of the approval of the bond executed by me as the special disbursing agent of the appropriation in question, and therefore have left blank the date of the bond in the Abstract of Disbursements and the Account Current.

Respectfully yours,

Governor of Alaska, Special
Disbursing Agent.

Enclosures.

Juneau, April 17, 1917

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Secretary Interior,

Washington

Your telegram April twelfth. Eight-hour law pending in Territorial legislature has been amended as follows: Quote. The Governor of the Territory is hereby given the power to suspend or modify restrictions contained in this law when such shall be requested by council of national defense or the Secretary of the Interior and such modification or suspension when made shall continue for specified period and not longer than the duration of the war. Unquote. The bill will doubtless be passed as amended.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Dr. W. H. Chase,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Cordeva, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of April second, with reference to the outbreak of measles in your district. I note that the cases were kept in check and that no general epidemic developed because of the strict quarantine maintained.

I am also pleased to note that Cordeva is so prosperous, and I sincerely trust that it will continue to increase. I note the strides being made in the canning of clams. As I have eaten some of them, I must say that they put up a splendid product.

I am also glad to know that there is little anti-American talk in Cordeva. This is not a time for anti-American talk, but a time when Americans must stand shoulder to shoulder, forgetting all political and other differences.

Permit me, at this time, to extend my congratulations upon your election as mayor of your city.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Commissioner of Health

Juneau, April 17, 1917. O. B.

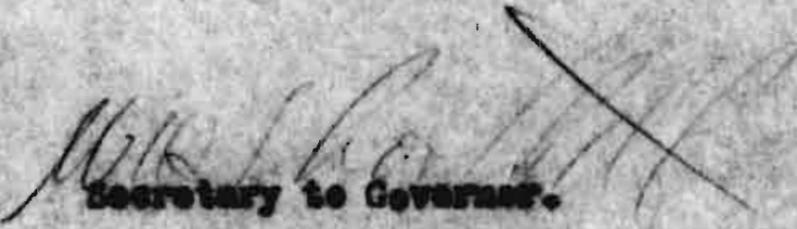
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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Forwarding on boat tonight baggage for Oliver and copies of
accepted bid of Mills Company for supplies for the Hase.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

April 17, 1917.

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W. P. Mills Company, Inc.,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith find confirmation copy of telegram of the 16th instant advising you of the acceptance of your bid for groceries and supplies asked for in the call issued by the undersigned as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, on the 3d instant.

Copies of your bid go forward in this mail to Superintendent Sheep, for his use when receiving the goods and issuing vouchers.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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Hon. A. C. Shoup,

Superintendent Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Enclosed herewith find two copies of the bid of
W. P. Mills Company, Inc., for groceries and supplies for the Home as
called for in the Call for Bids issued on the 3rd instant. Mr. Mills
was advised by telegraph on yesterday of the acceptance of his bid.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

2 encls.

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TO

Mr. C. H. McGrath,
Merchant,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that at the hour of two o'clock p. m. on yesterday, April 16th, the bids which had been received for supplies for the Alaska Pioneer's Home at Sitka, in response to the Call issued on April 24, were opened, and the bid of the W. P. Mills Company, Inc., of Sitka, was accepted, it being the lowest of the three bids received. The bid of the Goldstein Papering, Juneau, and your bid, was rejected.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Copy to:

Mr. S. Gayot, Juneau.

April 17, 1917

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Mr. James Harvey Ferris,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, on which is imposed the duty of passing upon applications for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, I am returning herewith your application for such allowance. I may point out that the application is vague in certain particulars, among them being your period of continuous residence in Alaska. In reply to question No. 8, you state that your residence has been continuous since 1915, whereas the law provides that the residence must have been continuous since 1905, except in the case of temporary residence elsewhere.

You will, therefore, be good enough to make the necessary corrections and return the application to me, when it will again be placed before the board for its consideration.

Yours very truly,

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

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Mr. Anton Marks,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Board of Trustees, I am returning herewith your application for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

The board has rejected your application because of statements that have been made to the effect that you receive considerable income from property which you own in Douglas, and that you are not in need of this allowance from the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

On April 16, I wired you as to the pension check for
Frank Salata, of Fairbanks. I am transmitting
certain correspondence regarding the case of Salata, from
Fairbanks, together with a statement of his case. I, there-
fore, believe the pension should be paid.

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am transmitting herewith applications for allowance
of Charles Edward Gorden, of Juneau, and Neal O'Conner of
Valdez.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, at which myself
and Mr. Shattuck were present, Gorden's application was con-
sidered, and an allowance of \$10 per month granted him. Neal
O'Conner was granted an allowance of \$12.50 per month, both
beginning April 1 of the current year. The merits of these
applications, I may add, were carefully investigated and I
believe they are just and equitable.

I have to also advise that at the above meeting the
salary of Mr. Arthur G. Sheep was increased to \$100 per
month, to take effect May 1. Mr. Shattuck and myself are
also considering increases in the salaries of the other
employees of the Home, but have not as yet arrived at a
conclusion as to how much of an increase should be made.
The matter will be considered during the present week, and
our determinations will go forward in the next mail.

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On April 16, I wired you as to the pension check for Frank Meleche, of Fairbanks. I am transmitting herewith certain correspondence received in the case of Meleche, from Fairbanks, together with a statement of his own. I, therefore, wired you that I believe the pension should be paid.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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The General,

Commanding Western Department, U. S. A.,

San Francisco, California

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend, for examination as an officer in the reserve corps of the United States Army, Mr. Steve Ragan, of Haines, Alaska. I have known Mr. Ragan for a number of years and believe him to be a man well qualified for the appointment which he seeks.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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Mr. G. J. Lomen,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, in which you say that you had been informed that the old age pension granted to Miss Elin Parson was to be rescinded.

In reply I have to advise you that the board having in charge the matter of granting allowances, was advised that Miss Parson was not entitled to such pension, inasmuch as it was represented that she was a woman of means and had been buying, or offering to buy, business buildings in Nome, including the Zahner Building. From investigations instituted by the board, we are satisfied that Miss Parson is entitled to the allowance and it will not be revoked.

Yours very truly,

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

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Mr. Steve Ragan,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Ragan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7, in which you state that you are making application for examination as an officer in the reserve corps of the United States Army, and you ask me to furnish you a letter of recommendation.

I am transmitting herewith a letter of recommendation addressed to the General, Commanding the Western Department, United States Army, at San Francisco, which I trust will be of some service to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. A. B. Stevenson,
Ketchum Hotel,
Tulsa, Okla.

My dear Mr. Stevenson:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 7, in which you state that on April 5, you cabled me, requesting information as to whether Alaska was sending a contingent to engage in the war with Germany. In reply I have to advise that your telegram was duly received and that on April 9 I wired you the information at my command. I have received no other instructions since that time, but I assure you that should Alaska be called upon to furnish a quota of volunteers for service, your application will be given consideration.

I hope that you are in good health, and with very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Hon. C. E. Davidson,
Registrar of Vital Statistics,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear General:

I am enclosing herewith a request for certain information from the Alabama State Board of Health. Will you be good enough to make the necessary replies and transmit the information to the above board.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Charles O. Fowler,

White Horse, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 10, in which you ask for information as to whether there will be a Territorial guard recruited in Alaska to take part in the war with Germany and Austria, and in which you also state that yourself and a number of other Americans now in White Horse would be glad to offer your services in this contingency.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has received no instructions as yet to take steps to recruit volunteers for this service, but such instructions may be received in the near future.

I have to thank you for your offer of services on behalf of yourself and other Americans now in Yukon Territory, and I beg to assure you that should your services be needed, it will give me great pleasure to advise you. Permit me to thank you for your offer and to ask you to convey to other Americans in the Yukon my appreciation of the loyalty to their country which they are thus showing.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. F. L. Jewett,
Postmaster,
Circle, Alaska

Dear Mr. Jewett:

I am transmitting herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter received from the Second Assistant Postmaster General, which is self-explanatory.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Enc.

April 17, 1917

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am enclosing herewith a night letter, which is self-explanatory. This telegram, addressed as you may notice, was opened at this office, as it could not well be transmitted by wire without charge.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Archie J. Achison,
Box 224,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Mr. Achison:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, which reached me on April 13, in which you offer your services to the country in case a recruiting station is located in Skagway.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received no definite information as to whether Alaska will be called upon or not to furnish a quota of volunteers to take part in the war. Should I do so, however, I shall avail myself of your offer and will communicate with you in such case.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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Mr. W. J. Milroy,

Olympia, Wash.

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7, in which you renew your tender of services for the organization of a regiment of sourdough Alaskans to take part in the war with Germany; and you add that it appears the government will need many thousands of patriotic fighting men.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received no definite instructions from Washington with reference to the matter of raising volunteers in Alaska, but possibly I shall do so as soon as Congress has passed the necessary legislation. I believe that it would be possible to raise a good contingent of Alaska sourdoughs for that purpose, and, should Alaska be called upon to furnish her quota, I shall be more than pleased to avail myself of your patriotic offer. It is needless for me to say that I concur in your belief that a regiment of sourdough Alaskans would give a splendid account of themselves and add luster to the name of Alaska.

Again thanking you for your offer, and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Governor

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Mr. Joseph J. Cotter,
Acting Superintendent,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 31, with reference to the care and protection of wild animals and scenic features in Mount McKinley National Park; and in which you suggest that until funds are appropriated by Congress for the care of the Park and protection of the wild animals therein, it might be possible for this office to detail one or more game wardens to guard the park area until such time as funds are appropriated.

In reply I have to advise you that as only two paid game wardens are maintained in that region, I cannot detail either for that special purpose, but shall instruct them to give as much time to that work as may be possible without neglecting their duties in other sections that need patrolling. Further, I shall be glad to cooperate with you in every other way in protecting the game of the park and also in the preservation of its scenic features. I may say that I do not anticipate any injury to the scenic features of the park or the killing

of game until such time as the railroad has been built into
that section.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 17, 1917

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Mr. H. T. Fowler,
Everett, Wash.

My dear Mr. Fowler:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 6, with enclosure, addressed to the Hon. Thomas Price, a member of the Territorial legislature from Anchorage, with reference to the license tax imposed by the Territorial government on mercantile businesses.

In reply I beg to advise that the Territorial revenue law will undoubtedly be revised at the present session of the legislature, and I have no doubt that the members will give due consideration to the objections which you urge. I do not think that it is the desire of the legislature to impose any undue hardships upon any kind of business in the Territory. Personally I believe that business should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 17, 1917

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The General,

Commanding the Western Department, U. S. A.,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. L. S. Rebe, formerly of Fairbanks, Alaska, for appointment to the officers reserve, corps of engineers, United States Army, Mr. Rebe having advised me that he has made application for entry into this service.

I have to add that I have known Mr. Rebe for a number of years. He is an engineer of ability and was employed for many years in general engineering work in this Territory; he is a man of integrity, and I believe would render faithful service to the nation.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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Mr. L. S. Robe,
Kinnear Apartments,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Robe:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 6, in which you state that you are making application for entry into the officers' reserve, corps of engineers; and you ask that I give you a letter as to your general engineering work and character in Alaska.

In reply I may say that I was glad to hear from you and trust that you will be successful. I am enclosing herewith a letter to the General, Commanding Western Department, U. S. A., San Francisco. I do not know whether this is the proper officer to address in your case, but inasmuch as I have recommended several other men for appointment to certain branches of the service in the officers' reserve corps, I am taking the chance that I am right in this instance. If not, and you will kindly advise me, I shall be pleased to give you a letter to the proper officer.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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April 17, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will serve to introduce Dr. Robert Simpson, of Juneau, Alaska. I wish to say, in his behalf, that I have known him for a number of years well and favorably. He is a practicing, scientific optician of this city, and it gives me pleasure to commend him as a young man of strict integrity and worthy of confidence in all respects.

April 17, 1917

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Mr. L. Frank Shaw,
Anchorage Daily Times,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel:

I have just received an unsigned letter dated at Anchorage April 9, in which the writer offers his services, if required, to command or pilot a submarine chaser on the waters of the Pacific Coast, between the Columbia River and Cook Inlet. He adds that he has spent the last 25 years in these waters handling steam, sail and gas boats, including five years in the United States Life Saving Service at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Inasmuch as I invariably make it a rule to reply to all letters received, I would esteem it a favor if you would cause an inquiry to be made through your paper as to the writer.

I just want to say a personal word to you. I read your excellent paper regularly, and I want to thank you for the many kind allusions you have made to myself, which, it is perhaps needless for me to say, are greatly appreciated. Of course, you know of the denunciations that Davidson and

I have received from the little Democratic machine, because we could not stultify ourselves and violate our oaths of office by issuing a certificate of election to Mr. Sulzer when the returns showed unequivocally that Mr. Wickersham had been elected. We did not believe that a mere irregularity would warrant us in thus defeating the will of the people. Your editorial on the action of the court in mandamusing the board was most timely and covered the case intelligently. The Empire has been busy sending out falsifications of the rankest kind, and the other side of the story has never been told inasmuch as it is impossible to secure a fair statement from the Empire, Mr. Troy being obsessed with a desire to aid the little machine that they are attempting to build up in Alaska.

I cannot at this time enter into this matter more fully, but I hope, in a short time, to prepare a full statement concerning the election and the canvass, stating the side that has not yet been told, for the reason that the Democratic partisan papers would not tell the truth and the others were not acquainted with the facts, perhaps. I may say very flatly that it is the rankest exhibition of partisanship that I have ever known, and now, because both Davidson and myself had the courage to put principle above party, the denunciations of the "pork-hunting" Democrats are loud and deep. But I am satisfied that the great majority of the people of

Alaska, irrespective of political affiliations, will agree that we did that which was right, and that is enough to satisfy me.

I will ask you to consider this letter, at this time, purely personal.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

April 19, 1917

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Mr. C. C. Nichols,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Effective this date you are appointed janitor for the Governor's offices, vice Jacob Meyer, resigned. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$900 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$75 each.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which you are directed to execute and file today.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1917

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Mr. Al Smith,
303 South Hill Street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Smith:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11, in which you state that you have in mind a real Alaskan photo-play; that is, one made on Alaskan soil and not staged in California or some other place a long distance from this Territory.

In reply I have to say that I believe you should be successful in an enterprise of this kind, and I shall be glad to assist you in any way that it may be possible for me to do.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 19, 1917

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Mrs. Delia Barker,

Retail, Wash.

My dear Mrs. Barker:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 22, in which you inquire concerning Eben Merrill, who you say was committed to an insane asylum from Knik, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the insane of Alaska are cared for at Morningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, and have been for a considerable number of years. According to the report of the Sanitarium Company, received by this office, for the quarter ended December 31, 1916, I find that Eben Merrill, was admitted to the Sanitarium on May 8, 1916, from Anchorage. The report adds: "General mental enfeeblement; physical condition poor."

For your further information I may say that the President of the Sanitarium Company is Doctor Henry Waldo Coe, whose address is 516 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. L. I. Hewes,
District Engineer,
Department of Agriculture,
Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering,
Broadway-Yamhill Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 24, I am enclosing herewith four copies of the only Alaska road law that has been enacted by the Territorial legislature. The legislature is now in session and a road bill, which will probably become law, is now being considered by that body. Further, this office will supply you with copies of any laws relating to roads, or otherwise, that may be passed by the Territorial legislature.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Lloyd,
3338 Roseview Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 8, in which you ask this office to ascertain the whereabouts of your husband, J. W. Lloyd, who left Seattle for Seward, Alaska, on February 1 last.

In reply I have to advise you that I have caused inquiries to be made through a newspaper published in Seward, and, should this be productive of results, you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly,

Governor

WHO KNOWS J. W. LLOYD?

Mrs. J. W. Lloyd, whose address is 3138, Roseview Ave., Los Angeles, California, writes the Governor's office for information concerning her husband J. W. Lloyd, who left Seattle for Seward on February 1 last. Lloyd has gray eyes, brown hair, is five feet 8 inches in height and weighs about 165 pounds. When he left Seattle, he wore a blue suit, a gray overcoat and black shoes, and had a suitcase marked "J. W. L."

Mrs. Lloyd is in ill-health and is much disturbed over not hearing from her husband.

Anyone knowing anything of the whereabouts of Lloyd is asked to communicate wither with Mrs. Lloyd at the above address or with the Governor's office.

April 19, 1917

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The Editor,

The Seward Gateway,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to publish the enclosed inquiry,
which is self-explanatory, in an early issue of your paper?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 19, 1917

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Sir:

I am advised that the United States Commissioner for the recording district of Juneau, himself a lawyer, has asked to be permitted to practice in the local land office. I understand that there is a regulation in force, inhibiting United States commissioners from appearing as counsel in land office cases, and after investigating all the circumstances by which such practice is surrounded, and the position which the United States Commissioner holds with reference to other legal business of the recording district, I am convinced that his service as commissioner would not be, in any way, affected were he permitted to practice in the land office. I have arrived at this conclusion after a consultation with the Register of the local land office and securing an expression of his views on this matter.

I have, therefore, to recommend, if you shall deem it compatible with public interest, that United States commissioners be permitted to appear in land cases in the several land offices of this Territory.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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April 19, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Walker:

I beg to refer herewith, for your attention, a letter addressed to this office under date of the 21st ultimo, by Wm. Kutschon, of Cold Bay, Alaska, who desires information regarding fox raising.

Mr. Kutschon's request for the game laws has been complied with by this office.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1917

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Mr. William Kutschon,
Cold Bay, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding fox raising and also ask for a copy of the game laws.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the latest game law circular, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Your letter is being referred to Mr. Ernest P. Walker, Fur Warden at Large, Wrangell, Alaska, who will furnish you with information regarding fox raising.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 19, 1917

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Mr. Charles F. Hanlen,

501-5 Phelan Bldg.,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the "State Printing House," at Juneau, has been delivered to this office, there being no state printing house in this Territory. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the Governor's last annual report, in Appendix B of which will be found the official directory of the Territory.

Trusting this will serve your purpose, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 19, 1917

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Mr. W. S. Harding,
Chief of Police,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Harding:

Herewith I beg to transmit a letter of the sixth instant, addressed to this office by Mr. C. J. Tagcock, of Haines, Alaska, who makes inquiry regarding a piece of machinery which was brought by him nearly a year ago to Juneau and turned over to the Alaska Auto & Supply Company, to be repaired, since which time he has been unable to obtain possession of this piece of machinery, and states that he is very much in need of it.

The man Tom Cleveland, to whom he refers, left Juneau several months ago. It may be, however, that you can get some trace of the matter by inquiring at the offices of the Alaska Auto and Supply Company.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this matter your attention as soon as you can conveniently do so, advising Mr. Tagcock at Haines of the result of your investigations.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

April 20, 1917

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Mr. C. J. Tagosok,
Box 87,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, with reference to a missing piece of machinery from your Koban motor, which you brought to Juneau nearly a year ago to be repaired and have been unable to secure possession of since that time.

Your letter is being referred to Mr. W. S. Harding, chief of police of Juneau, with the request that he investigate the matter and advise you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

~~SECRET LETTER~~

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Juneau, April 20, 1917 O. B.

Public Safety and Defense Committee,

Seward

Your telegram nineteenth. No military organizations for Alaska have as yet been authorized by President or Congress, and in my opinion until such authorization has been made, it will not be possible for Alaskan organizations of this kind to secure arms and ammunition, although think it possible for you to have drill instructor detailed from Fort Licum to drill the men of your military unit. Should this be desired, wire me, and I will take matter up with officer commanding fort and ask him to detail man for this purpose. Telegram received recently by this office from Secretary of War contains the only information that I have regarding military organizations in Alaska.

Quote. No military organization can be recognized under the present status, except the army, navy, marines and national guard. The President and Congress have not as yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers. My advice would be that you gather and train men as well as you can now, and before they are far advanced, there doubtless will be the machinery created by which they can be brought into some formal service. End quote.

Territorial legislature recently passed emergency appropriation for war and other defense purposes. This may be used for such purposes as rent of hall for drilling men and other costs connected therewith, to be paid upon proper certification of vouchers by proper officers sent to this office. Will cooperate with you in every way possible and will again take up matter securing arms with Department.

STRONG, Governor

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Secretary

~~NIGHT LETTER~~

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Juneau, April 20, 1917 O. B.

Mayor O. J. Lomen,

Nome

Many Alaskan towns have organized military bodies or home guards, principally for home defense in present crisis confronting the nation, and this includes the Territory. While these bodies have not as yet received any military status, it is probable that such will be accorded them in the near future. Have received the following from Secretary Interior, but am unable to add anything more to it now:

Quote: No military organization can be recognized under the present status, except the army, navy, marines and national guard. The President and Congress have not as yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers. My advice would be that you gather and train men as well as you can now, and before they are far advanced there doubtless will be the machinery created by which they can be brought into some formal service. End quote.

Territorial legislature recently passed an appropriation for emergency, war and other purposes, and this fund can be used for effecting military organizations and paying necessary expenses incurred in such organizations, such as rent of hall, for drilling purposes, and so forth, to be paid by Governor upon certification by proper officer.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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~~RIGHT LETTER~~

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Juneau, April 20, 1917 O. B.

M. O. Selberg,

Nome

Profoundly appreciate action of citizens of Nome in mass meeting assembled in expressing their confidence and loyalty in the President and in recognizing his untiring and patriotic efforts in behalf of the nation. Also desire to convey my personal appreciation of expressions of confidence in me. It is my desire to cooperate with citizens of Nome and all the people of Alaska in their patriotic efforts.

STRONG, Governor


Secretary

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April 19, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to advise that Mr. Jacob Meyer, who has been employed as janitor for the Governor's offices, tendered his resignation, effective at the close of business April 18, and his resignation was accepted.

Mr. C. C. Nichols has today been appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Meyer and his oath of office is herewith enclosed. The salary of the new appointee will be the same as that of his predecessor.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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April 30, 1917

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I have for acknowledgment your letters of April 14 and 17, transmitting applications for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of W. A. Boyce, of Nemo; Charles Russell, of Nemo; Charles Fremont Griffith of Nenana, and Wm. Sherigan, of Sitka. I note that you have referred all these applications to Mr. Shattuck and myself for consideration, and that you have recommended, in the case of Mr. Sherigan, that he be given an allowance of \$10 per month. I shall take these applications up with Mr. Shattuck and advise you as to our action.

With reference to the application of John Winfield Phillips, of Ruby, to which you refer, I may say that no action should be taken upon this application at the present time. I consulted with Representative Snow, of Ruby, who advised me that he did not believe that Phillips is entitled to a pension at this time, but later, perhaps, it should be granted.

With further reference to the letter received from James Frawley, United States Commissioner at Nemo, as to pension warrants for Ola Nielsen and James Boyle, I advised Mr. Frawley

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that the warrants in payment of these pensions had been duly forwarded and it may be that these have been received by these men ere this.

I have also received the check book and will forward it to Mr. Shattuck, requesting that he sign the checks, as suggested.

With reference to an increase in the rate of allowances, I have to advise you that the legislature has not authorized any increase, nor do I think that any will be made, except possibly in the case of allowances to be granted women. In any event, these changes in the rate of allowance will not become effective before the beginning of the next quarter.

Yours very truly,

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

April 20, 1917

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Mr. O. T. Keep,
Chairman, Home Defense Committee,
National Security League,
31 Pine Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 10, with reference to the fostering of home defense leagues throughout the United States, and in which you kindly offer your services in the work of organizing such leagues in this Territory.

In reply I have to thank you for your generous offer, and I wish to say that home defense organizations have already been effected in most of the towns of Alaska. Nevertheless, I should be pleased to receive any suggestions that you might have to make concerning their more efficient operation.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1917

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Hon. C. F. Marvin,
Acting Secretary,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 7, in which you request a statement of the cost of wolf bounties in Alaska for the calendar year 1916.

In reply I have to advise that the sum of \$10 is paid for each wolf pelt taken by hunters, and that the bounties for the calendar year 1916 amounted to \$1250.

I have to add, in this connection, that a bill now being considered by the Territorial legislature, now in session, provides that the bounty on wolves be increased to \$15.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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April 20, 1917

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Mr. J. A. Rountree, Secretary,
United States Good Roads Association,
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rountree:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of April 10, I greatly regret that it was impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Association in Birmingham on April 17-21; also that it was impossible to secure a promise from any persons in Alaska that they would attend this meeting. The legislature is now in session, and this, of course, has prevented me from leaving the Territory.

Your letter of the tenth was not received until this date, and I was, therefore, deprived of the pleasure of wiring you and extending my good wishes for the success of the convention. This, however, was unavoidable. I am, however, wiring a brief message today, which I hope will be received before the convention adjourns.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 20, 1917

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Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief,
The Woodcraft League of America,
13 West 29th street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 11 and in reply I have to say that I am in hearty sympathy with the objects of your League, and I believe that the patriotic zeal of the young people of the country can be stimulated by inducing them to grow potatoes wherever they can find available land. The food situation of the nation threatens to become serious if the war is prolonged to any great extent.

I shall, therefore, be pleased to act as one of the Honorary Council of your Potato Clubs and shall be glad to use such influence as I can to promote their organization. I am pleased to recommend Mr. J. F. McDonald, who might work for southeastern Alaska; Mr. L. Frank Shaw, of Anchorage, Alaska, who might act for southwestern Alaska, and Mr. H. S. McDonald, of Fairbanks, who would probably be willing to act in this capacity in interior Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1917

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Hon. M. J. Heneghan, Mayor,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17, with reference to an application for pension of Mr. McCarthy, of Ketchikan, which you state was forwarded to me.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no record of the application on file in this office, and I have made inquiry of the treasurer's office and find that he has no record either. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the application has not been received by the board which passes upon these pensions, and that if it was forwarded it has been lost.

I would, therefore, suggest that you have Mr. McCarthy make out a new application and forward it to this office at once.

Yours very truly,

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

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NIGHT LETTER - COLLECT

Juneau, April 20, 1917

George Harlan Thomas, Architect,

Seattle, Wash.

Your telegram nineteenth. No appropriation for Pioneers' Home passed yet, but may within next week. No plan can be considered until appropriation available.

STRONG, Governor

April 20, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 18, with reference to the case of Edward J. Taylor, who expresses a desire to leave the Home as his health is sufficiently recovered to allow him to take care of himself. It is noted that the doctor says that there is no reason why Mr. Taylor cannot do this, but that as he hasn't any money, you request my approval of your buying a ticket for him from Sitka to Ketchikan.

In reply I have to state that you are instructed to furnish Taylor with a ticket, forwarding a voucher on the fund for the relief of destitution for payment, to this office.

I note what you say with regard to Oliver, and trust that he will not be a source of too much trouble. I also note what you say as to Miss Delits, the cook, and I trust that you will advise her to keep her opinions as to the war to herself. We cannot afford to have any pro-German declara-

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tion of sympathy on the part of the employees of the Government. It is probable that if you would kindly advise Miss Delits to this effect that no further outburst would be made.

I am forwarding a number of my proclamations, as requested in your letter, and I trust that you will see that they are posted where they can be easily seen and read. Your action in posting notices cautioning inmates and others from making remarks which might lead to heated replies by persons of German birth, is highly commendable, and I trust that they will be productive of the desired end. I shall be obliged if you will keep this office informed as to any seditious or treasonable remarks or conduct on the part of the citizens of your town.

At the outbreak of war, I took up with the Department the necessity of furnishing adequate protection to the cable and wireless centers in Alaska. I received an acknowledgment of my letter from the Department, coupled with the assurance that some measure would be taken forthwith to secure such protection. I have heard nothing since from the Department in this respect. It is my opinion that there is little danger of trouble of any kind in Alaska; nevertheless, it is always well to be prepared. I do not know, however, whether the government would recognize the desirability of stationing a regular or auxiliary naval vessel at Sitka, but if you

think at any time that the situation is menacing and requires
this extraordinary action, I will endeavor to do what I can
to have steps taken to relieve the situation.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1917

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Mrs. Luther C. Hess,
Secretary, Board of Children's Guardians,
Fourth Judicial Division,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Hess:

I have your letter of April 17, in which you accept the appointment as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the fourth judicial division. I am, indeed, glad to know that you have done so, as I am sure that no better selection could have been made for this place.

I also acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference to the case of Hazel Hensley, committed by the Juvenile Court of Fairbanks to the Bethany Home at Glendale, Ohio.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, April 21, 1917

O. N., Gov't Day Rate - Paid

J. A. Hountree, Secretary,

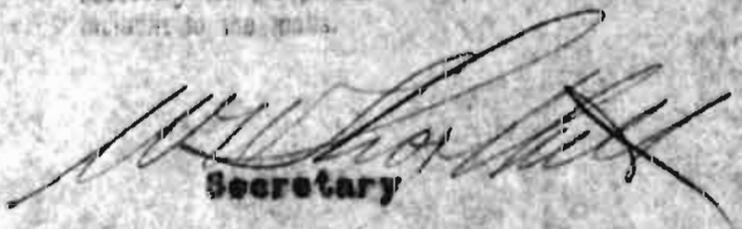
United States Good Roads Association,

Birmingham, Alabama

On behalf people of Alaska, desire to extend best wishes for success of convention now in session your city. People of this far northern Territory are a unit in working for good roads and have a hearty appreciation of the splendid work your Association is doing.

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

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April 21, 1917

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Capt. Frederick Hears,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Captain Hears:

This will serve to introduce to your favorable attention
Mr. Lee S. Fox, of Juneau, whom I have known for many years.
Mr. Fox is visiting Anchorage in the hope that he may be able
to secure employment of some kind with the Alaskan Engineering
Commission. He is a man of integrity and I am sure that he
would be faithful to any trust that may be reposed in him.
If you are in a position to aid him in securing a position
with the Commission in some line of work to which he is adapted,
I shall consider it a personal favor.

With assurances of my great personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Juneau, April 21, 1917. O. B. Ans.

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Russell, Judge,

Fairbanks.

**Monte Terrill will be admitted to home, and
taken charge of upon arrival Juneau.**

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

April 23, 1917

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Mr. Willie E. Howell, Agent,
Alaska Steamship Company,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer,
Carl Haugland, steerage transportation, Juneau, Alaska, to
Tacoma, Washington, charging the same to the Territory of
Alaska.

Present your bill in duplicate with this letter attached
and payment will be arranged.

Mr. Haugland desires to take the s. s. Northwestern, if
possible to secure passage on her; otherwise the steamer Del-
phin.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, April 22, 1917. O. B. Govt. Night Rate PAID.

Mrs. Will H. Parry,

Washington.

It is with profound sorrow that I have just learned of Mr. Parry's death. I had known him for many years, and had learned to appreciate his sterling qualities. His excellent work in behalf of this Territory is now bearing fruit, and the people of the Territory realize that they have lost a true friend. Please accept our deep sympathy in this your great affliction.

J. F. A. STRONG, Governor
of Alaska.

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:


Secretary to the Governor.

April 23, 1917

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Mr. Edward F. Medley,
U. S. Commissioner,
Cordeva, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in yours of the
7th instant, addressed to the Board of Trustees, Alaska
Pioneers' Home, we are sending you, under separate cover,
ten blank applications for allowances under the Territorial
pension act.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 23, 1917

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Honorable Charles A. Sulzer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Sulzer:

I have your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing salary and mileage vouchers, duly signed, and requesting that the checks covering same be forwarded to you.

Enclosed herewith you will find checks Nos. 238 and 240 of this date, each for the sum of \$44.10, covering your incoming and outgoing mileage respectively; and check No. 239 for \$315, covering your salary from March 5 to March 25, both inclusive.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Copy to Mrs. Sulzer

April 23, 1917

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Mr. John Rustgard,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to your verbal request of this date, there is enclosed herewith a certified copy of the certificate of the judges of election for the Tokoma voting precinct, Mount McKinley recording district, setting forth the reasons for the use of certain typewritten ballots at the election held in said precinct on November 7, 1916.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 24, 1917

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To the House of Representatives:

On the 23d instant I approved and signed, and am today transmitting to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following house bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:

"An act to provide for the organization of incorporated school districts outside of incorporated towns, for the election of a board of directors in such districts and granting such board the power of levying and collecting taxes for the establishment and maintenance of schools, defining the power and duties of such board and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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April 24, 1917

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Honorable C. E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska.

Juneau

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Governor

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Jamez, April 23, 1917. O. B.

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Leona, Mayer,

HOME.

Your telegram this date. Please guard that you may organize will be entitled to expenses such as rent of building for drill purposes, heat, light and other necessary expenditures actually incurred, on presentation to this office of vouchers duly certified by proper officers. These expenses will be paid from Territorial appropriation for such purposes.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, April 24, 1917 O. B.

John J. Donovan

Franklin (by mail from Eagle)

Your telegram April eleventh. Government has made no call for volunteers in Alaska as yet. Should this be done, will advise you promptly. Thanks for offer.

STANLEY, Governor

Secretary

April 24, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Warren,
1107 Yeon Building,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Warren:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 14 and your letter of the 15th, with reference to the eight-hour law which is now before the Territorial legislature.

I have noted carefully what you have said in your letter and telegram, and I beg to advise you that a section has been added to the bill providing a waiver of its provisions by the Governor of Alaska, should it be deemed necessary, or upon recommendation by the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior. The bill has been favorably reported, and I have no doubt that the waiver provision will be retained. I may add that I fully appreciate the seriousness of the present situation in the respect mentioned by you.

I may also add that I remember you very well, having met you on a number of occasions while in Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 24, 1917

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Mr. J. C. Allen,
Town Clerk,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 19, with reference to an expense bill for the care of Joe Fields, an indigent who was brought to Petersburg in a destitute condition from Seew Bay; and you ask if funds could be appropriated by the Territory in liquidation of the expense so incurred.

In reply I have to advise you that as this seems to be a matter which should be assumed by the Territory, I have to advise that upon presentation of duly receipted vouchers, a voucher will be issued for the amount and forwarded to you.

It is noted that the expenditures were made on behalf of Fields by Regis & Tveten, Mrs. Anna Ballance, Dr. Ballance, and Frank Smith.

You will, therefore, secure receipted vouchers and forward them to this office, when, as stated, a voucher will be issued in payment thereof.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 24, 1917

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Mr. Seward Kuns,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the matter of your homestead, of which you spoke to me some time since, and about which I addressed a letter to Mr. Waigle, Forest Supervisor, I have to advise that I have received a reply to my letter which will be shown you if you will call at this office.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 24, 1917

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Hon. Arthur G. Sheep, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an application for admission
to the Home of Chris Christensen, of Ketchikan, which was
forwarded to this office some few days ago.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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April 26, 1927

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Sent to Mayors of incorporated towns

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Royal Consulate of Greece, White Building, Seattle, Wash., in which it is stated that a marble head, 30 centimeters high, was stolen from a museum in Thessalonica, Greece, in December last, and is believed to have been brought to this country for sale. The consul requests that I ask the authorities of the different cities of Alaska to report the finding of such object of art, if such should come within their purview.

I have, therefore, to request that if this marble head should be offered for sale or be found in your city, that you promptly notify this office or the Greek Consul at the above address.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 24, 1917

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The Royal Consulate of Greece,
822-23 White Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11, in which you state that a marble head stolen from the Museum of Arts in the town of Tegen in Peloponnese, Greece, is believed to have been brought to this country for the purpose of selling it; and you ask that instructions be issued by this office to the authorities of the different cities so that they may promptly report the finding of any such statue.

In reply I beg to advise that I shall at once notify the mayors of the different towns of Alaska of the matter and ask that they take any steps that may be necessary to comply with your request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 24, 1917

Mr. Leon Sanders, President,
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America,
229-231 East Broadway,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of April 5, together with a copy of the Jewish Immigration bulletin, which I have read with much interest. Permit me to commend the work that is being accomplished in behalf of Jewish immigrants in these war times. I am sure that the humane work in which your society is engaged will have a far-reaching effect, especially in making the lot of these immigrants happier and better.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, April 24, 1917

O. B.

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Major Saville, Commanding,

Fort Wm. H. Seward

I am requested by Captain Irving of local home guard to ask that Sergeant Zellermeier, who is drilling company most efficiently, be given an additional two weeks furlough. As the company is making excellent progress, I have to recommend that such furlough be extended, if compatible with the interests of the service.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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April 24, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Trustee Shattuck and I have discussed the advisability of placing an order for about \$2,000 worth of staples with the grocery firm of Schwabacher & Company, and I shall take this matter up with their representative here at once. I will ask to have such goods as may be bought shipped on the Alki direct to Sitka.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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and two lots; that he has two sons and receives an income of about \$27 a month; and the Board heretofore has held that where men have property of any value they are not entitled to pensions, except in very emergent circumstances.

Will you, therefore, kindly furnish the Board any additional information you may have as to the merit of Sherrigan's application, inasmuch as both Mr. Shattuck and myself would like to be guided by your opinion in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

April 24, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am returning herewith, for your files, applications for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of W. A. Boyce and Charles Russell, of Nome; Charles F. Griffith, of Nenana, John H. Evans, of Matanuska; Mrs. Anna DeGraf, of Juneau; John J. Williams, of Eagle, S. S. Thompson, of Nome, and O. C. Hengskell, of Valdez.

At a meeting this afternoon, at which Trustee Shattuck was present, allowances were agreed upon respectively as follows:

W. A. Boyce.....	\$12.50
Charles Russell.....	12.50
Charles F. Griffith.....	12.50
John H. Evans.....	12.50
Mrs. Anna DeGraf.....	12.50
John J. Williams.....	12.50
S. S. Thompson.....	10.00
O. C. Hengskell.....	10.00

these allowance to begin May 1 next.

The application of William Shorigan, of Sitka, was held pending the receipt of further information from you. It would appear that Shorigan has two buildings, one of which he rents,

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and two lots; that he has two sons and receives an income of about \$27 a month; and the Board heretofore has held that where men have property of any value they are not entitled to pensions, except in very emergent circumstances.

Will you, therefore, kindly furnish the Board any additional information you may have as to the merit of Sherrigan's application, inasmuch as both Mr. Shattuck and myself would like to be guided by your opinion in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

April 24, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. Drake, of the Forest Service, that Charles Westerlund, now at Tenakee, is in a destitute condition and is desirous of applying for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. I am enclosing herewith a blank application for Westerlund to execute.

I am also advised that Westerlund drinks somewhat heavily, and it is the policy of the board not to issue allowances to men who are given to excess in drinking. You will be good enough to advise Westerlund of this matter; and, if an allowance should be made, it must not be used for the purpose of purchasing liquor, as to do so will subject the allowance to immediate cancellation.

Upon execution of the application, it should be returned to this office for further action.

Yours very truly,

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

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Enc.

April 24, 1917.

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Mr. Z. M. Bradford,
Postmaster,
JUNEAU.

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority for delivering to Mr. C. C. Nichols, an employe of the Governor's office, all mail addressed to the office or to the undersigned, which may be received at the Juneau post office, including packages and registered letters and parcels. Mr. Nichols has been provided with a key to Box "G", rented by the Governor's office. Mr. W. W. Shorthill, secretary, and Mr. G. W. Felts, stenographer, are also authorized to receive mail for the Governor's office or the undersigned, and to sign for such as may be registered.

No other persons than those above-mentioned, and myself, are authorized to take from the Juneau Post Office mail addressed to the Governor's office or to the undersigned, or to sign for registered mail.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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JUNEAN, APRIL 25, 1927. O. B. Govt. NIGHT WAGE PAID.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

To complete payment salaries members and employees legislature which adjourns May third, request credit of six thousand five hundred dollars from appropriation for legislative expenses Territory Alaska minimum convention. Also request to be advised by telegraph when credit is given. Balance subject to check this date thirteen thousand four hundred six dollars.

STUBBS, Governor, S. D. S.

Secretary to Governor.

April 19, 1917

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Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 16th ultimo (E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk), requesting that as soon as practicable after the 1917 session laws of Alaska are printed and ready for distribution, four copies thereof be forwarded to the Department for its use in connection with the administration of the affairs of this Territory.

The Department's request will be complied with as soon as the 1917 session laws are ready for distribution, which will probably be about two months hence.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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April 25, 1917.

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Alaska Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority for furnishing to the bearer, Mr. Joseph James, storage transportation, including meals and sleeping accommodations, Juneau to Seward, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Mr. James wishes to take the S. S. "ALASKA", due tonight or tomorrow.

Respectfully yours

Governor.

April 25, 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 notary bond of A. J. Day, of Fairbanks, together with his oath of office and remittance of \$10, in the form of a postal money order, which has been endorsed to you.

Will you kindly have Mr. Day's commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course, and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 25, 1917

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Honorable Fred H. Brown,
United States District Judge,
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Judge Brown:

The receipt is acknowledged of your check in favor of
A. G. Shoup, superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home,
in the sum of \$123.25, being the amount allowed by you to
apply on account of maintenance of inmates of the Pioneers'
Home from the third division, for the fiscal quarter ended
March 31, 1917.

The Governor directs me to express to you the apprecia-
tion of the Board of Trustees for the assistance which you
have extended in this regard.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 25, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 264, in your favor, for the sum of \$103.25, being the amount allowed by Judge Brown of the third division, to apply toward the maintenance of inmates of the Home from that division, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 13, 1917

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Mr. H. A. Bishop,
United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to enclose a copy of a telegram received this date from Mr. George G. Hand, who has been in Sitka on business connected with this office, and a copy of the reply sent Mr. Hand after a telephone conversation with you this morning.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 24, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Beginning May 1 the following increases in salaries paid for supervision of and attendance in the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, will be effective:

Superintendent.....	\$200	per month
Asst. Superintendent.....	90	do
Male attendants.....	85	do
Cook.....	70	do
Nurses.....	70	do
Dishwashers and waitresses.....	35	do
Asst. cook and dishwasher.....	45	do

For your further information, I may add that this schedule of wages was arrived at by Trustee Shattuck and myself, and, I believe, will be concurred in by Doctor Georgeson, to whom a copy of this letter is being transmitted.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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April 24, 1917

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson,
Agronomist in Charge,
Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I have been asked by a number of Juneau people if it would be possible for you to furnish seed potatoes for planting purposes this spring, and, if so, upon what terms.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience that I may pass the information along.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, April 26, 1917. C. B.

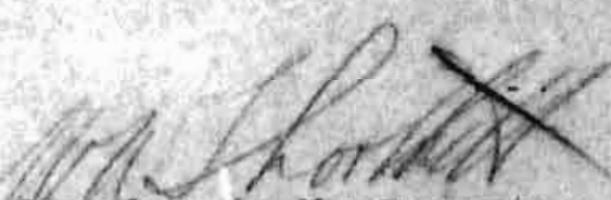
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Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Referring your letter sixth enclosing notary bond of L. A. Edwards, please advise if party is man or woman.

W. STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

April 26, 1917

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Hon. Luther C. Hoss,
Speaker of the House,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As the session of the legislature is fast drawing to a close and as but seven bills have reached me for approval, I would like to suggest a conference with you at as early a date as possible and at an hour that may meet with your convenience.

I have forwarded an identical letter to the President of the Senate.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 26, 1917

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Hon. O. P. Hubbard,
President of the Senate,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. President:

As the session of the legislature is fast drawing to a close and as but seven bills have reached me for approval, I would like to suggest a conference with you at as early a date as possible and at an hour that may meet with your convenience.

I have forwarded an identical letter to the Speaker of the House.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 28, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

Entitled:

"An Act to provide for compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers and other evidence before the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, or any Committee of the Senate or House of Representatives, or joint Committee of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, prescribing the method of compelling such attendance and fixing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

Governor.

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April 26, 1917

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

Entitled:

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Governor

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Jensen, April 26, 1917

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Charles E. Herren,

Vale, Oregon

Your telegram April twenty-second. Have as yet no request from Secretary to appoint delegates to attend meeting at Washington May second. Thanks for your offer. Would gladly avail myself of your services had I been instructed to appoint delegates.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

COUNTY BOARD

April 27, 1917.

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

Entitled:

"An Act to amend chapter 43 of the Session Laws of the Territory of Alaska for the year 1915 entitled: "An Act to provide for the formation of banking corporations and to regulate the business of banking in the Territory of Alaska and securing supervision thereof; for the appointment of a Territorial banking board, defining its duties and fixing the penalties for the violation of this act;" as amended by chapter 16 of the Session Laws of the Territory of Alaska for the year 1915."

G O V E R N O R.

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April 27, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

Entitled:

"An Act to amend chapter 48 of the Session Laws of the Territory of Alaska for the year 1913 entitled: "An Act to provide for the formation of banking corporations and to regulate the business of banking in the Territory of Alaska and securing supervision thereof; for the appointment of a Territorial banking board, defining its duties and fixing the penalties for the violation of this act;" as amended by chapter 16 of the Session Laws of the Territory of Alaska for the year 1915."

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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April 26, 1917

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Mr. Thomas H. Dunkin,
118 Fourth Avenue, N.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Dunkin:

By reference from Dr. C. C. Georgesen, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, I am in receipt of your letter of April 12 with reference to your check for the last quarterly allowance.

In reply I have to advise you that as the appropriation for allowances ended on March 31 and an emergency appropriation was not made until some time later, there was some delay in transmitting checks. This has been done, however, and I have no doubt that you have received your check ere this.

Yours very truly,

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

April 26, 1917

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Mr. O. C. Armstrong, Treasurer,
Century Auto Cycle Company,
1601 Harris Trust Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 13,
with reference to supplying militias with your motorcycles.

In reply I have to advise you that no militia or other
military organization has yet been formed in Alaska and,
therefore, there is no demand for motorcycles nor probably
will there be in the event of a militia organization being
perfected.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 26, 1917

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Dr. Zed Nelsel Copp,
Director General,
United States Social Service,
Canton, N. J.

Dear Doctor Copp:

I have received your letter of April 10, together with
a suggestive plan for agricultural mobilization.

In reply I have to advise you that, while Alaska is not
strictly an agricultural country, it will afford me great
pleasure to adopt your plan, so far as possible.

Wishing you Godspeed in your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 26, 1917

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Mr. Ralph W. Jacoby,

306 Drexel Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 21, in which you ask to be advised as to what are the requirements for appointment as a commissioner of deeds for Alaska. I have to advise that chapter 73, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, section 1558 provides---

"A commissioner appointed under the last section (1557), shall, before he can exercise the powers therein conferred, provide himself with a seal of office and take and subscribe an oath before a judicial officer in the county city or town where he resides, favorably to perform the duties of the office of commissioner; to take affidavits, depositions and the public acknowledgment of deeds out of the district (Territory of Alaska), according to the laws thereof, and file such oath and an impression of such seal in the office of the Secretary of the District (Territory of Alaska). The Secretary of the Territory shall collect \$5 for each certificate made under this chapter and disburse the same as provided, etc."

As soon, therefore, as you have complied with the above provisions, I shall issue a commission to you for the term of four years, upon submission to this office of proper endorsements from one or more well known citizens of your city.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

April 26, 1917

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The Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps.

304 Pine Street,

San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I have pleasure in recommending Mr. E. F. Wann, of
Spokane, Washington, but formerly of Alaska, for a captaincy
in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A.

I believe Mr. Wann to be a man of excellent character
and who would give excellent service, if successful in his
examination. He has had experience as an engineer and is
a man of integrity, as far as I have been able to ascertain.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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