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Honorable J. Hertogs,  
Vice Consul for Belgium,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith a letter addressed to the "Belgian Consul of Alaska, North America," which reached this office on yesterday. The letter is respectfully referred to you, as there is no Belgian Consul in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Terrance Brennan,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is certificate of allowance No. 135,  
under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, issued by  
the Board of Trustees, of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, on May  
15.

You will, before receiving your quarterly allowance,  
present this certificate to the United States Commissioner  
at Juneau as your authority for receiving said allowance.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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

Dear Doctor Geergesen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your several letters of May 14 and 15, with reference to the allowances granted McCarthy, Kennesten and Mayo, and I note that you have issued certificates to these men beginning July 1, 1917. It was intended that these allowances should begin May 1, but through an oversight, I neglected so to state, and it will therefore be better to let the matter stand as it is, in my opinion.

I note also what you say with reference to the allowance to Captain Mayo. In addition to the statements contained in his application, his case was presented to the Board by Mrs. Isabel Ambler Gilman, now teacher of the native school at Douglas, but formerly employed in the same capacity at Rampart. Mrs. Gilman represented to the Board that Mayo was very feeble and that he was in absolute need of even a pension as small as \$12.50 per month, and therefore the Board made such allowance.

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I also note you received the application of Terrence Brennan, and that you issued certificate No. 185 in his favor, to become effective May first, and in which you state you have sent a check for \$25, in his name, to United States Commissioner Durten at Juneau.

I also acknowledge receipt of the application of Michael B. Archer, of Douglas. This will be placed before Mr. Shattuck and some action taken with reference thereto in the near future.

Yours very truly,

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

May 17, 1917

Mr. John B. Andrews, Secretary,  
American Association For Labor Legislation,  
131 East 23d Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 8, in which you ask for copies of any bills introduced in the Alaska legislature, or any executive or administrative rulings made in this Territory to permit the suspension of any labor laws during the period of the war.

In reply I have to advise you that an eight-hour labor law was enacted by the legislature at its recent session, with a waiver clause authorizing the Governor to suspend the operation of the law during the period of the present war. As soon as this law has been printed, I shall forward you a copy.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by  
this office from the Department of the Interior, which is  
self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

May 17, 1917

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Honorable C. M. Day,

Valdez, Alaska

My dear Mr. Day:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 11, enclosing a letter from Neal O'Connor, of Valdez, with reference to an application for allowance made by him, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that O'Connor's application was favorably acted upon and, without doubt, he has received his quarterly check ere this.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hen. W. G. Smith,  
Territorial Treasurer,  
City

Dear Sir:

You are advised that Senate Bill No. 29, entitled---

"An Act providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning ground in the Territory of Alaska, and the creation of a board of fish commissioners, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

did not reach the office of the Governor for approval until Monday evening, May 7, or nearly three days after the legislature had adjourned, the delay being occasioned, I am informed, by the bill having become mislaid in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

While I approved the bill, I am somewhat doubtful as to the validity of the act, inasmuch as the procedure hitherto followed by the Governor, since the organization of the first Alaska legislature, has been to approve or reject all bills presented for his approval or veto during the time the legislature has been actually in session, and not after their adjournment. Thus a new question is raised as to the power of the Governor to approve a bill after the adjournment of the legislature. Section 14, of the Alaska organic act, approved

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August 24, 1918, provides, among other things---

"If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within three days (Sundays excepted), after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the legislature, by its adjournment, prevents the return of the bill, in which case, it shall not be a law."

I find an almost similar provision in the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, with the following addition, however:

"The Governor may approve, sign and file in the office of the Secretary of State, within three days after the adjournment of the legislature, any act passed during the last three days of the session, and the same shall become a law."

In the latter the case, the provision for signing bills after the adjournment of the legislature is clear, but inasmuch as no such provision is included in the organic act of Alaska, in my judgment the approval by me of Senate Bill No. 29 is of doubtful validity. In any event, it should be the subject of a court decision, in my judgment, before it is put into operation, and before the appropriation which the bill carries is disbursed.

I have called the attention of the Attorney General to this matter and have suggested that he take such steps as may in his judgment be necessary to secure a court decision as to the validity of this act.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 16, 1917

Mr. Walter DeLong,

Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. DeLong:

I have this day written to Mr. Ole Opsahl, who, I am given to understand, may be in the employ of the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Anchorage. I wish to get in communication with Mr. Opsahl and submit a proposition to him to build a stone fence around the Governor's mansion, but it is possible that he may not be located there. Will you, therefore, be kind enough to advise me of his address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Mr. Ole Opsahl,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. Henry Shattuck, of this city, that you built the stone wall around his residence. I have in mind a similar wall to be erected around the Governor's mansion. The distance to be enclosed is approximately 750 feet, and I would be glad if you would submit me a proposal to erect a wall similar to that which you erected for Mr. Shattuck, giving the cost per foot, or for the entire work, as you may deem best. I would also thank you for an immediate reply, if you can undertake the work.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Yours very truly,

Hon. Samuel McDonald,  
Mayor of Seward,  
Seward, Alaska

Deputy

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 14, with reference to persons who come to your city seeking employment and who are subsequently disabled and become sick and indigent; and you ask if an appropriation can be made from the Territorial treasury in such cases.

In reply I have to advise you that there is a Territorial indigent fund which, in cases of necessity, can be used for purposes such as you mention. I appreciate the fact that it places an unfair burden upon an incorporated town to be compelled to assume the expense of maintaining men who are merely transients in the country. It is needless for me to say that they should be discouraged from coming to Alaska, but I know full well that this is impossible. I have, therefore, to advise you that a limited amount of money will be made available for you. The utmost economy should be used, in all cases, however, and vouchers should be taken for all expenses incurred and forwarded to this office with full and complete explanations as to each in-

dividual case.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Mr. Wm. A. Hease,  
Cordeva, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hease:

I have your letter of May 14, in which you ask to be advised as to what the legislature did with regard to bounties on sea lions, hair seals, eagles and wolves, and when said laws become effective.

In reply I have to advise you that the bills placing bounties on sea lions and hair seals failed of passage. The bounty on wolves was increased to \$15, and the bounty on eagles fixed at 50 cents, each, the claws of the eagles to be forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer for payment.

I have to thank you for your kind wishes and your statement that "there are still a few Democrats who are not looking for something and who are still with me," is worth while. The opposition to me comes from part-hunting Democrats and a little coterie of men who are attempting to make myself and the rest of the people believe that they constitute the Democratic Party of the Territory. I do not think that they will be able to put this thing over, however.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Governor

May 10, 1917

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Rev. J. L. Hughes,  
Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 10, in which you offer your services to your country, preferably as chaplain.

I have to advise you that I am momentarily expecting instructions to begin the taking of a war census of all male persons in Alaska liable to service under the pending war measure, which it is expected will be signed by the President within a day or two. I have to thank you for your offer, and I have to say that, in all probability, you will have your desire gratified. I shall take this matter up with you later, when the situation has been more fully developed and the registration has been completed.

The session laws of Alaska, session of 1917, have not yet been printed, but as soon as this shall have been done, I shall try to supply you with a copy.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Mr. Charles W. Hook,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 12, in which you offer your services in the matter of the registration of persons liable to army service that may be expected by the passage of the bill now pending in the Congress.

I have not received detailed instructions from Washington, but am momentarily expecting them. From the tentative instructions that I have received, the War Department urges the necessity of securing voluntary service in the matter of registration so far as possible, and it is to be hoped that Alaska will not be backward in assisting the government in this respect. However, the details of the registration system have not yet been fully worked out; and if I can use your services I shall be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Mr. A. E. Light,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 12 and your report for the month of March.

In reply I have to say that I notice you have covered a good deal of ground and that, as usual, you have been very thorough in the patrol of your district, and I hope that the results that you obtained will be permanent.

So far as the matter of the post at Fort Gibbon securing moose meat is concerned, I hope that you will be able to secure convictions. Fort Gibbon has at all times shown a disposition to disregard the game law, and this office has experienced considerable trouble thereby in the past. There is no reason on earth why the soldiers should secure their meat supply from the country. If they do not have fresh meat enough to last them throughout the winter, it is nobody's fault but their own commissary department's, and, therefore, no leniency should be shown them. I have no doubt that a peculiar situation does exist there, inasmuch as you state, and I have heard this from several other sources, that there has been a distinct lack of all game in the interior.

It is also to be hoped that you will be able to secure convictions in the other cases that you mention.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

Mr. Edgar T. Hawley, Chairman,

Committee on Safety and Defense,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 12, with reference to expenses incurred in connection with the formation of your military unit at Seward. I have to say that I am glad to note that you have been so successful in your organization, and I wish to congratulate the good people of your town upon the showing that they have made in this respect.

With reference to the expenses attached, I am also pleased to say that you have been exceedingly economical, and this, of course, is greatly to be desired, as the fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of this kind is not unlimited by any manner or means. I am enclosing herewith vouchers, which you will have properly certified, for expenses incurred and return them to this office.

A recent letter from the Secretary of War advises me that steps will soon be taken for the organization of a National Guard in Alaska, when it is possible that a goodly number of your unit may be mustered into the Guard should they so desire.

With reference to your request to purchase a number of wooden guns for drill purposes, you are instructed to make such purchase. I need not remind you that you should secure these at a minimum of expense.

In the matter of securing the right to use the cable service, I have to advise you that this cannot be done, as, in a similar matter, the Department refused to grant such request. I have to advise you, however, that in all matters appertaining to your military unit, you can use the wire free of charge when addressing this office, no payment being required,--simply wire me "O. B.," and there will be no question about it, in my judgment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13. I am, indeed, gratified at the response of the good people of Cordova to the appeal for help in the Belgian relief work. I note you have raised nearly \$500 and, of course, I shall be very glad to transmit it to the proper authorities on behalf of the donors. I wish to extend my thanks and sincere congratulations to yourself, as mayor of Cordova, and the steps that you have taken to bring about this most desirable end, and also to the ladies of Cordova who cooperated with you.

With reference to the formation of a Red Cross society, I shall look into this matter at once and advise you later. I may say that such a society has been formed in Juneau and another in Douglas, and as soon as I make a further investigation, I shall advise you as to the proper procedure to be taken by the people of Cordova in this work, which I may add promises to become more and more important as the war progresses. It seems to me that it is up to the people of Alaska

to do their bit in every way possible, and I may add that I am sure they will not be found wanting in any particular.

I am also pleased to note that the people of Cordova and your section stand ready to furnish their quota of men for military purposes. I am momentarily expecting instructions from the War Department to begin the registration of all males liable to service. I have already taken preliminary steps to this end, but am awaiting final instructions from Washington as I write.

With reference to the case of measles on the Alameda, I must say that the marine surgeon at Ketchikan is guilty of the grossest kind of carelessness and also a breach of duty in not reporting measles cases on that steamer, and he is especially culpable in advising the father of the afflicted child to cover it up and say nothing and take him ashore after dark at Cordova. I shall direct the attention of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service to this flagrant breach of duty, if you think it advisable.

With further reference to the formation of Red Cross societies, I notice that you advise me to address Mrs. W. W. Council, Chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee, in respect to such organization. This I will do at the earliest opportunity.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Mr. Edgar T. Hawley,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12, in which you ask for information as to the possibility of Alaska being called upon to furnish a military quota for service in the present war.

In reply I have to advise you that the selective draft bill applies to this Territory, and I am momentarily expecting instructions from Washington for the registration of all males in Alaska liable to service under the terms of the bill now pending in Congress, and which I understand will be signed by the President either today or tomorrow. You shall be later advised as to developments.

I remember meeting you when you called upon me here on your way to Seward.

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

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 18, 1917

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Dr. J. H. Romig, M. D.,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Doctor Romig:

I have your letter of May 12, and in reply I have to state that a number of changes were made in the Territorial medical law, the dates of examination being changed to March and September of each year. Doctor DeVighna, Secretary of the Alaska Medical Board, advises me that he has mailed you a copy of this law.

As your term as a member of the Medical Board and that of Doctor Sloan, of your city, does not expire for some little time, I have not as yet considered any changes.

With reference to your statement that you would like to be appointed assistant health commissioner for the third judicial division, I have also to advise you that I have not contemplated making any change in that office, which has been filled most acceptably by Dr. W. H. Chase, of Cordova; and I feel that if Doctor Chase wants a reappointment, he should have it. Doctor Chase has displayed commendable energy, coupled with tact and good judgment in his services as assistant health commissioner, and I am one of those who believe

that good service should be rewarded. However, I shall be  
glad to keep you in mind should a vacancy occur.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

Juneau, May 18, 1917. O. B.

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Tucker, Judge,

HOME.

Warrant for two thousand dollars account dependent children  
will be forwarded to you by steamer leaving Seattle June first.

SIRSON, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

May 19, 1917.

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Lowan A. Hanford,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Vincent Joseph Dyer, of Strelna, Alaska, has been commissioned a notary public for Alaska, and has asked me to order for him "one of those locked notary seals". He states that he has an account with you which can be charged with the cost of the seal.

Will you, therefore, kindly have made and sent to Mr. Dyer as soon as possible a seal such as he wishes, worded in the usual form.

While Mr. Dyer did not ask for it, I believe it would also be well to send him a rubber stamp with the following words on it:

"My commission expires May 18, 1921."

Also suggest that you send with the stamp a stamp pad of sufficient size to use with it. All notaries are required to show the date of expiration of their commissions on documents which they execute.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Dyer.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

**Juneau, May 21, 1917. O. B.**

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**Alaskan Engineering Commission,**

**NENANA.**

**Endeavoring locate Matt McGovern, supposed been employed on some road work near Fairbanks last year and now in that section. Have you any record his past or present service?**

**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, May 21, 1917. O. B.

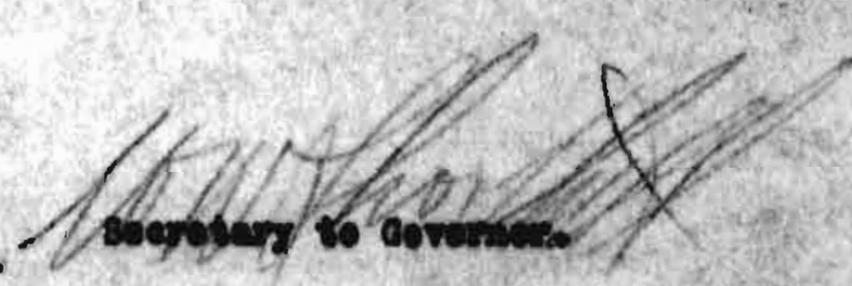
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Irwin, Marshal,

Fairbanks.

Endeavoring ascertain whereabouts of Matt McGovern, supposed to be in Fairbanks or vicinity. Can you give any information? Suggest you ask game wardens McDonald and Nordale, and road commissioner.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

**Juneau, May 21, 1917. O. B.**

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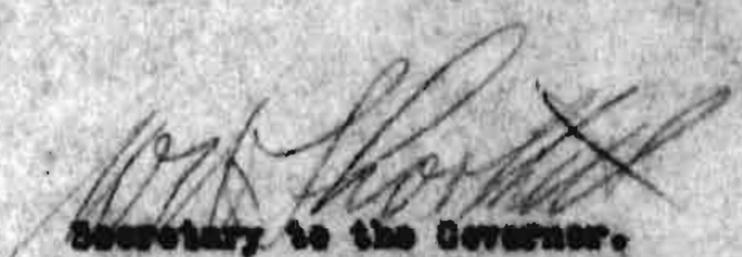
**Alaska Road Commission,**

**Valdez.**

**Endeavor ascertain whereabouts of Matt McGovern.**

**Have you any record his past or present employment with you?**

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**



**Secretary to the Governor.**

**Juneau, May 21, 1917. O. B.**

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**Alaska Engineering Commission,**

**Anchorage.**

**Endeavoring locate Matt McGovern. Have you any record past or present  
service with commission?**

**STRONG, Governor.**

*W. H. ...*  
**Secretary to Governor.**

May 31, 1917

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Mr. G. B. Erwin, Secretary,

Tanana Rifle Club,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing a requisition in duplicate for the purchase of arms and ammunition from the Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, together with draft No. 2815, on the Bank of California, San Francisco, payable to the Commanding Officer, Benicia Arsenal, for \$366.74. Request is made that the Governor approve the requisition and forward the same with the draft to the Commanding Officer, Benicia Arsenal.

This is to advise you that the Governor has today approved the requisition and the same is being forwarded with the draft and your letter of the 28th ultimo attached thereto, to the Commanding Officer, Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 21, 1917.

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Alaska Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Please furnish first-class transportation, Juneau to Seward, to the bearer, Thomas Burns, on the S. S. "NAKIPOSA", charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Present your bill in duplicate, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, May 23, 1917. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Replying yours today law providing for care destitute children construed to apply to white children only, and not to those of mixed blood in any degree. Advise making application for relief from federal indigent fund which is disbursed by Judge Tucker.

BERNARD, GOVERNOR.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

May 23, 1917.

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Mr. D. Swenson,

Agent Steamer "Prince of Wales",

CITY.

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish to Monte Terrell transportation, meals and berth from Juneau to Sitka on the trip leaving Juneau this date.

Charge to the Territory of Alaska, and present bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

Mr. Terrell is blind, but otherwise fairly able to take care of himself. It will be appreciated if you will request the purser of the boat to see that he is looked after in such ways as may be necessary, to insure reasonable comfort during the trip. He is going to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

May 23, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter of the 12th instant from Mr. Joseph James, who recently went to Seward from Juneau, asking that in future his mail be sent to him at Seward, in care of the United States Commissioner at that place.

As Mr. James is receiving an allowance from the Territory, it is assumed that he wishes his warrants sent to his Seward address in future, instead of to Juneau as heretofore.

Mr. James' letter to this office, above referred to, is enclosed for your files.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Copy to:

Mr. Joseph James.

May 22, 1917

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I enclose herewith the application for allowance of Michael B. Archer, of Douglas. Mr. Shattuck and myself have considered this application and recommend that he be given an allowance of \$10 a month, to date from July 1 next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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May 22, 1917

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Mr. Edward A. Ramussen,  
United States Commissioner,  
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Judge:

With reference to your inquiry of May 16, I have to advise you that we have no printed juvenile court dockets referred to on page 9, section 7 of the rules of the boards of children's guardians. It will not be difficult, however, I think, for you to prepare your own docket in cases of this kind; it need not be elaborate---let it merely show the case and the disposition made thereof.

Yours very truly

Governor

May 22, 1917

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Men. Arthur G. Sheup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 17, with vouchers for coal and spuds. In reply I have to advise you that these vouchers were approved by Mr. Shattuck and have been presented to the Territorial Treasurer for payment.

With reference to finding you a cook, I have been unable to secure one, but have referred it to Mr. Shattuck and asked him he could locate Mrs. Steinmitz, to whom you refer in your letter. Advise me if you are unable to find a proper person for this position and we will continue our efforts to secure one and send her to Sitka on the next sailing of the Prince of Wales or the Alki, should the latter make the proper connection.

I note what you say with reference to the bills of Schwabacher & Co., of Seattle, and the discounts referred to should be allowed by all means.

I have taken up the matter of Mr. Shattuck's visiting Sitka in the near future and he advises me that if it is pos-

sible for him to make the connections on the Alki, he will do so. In the meantime, will you kindly forward to this office all the data and details that you think necessary for the bath house and laundry, this data and other particulars to be submitted to a local architect for the drawing of plans. Your data should include the size of the building, etc. I believe it is essential that work on the building should be begun as soon as possible.

Burns showed up here yesterday and will go to Cordeva or Seward, where he says that he has friends who will start him in some little business which he can attend to. It seems to me that Burns is not altogether right mentally, and I greatly demurred passing him along from town to town and urged that he return to the Home. I found, however, that it was impossible to induce him to return, but I have little doubt that some one will return him to the Home in the not distant future. However, I hope not. I questioned him about the Home, and the only complaint he was able to make was that he couldn't get enough medicine. You understand how these cranks are--- they think that if they are not dosed with medicine at all times, a rank injustice is being done then, and I so intimated to Burns, but without any effect, of course.

With reference to the heating plant, it was my recollection, when you were over here, that we discussed that matter

with Mr. Shattuck, and you were instructed to go ahead and have the foundations and other repairs made. However, go ahead and have this done as soon as possible and with the least possible expense.

I have to thank you for your kind words with reference to the action of those Democrats who are trying to Prussianize the people of Alaska. Personally, I care very little for their efforts, but it may be that they will succeed. Their latest candidate, unless a new one appears tonight in the columns of the Empire, is Thomas Riggs, who is being induced to enter the list as the only man they can now think of who will stand a show of defeating me for reappointment. As I have frequently stated, it is a matter of complete indifference to me whether I am reappointed or not, but I feel like making a fight in justice to the many good friends who have stood so loyally by me. I do not know whether I shall visit Washington or not. I have received no intimation from that quarter, but may do so at any time. I want you to note the ravings and frothings in the Empire, including those of Tom Donohoe, the head of the Prussian triumvirate, who seem to believe that they are the Democratic Party of the Territory. Donohoe simply lies, deliberately, knowingly and maliciously when he states that I told Judge Wickersham that I would give him a certificate of election as early as February 10. I have

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had no communication, official or otherwise, with Judge Wickersham, save one, and that was when I notified him of the first meeting of the canvassing board, to which he replied that he did not care to be represented when the board met. The campaign of falsification and worse will go on until somebody gets into trouble.

With reference to Jack Conner, you are authorized to buy him a ticket to Cordova, provided he will go there and not return to the Home. We cannot afford to be purchasing tickets for inmates of the Home with which to make junketing trips. If they leave the Home definitely, it is all right that they should be provided with transportation, with the distinct understanding that they have no further claims upon the Home.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

May 26, 1917.

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Mrs. M. McGovern,  
Jensen Apartments,  
City.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your recent call, when you asked this office to assist you in ascertaining the whereabouts of your husband, I beg to say that we sent four telegrams to various parties asking for information, and have replies from all. Two of the messages state that he is now at Richardson, Alaska, which is a roadhouse station on the Valdez-Fairbanks trail, about 100 miles up the Tanana river from Fairbanks. I quote these two messages as follows:

"Reference your wire May twenty first, Matt McGovern now located Richardson postoffice, A. J. Griffin, Commissioner."

Above message from U. S. Marshal at Fairbanks.

"Matt McGovern now working for McCluskey roadhouse keeper at Richardson. Report says he expects to quit in few days."

Above message from Alaska Road Commission at Valdez.

You can probably reach Mr. McGovern by wire to Richardson, which is a telegraph station on the line between Valdez and Fairbanks. A. J. Griffin is the United States Commissioner at Richardson, and you could send your message in his care if you wished to. I would suggest a "night letter" message, as it is considerably cheaper than a day message.

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If this office can be of further assistance in any way, kindly  
let us know.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

May 23, 1917

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Mr. H. E. Eckenstein,  
Company Clerk,  
Skagway Home Guard,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21, with reference to certain expenses incurred in the formation and drilling of the Skagway Home Guards.

In reply I have to advise you that if you will forward receipted vouchers for the expenditures incurred in the organization and drilling of your company to this office, a voucher will be issued in payment therefor. The subvouchers should show, in detail, every item of expenditure so made.

I have to suggest that it might be advisable to have the various sums included in one voucher, which might be disbursed through you to the various persons to whom the various amounts are due. This is a matter, however, which may be left to your own judgment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 23, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Miss H. W. L. Albrecht, has been a resident of Juneau, Alaska, for the past few years. I am advised by those who have been acquainted with her; and through the representations of citizens of this city, whom I know well, I am issuing this letter to Miss Albrecht, inasmuch as I am informed that she wishes to travel through Yukon Territory. I have to add that, so far as I know, she is a woman of excellent character. She admits that she is of German birth and is not a citizen of the United States, and I, therefore, cannot vouch for her political sentiments. I have no reason to doubt that she is just what she represents herself to be.

Governor

May 23, 1917

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Mr. Wm. B. Thompson, Treasurer,  
Rocky Mountain Club-Heever Fund  
for Relief in Belgium,  
65 West 44th St.,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am enclosing herewith a draft for \$482, account of your relief fund for the Belgians. I have to advise you that this sum was contributed by citizens of Cordova, Alaska, through an appeal issued by me to the mayor of that city, Dr. W. H. Chase.

I have also to advise you that I directed the mayors of other towns whom I endeavored to enlist in this worthy cause, to forward such funds as they may be able to raise directly to your address, and I hope that there has been a liberal response. I am particularly gratified that the people of Cordova, which is a small town, have raised such a substantial amount.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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May 23, 1917

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Hon. John R. Tucker,  
United States District Judge,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$2,000 to my order and endorsed by me in your favor, to expedite payment, account heard of children's guardians of the second judicial division and in accordance with your telegram to this office of May 7.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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May 24, 1917

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Mr. John S. Heeky,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18, with reference to your appointment as one of the road commissioners for the third judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that at the adjournment of the legislature I took this matter up with some of the members and asked them to recommend a suitable man for this purpose, and on the recommendation of Hon. Frank B. Cannon, of Knik, and others, Mr. A. A. Shenbeck, of Anchorage, was appointed to one of these positions. Mr. George Merrifield, of Valdez, was also appointed road commissioner, on the recommendation of the elected road commissioner, Mr. James E. Wilson.

You will readily understand the position in which I was placed in respect to these appointments, and would have been glad to have considered your appointment had not the legislative delegation suggested the name of Mr. Shenbeck.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

May 24, 1917

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Rev. F. E. Cox,  
1503 Prospect Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing a circular and asking to be advised if there is any law in this Territory that would prohibit you from circulating your enclosure during the present war.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no law that would prohibit such circulation, although it is entirely proper for me to suggest that the time is not propitious for the circulation of this kind of literature.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. Daniel Whipple,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16, with enclosures, in which you state that you have been informed that there will be a protest entered against your legal right to secure a pension from the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that no protest has as yet been filed of that tenor in this office. Should such be filed, it would be the duty of the board to make an investigation in accordance therewith. However, your pension will not be canceled until such time as a full investigation has been made, should complaints as to your ineligibility be filed with the board.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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May 24, 1917

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Messrs. Charles S. Keen,  
C. Y. Malmquist,  
S. P. Williams,  
Chas. Carlson, and  
R. E. Flynn, Committee,

St. Michael, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your telegram of May 19, to Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior at Washington, endorsing my administration and recommending me for reappointment. I wish to convey to each and everyone of your committee and to the good people of St. Michael and the lower Yukon country whom you represent, my sincere appreciation of their action in my behalf, and whether I shall be reappointed or not, I shall always treasure your endorsement of my administration, as indicating your confidence in me and the efforts that I have conscientiously made to discharge the duties of my office faithfully, fairly and impartially.

I am opposed by a small clique of self-appointed men, who, it seems to me, in utter disregard of democracy and all its teachings, would constitute themselves dictators of the great and historic Democratic party. I know that they are

not supported by the rank and file of the Democratic party,  
who I believe have confidence in me and who believe that I  
have given the best that is within me to the honest performance  
of every duty with which I have been charged. Whether I shall  
be reappointed or not, I shall remember with gratitude the  
disinterested action of yourselves and other of my friends  
in your section.

With expressions of my great personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

May 24, 1917

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Mr. H. H. Folsom,  
Goldstein Building,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of May 17, in which you state that Mr. Seward Kuns has requested you to ask for a copy of a letter written me by Mr. Weigle relating to Kuns's homestead.

In reply I have to advise that I am transmitting herewith a copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

May 24, 1917

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Hon. F. B. Cannon,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Cannon:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 14, recommending the appointment of Mr. A. A. Shonbeck, of Anchorage, as one of the road commissioners for the third judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that, on receipt of your letter, I appointed Mr. Shonbeck to that position, of which he has been duly notified.

I trust that your health is steadily improving and with very best wishes, I am,

cordially yours,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. Ellsworth Huntington,

Milton, Mass

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 11, in which you ask to be furnished with statistics as to the number of insane persons in Alaska, the amount of insanity among the different races and the causes in each.

In reply I have to advise you that the insane of Alaska are maintained at Morningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, and not in Alaska. The President of The Sanitarium Company is Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, whose address is 516 Sailing Building, Portland, Oregon, to whom your inquiry should be addressed. I have no doubt that Doctor Coe will be glad to furnish you the desired information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. John Rigg,

Ronald, Washington

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16, in which you ask for information concerning the coal fields of Fairbanks.

In reply I have to advise you that no coal fields near Fairbanks or in interior Alaska have as yet been developed. Coal mines, however, are being developed in the neighborhood of Anchorage on Cook Inlet. These may be leased in tracts of ten acres and up. For further information, you are advised to address Mr. Andrew Christensen, Manager, Land and Industrial Department, Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, who I am sure will be glad to give you the information which you ask but which this office is unable to give you in detail.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. John C. Mitchell,  
570 Hawthorne Ave.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 14, in which you ask for particulars concerning homesteads in Alaska and what course you must pursue in order to secure agricultural land near a railroad or town; and you also inquire what prospect one would have in going to Skagway to get work about August 1; also if there is a show of getting on the government railroad.

In reply I have to advise you that agricultural lands may be secured in many parts of Alaska, and Alaska is a very large country, indeed. The most available farming lands, however, are in the Cook Inlet country and in the Tanana valley, much of such land being in proximity to towns. For information concerning lands in the Cook Inlet valley, you should address Mr. Andrew Christensen, Manager, Land and Industrial Department, Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, who will advise you as to available lands and the opportunities to secure employment on the government railroad now being built in that section.

I could not advise you to go to Shagsey in the expectation of getting work at this time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mrs. Grace F. Paine,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Paine:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 23, in which you tender your services as registration officer in connection with the registration of those subject to selective draft.

In reply I have to thank you for your kind offer, and your letter will be filed for further action when the details of the plan of registration are completed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. W. A. G. Baldwin,  
Hotel Zynda,  
City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d instant, offering your services and the hotel Zynda lobby as a suitable place for registration purposes under the new selective draft law.

In reply I have to thank you for your kind offer, and, if it shall be found advisable to accept your kind offer, you shall be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Mr. James G. Marley,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 19, and have this date written Dr. C. C. Geergesen, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, with relation thereto, and have instructed him to advise you as to your contention that you have not received your check for the quarter ended March 31 last. I do not see how it could have gone astray, however.

Yours very truly,

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

May 24, 1917

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am in receipt of a letter from James C. Hurley,  
Craig, Alaska, who receives an allowance under chapter 64,  
Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, in which he states that while  
he received his check for the quarter ending June 30, he has  
not received his allowance for the quarter ended March 31  
last. He states in substance---

"My first allowance of \$16, in payment of the  
last two months of 1915; my first quarter for  
1916 I received on the third of April; my third  
payment I received on July 3; my fourth payment  
on October 3; my fifth payment on January 5, 1917;  
my next payment on May 6, 1917."

Hurley further states---

"Our Commissioner, who is also our postmaster,  
tried to impress on the public that I had been  
paid in full up to June 30, 1917. I solemnly  
swear that I have not received only six warrants  
up to date."

Will you kindly advise Hurley as to this, also this  
office, as I fear that probably Hurley has made a mistake  
and that the postmaster is right.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 24, 1917

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Mr. W. W. Draper,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 19, in which you state that you are awaiting trial on a charge of larceny.

In reply I may say that I am surprised to hear this as I had never believed you capable of such an act from my acquaintance with you. I trust, therefore, that the charge is unfounded and that you will be acquitted. Of course, I knew nothing of the circumstances of the case, but I can say that during the years that I knew you, I had no reason to believe that you were other than an industrious and honest citizen.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

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Hon. J. R. Heckman,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Senator:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, with reference to the fish hatchery bill.

The absence of the Attorney General from the Territory at this time is most unfortunate, because if he were here, I believe it would be possible to place the matter before the court and receive a speedy decision as to the validity of the law. I took the matter up by letter and personally with the Attorney General prior to his departure for San Francisco and Nome, and suggested the advisability of securing a decision at the earliest possible moment. He seemed, however, to take no interest in the matter, whatsoever. I believe it would be possible, however, to get the matter into court without his presence. This would necessitate the services of some attorney or other, however.

I have delayed appointing the other members of the commission, but if you think it advisable to have a test made of the law by issuing vouchers on the Territorial Treasurer for a small amount, I believe this could be done and I shall

appoint the other members of the board.

Kindly advise me as to your views on this matter, as if anything is to be done in a substantial way, no time should be lost.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 24, 1917

Hon. Monte Benson,  
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 24, in which you offer your services for the registration of men liable to service under the recently enacted selective draft law, as a Registration officer for your precinct.

In reply I have to advise you that your offer is appreciated and that your services will be gladly accepted. You will be notified as to the time and purposes of such registration as soon as detailed instructions have been received at this office.

Yours very truly

Governor

May 25, 1917

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Mr. Edgar T. Hazley, Chairman,  
Committee on Safety and Defense,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date, referring to my letter of the 18th, and requesting that vouchers be forwarded.

Enclosed herewith you will find a supply of voucher blanks for the use of your committee, covering expenses necessarily incurred. All vouchers should be made out and signed in duplicate, with full details and necessary explanations as to the items covered. I would suggest that such vouchers as you submit to this office for payment be certified by you in the form indicated on the first blank herewith enclosed. The blank below the space provided for the signature of the payee on the voucher forms will be filled in by this office when the vouchers are approved.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, May 25, 1917

O. B.

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Bunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks

Replying yours date, Harvey Thompson will be admitted to  
Home if he has no contagious or infectious disease.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

May 25, 1917

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Dr. Henry Walde Coe, President,  
The Sanitarium Company,  
516 Selling Building,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Elisabeth Hubbard, of Junesau, mother of Sarah, who is now under care at the Sanitarium (being designated in the report as patient No. 637), called at this office today for information concerning her daughter. We referred to the quarterly report for March and gave her the brief information contained therein. Mrs. Hubbard would like, however, to have a more detailed report of her daughter's condition, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly write such a letter to this office. Mrs. Hubbard will, no doubt be particularly interested in ascertaining whether or not there is any indication of improvement in the mental condition of her daughter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

(Mrs. Elisabeth Hubbard,  
c/o General Hospital  
City

office to show that the specified amount was received for  
Caslander's maintenance, but a voucher for **May 26, 1917** in-  
stead of the date of the receipt is shown. **37**

Dr. Wm. Pallister,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24, with reference to the account of your hospital for the care and maintenance of Carl Hougland, an indigent who came to Juneau from Tacoma and was in the Juneau General Hospital from March 30 to April 9 and again from April 12 to 23, inclusive---22 days at \$2.50 a day, or a total of \$54.50; also an account of \$75 for the maintenance of Fred Caslander, an indigent suffering from tuberculosis, who died in your hospital after an illness of three months. It is noted that the latter account states that the amount promised by this office was a contribution of \$25 a month for a period of three months. Reference to the files of this office shows that on February 6, 1917, a voucher for \$25 was issued to C. E. Secrest, for Caslander for the month of February, and that on March 1 another voucher for \$25 was issued to Secrest for the same account, making a total of \$50 appropriated by the Territory for the relief of Caslander. There is no record in this

office to show that any specified amount was promised for Gaslander's maintenance, but a voucher for \$25 will be issued in your favor. A voucher for the care and maintenance of Carl Hougland will also be issued in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 26, 1917

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Mr. Ernest U. Whitacre,  
Suite 310,  
175 High Street,  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 15, addressed to the "Industrial Board of Awards, Workmen's Compensation Department," has been referred to this office.

In reply, I have to advise you that section 4, session laws of Alaska, 1915, of "An Act relating to the measure and recovery of compensation to injured employees in the mining industry of this territory, etc.," reads as follows:

"No compensation shall be allowed or paid for the injury or death of an employee in any case where such injury or death was occasioned by his or her wilful intention to bring about the injury or death of himself or herself or of another, or where the employee's intoxication was the proximate cause of the injury."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the above act for your further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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May 26, 1917

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Mr. A. G. Figert,  
Publicity Secretary,  
International Sunday School Association,  
1416 Mallers Building,  
5 South Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 10, in which you state that Sunday, July 1, has been designated "Patriotic Sunday" by the International Sunday School Association; and you ask that the Governor of Alaska issue a proclamation commending the day to the observance of the people of the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that it will afford me pleasure to comply with your wishes.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 26, 1917

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Mr. A. B. Cole,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24, in which you offer your services as registration officer in the coming selective draft registration. Your letter will be placed on file for future reference.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 26, 1917

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am returning herewith the application of William  
Sheridan, for an allowance under chapter 64 of the session  
laws of Alaska, 1915, for your files.

I may add that I expect to leave for the outside with-  
in a day or two, and may not be able to communicate with you  
before leaving. It is probable that I shall visit Washing-  
ton before returning.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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May 26, 1917

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Honorable W. W. Casey,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of Senate Bill No. 29, approved May 7, 1917, providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning ground in Alaska, and the creation of a Board of Fish Commissioners, etc., I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the Territory of Alaska, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue for a period of two years, or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will please execute and forward to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

May 26, 1917

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Honorable J. R. Hoshman,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of Senate Bill No. 29, approved May 7, 1917, providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning ground in Alaska, and the creation of a Board of Fish Commissioners, etc., I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the Territory of Alaska, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue for a period of two years, or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will please execute and forward to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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May 26, 1917

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Mr. B. H. Behrens,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of Senate Bill No. 29, approved May 7, 1917, providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning grounds in Alaska, and the creation of a Board of Fish Commissioners, etc., I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the Territory of Alaska, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue for a period of two years, or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will please execute and forward to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

**Juneau, May 26, 1917, C. B.**

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**J. R. Hochman,**

**Ketchikan.**

**Have today appointed you, W. W. Casey and B. M. Behrens as members of the Board of Fish Commissioners created by Senate bill number twenty-nine. Letter follows first mail.**

**STRONG, Governor.**

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

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

May 26, 1917

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The Liberty Fund,  
New York Herald,  
New York City

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 11, in which you state that to express America's sympathy with the Russian people who have reorganized their government on the basis of a democracy, it is proposed that a replica or close copy of the Bartholdi statue of liberty be presented by the people of the United States to the people of Russia, to be established in a public square, either in Petrograd or Moscow, with the request that the Governor of Alaska consent to serve upon the committee selected for this purpose and also that he designate a committee of prominent men in the Territory to further the proposal and help to raise funds, I have to advise you that I shall gladly cooperate with you in these several ways. I shall be glad to serve as a member of the committee and shall, within a short time, take steps for the appointment of a committee for the purpose indicated in your letter. Alaska is a large territory and it would take some little time to reach the various towns and precincts, but as soon as possible I shall give attention to the details of the matter.

Governor

**JUNEAU, MAY 26, 1917. O. B.**

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**H. H. ROSS,**

**Head Commissioner,**

**Fairbanks.**

Have today named W. O. Robertson of Ruby and J. E. Riley of Iditarod to serve with you as Divisional Road Commission for fourth division under provisions Senate bill number two approved May third. Appointments for two years, without compensation, but traveling expenses allowed when connected with road work. Copy of law will be sent you soon as printed, also other numbers. Am advising them by wire of their appointments.

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**

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

**Secretary to Governor.**

**Juneau, May 26, 1917. O. B. Via MAIL from HELOXI.**

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**W. O. Robertson,**

**RUBY.**

**I have today appointed you a member of Divisional road commission for fourth division to serve with H. H. Ross of Fairbanks and J. R. Riley of Iditarod. The appointment is for two years, without compensation, but traveling expenses are allowed when necessary and connected with road work. You should execute oath of office in duplicate and mail to this office.**

**STRONG, Governor.**

**Secretary to Governor.**

May 23, 1917.

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Mr. J. L. McPherson,  
Manager, Alaska Bureau,  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. McPherson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d  
instant asking that copies of all memorials and proceedings of the last  
session of the Alaska legislature be sent you as soon as available.

In reply I have to advise that these are now in  
the hands of the printers, and as soon as received you will be furnished  
with them, as also with a copy of the session laws of the 1917 session.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

May 28, 1917.

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Mr. Al White,  
Manager, The Bradbury Cigar Co.,  
Grangeville, Idaho.

My dear Mr. White:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing registration card for the selective draft under the law approved May 18.

In reply I have to advise you that the date of registration for all persons coming under the provisions of this act has not yet been set for Alaska. Your card will be filed, however, as required by law, in this office, for such disposition as may be proper.

I thank you for your offer of service, which is fully appreciated. I remember very well meeting you during the past winter, and before. I trust that you are in good health, and that you like your new location.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

May 23, 1917.

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

My dear Dr. Georgesen:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, together with certificate for John Olans Karstensen, of Sitka, which I have signed and am returning to you herewith.

I have been unable to locate the lost applications of Thompson and Mangskell, and have advised Commissioner Frankley, at Nome, to have new applications prepared and mailed to this office. Until further notice, perhaps it would be well to forward certificates to this office for signature.

I would suggest that the blank checks be forwarded to Treasurer Shattuck for his signature, and they be returned to you for distribution. I believe this method will work better in the long run.

I am leaving tomorrow for Washington in the interests of my candidacy for reappointment, and other matters relating to the Territory.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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May 28, 1917.

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of the 24th with reference to matters at the Home. I note that you think that Barbara Chernoff will be able to fill Miss Delitz's position as cook while the latter is absent. This matter was turned over to Mr. Shattuck, but he has not reported as yet. As I leave tomorrow for Washington I shall turn your letter over to Mr. Shattuck, with the plans for the steam laundry and bath house, as I shall have no time to give to these matters before I leave. I may briefly say that I believe the building should be painted, and that new foundations should be placed under the Superintendent's house. The matter of moving the blockhouse and the purchase of another lot, I cannot determine at this time.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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May 23, 1917.

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Honorable L. V. Ray,  
Seward, Alaska.

My dear Senator:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d instant with reference to the Seward Military Unit, and various matters connected therewith.

In reply I have to advise you that the legislature at its recent session made an emergency appropriation of ten thousand dollars, and a portion of it may be used for the purposes outlined in your letter, that is, in aiding the organization and equipment of military units in the various towns of Alaska.

The appropriation of \$100,000, referred to by Senator Hoan, was made for general Territorial and National defense purposes, as I understand it. However, the larger portion of the ten thousand dollar appropriation is available, and I have instructed Lt. Stites as to the procedure to be followed in order to cover the expenses incurred by the Seward Military Unit. Sub-vouchers, or receipted bills, duly certified, should be forwarded to this office, and vouchers will be made up to cover them and they will be put in way for payment.

I have also advised Lt. Stites that the Seward Unit may procure wooden guns for drill purposes. In this connection I have to add that some time ago I took up with the War Department the matter of furnishing arms for such military units as might be organized in this Territory, and I was advised that under the law no supply of arms could be furnished until such time as the organization of a National Guard had been effected in Alaska, or other arrangements had been made for the equipment of such military organizations as might be organized. The Department also advised that the matter of effecting the organization of a National Guard in the Territory was then under consideration. I assume, therefore, that some steps toward this end will be taken in the near future.

With reference to applications for enlistment in the Officers' Reserve Corps, I have to advise you that recently I received a telegram from Brigadier General Sibert, Pacific Coast Artillery District, Fort Riley, California, stating that examinations and certifications for the (then) present Presidio camp had terminated, but that the War Department would probably establish other camps, and that applications for those prospective camps would be considered. General Sibert also stated that

(L. V. Ray, 2./

information concerning qualifications would be given out upon receiving instructions from the War Department. I have had no information as to what further has been done in this matter.

I have as yet received no instructions as to the surrender of all arms to either the United States marshal's office or to any other authority in the Territory.

I expect to leave for Washington within a few days, and while there shall take up with the War Department these various matters, as well as others relating to Alaska's part in the war.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, May 28, 1917.

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Mr. H. B. Stites,  
First Lieutenant, Seward Military Unit,  
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d instant with reference to certain expenses incurred by your military unit; and in which you state that your unit desires to procure some wooden guns, etc. It is also noted that Senator Ream stated in a speech delivered in Seward, that an appropriation was made by the legislature in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and a further appropriation in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of aiding and encouraging similar units in the towns of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the legislature made an emergency appropriation of ten thousand dollars, which may be used for such purposes as those designated in your letter. The appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, as I understand it, was for purposes of Territorial and National defense. I have further to advise you that this appropriation can be disbursed only on presentation of vouchers properly certified, and no amount can be advanced to the credit of any military unit or organization subject to withdrawal by the company, as suggested in your letter.

With reference to the expenses of your unit you are advised that vouchers should be properly certified and sent to this office, and payment will be arranged. It occurs to me that your captain, Mr. J. C. Luttrell, has already been advised as to this matter.

The purchase of wooden guns for drill purposes by your unit is authorized, and the same will be paid for upon properly certified bills or vouchers presented to this office, as well as any other items of necessary expense incurred in order to make your organization as effective as possible.

I have had no information to the effect that each congressional district is allowed 52 men for admission to the Officers' Reserve Corps, and subsequent appointment to a commissioned office in the event the examinations are favorable, as stated in your letter. For your further information I quote the following telegram received from Brigadier General Sibert, of date May 9th, addressed to this office:

"Examinations and certifications for present Presidio training camp have terminated. Selected candidates are being notified individually and instructed when to report. War Department announces

(H. B. Stites, 2)

that other training camps will probably follow those now being established. Applications in connection with such prospective camps will be considered. Information concerning qualifications will be given out for publication upon receipt of instructions from War department."

For further information as to enlistments for the Officers' Reserve Corps you are advised to address Brigadier General Wm. L. Sibert, Pacific Coast Artillery District, Fort Riley, California.

I have received no instructions as to the surrender of all arms to either the United States marshal's office or to any other authority in Alaska, nor do I believe that such instructions have been issued.

I shall be pleased to furnish you at any time with any information that I have at my command with respect to any matter connected with your military unit.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, May 28, 1917. O. B.

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SHOUP,

Sitka.

Only electric washer available here is small family size not as large as one sent you some time ago. Shattuck thinks best send laundry to Juneau during time laundry building being erected. Large electric washer would have to be ordered from Chicago, would cost three hundred fifty dollars, and take at least a month to get here. Suggest you consult Georgeson and if he concurs arrange adopt Shattucks suggestion.

STROM, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 28, 1917. O. B. Govt. HIGH rate paid.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Leaving tonight reach Seattle June first be at  
Hotel Frye two or three days then go Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

May 28, 1917

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My dear Mr. Shattuck:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith a letter received on yesterday from superintendent Sheup of the Pioneers' Home, together with a carbon copy of the Governor's brief acknowledgment. You will note the Governor advised Mr. Sheup that he was referring the matter of the laundry and bath house to you, as he had no time to give to the matter before leaving for Washington.

With reference to the last page of the letter, I beg to say that a strictly personal paragraph, which Mr. Sheup included in the letter, has been eliminated and replied to personally by the Governor. The Boswell letter mentioned by Mr. Sheup referred to matters entirely apart from the Home, and is, therefore, not enclosed.

When the enclosed correspondence has served your purpose, it will be appreciated if you will kindly return it to this office, together with carbon copies of any letters which you may have addressed to Mr. Sheup in regard to the subject-matter of his letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 28, 1917. O. B.

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SICOP,

Sitka.

Governor few days ago advised Judge Russell would admit pioneer from fourth division. Clerk Court third division now inquires as to admission of man from Anchorage. Can you take care of both of them?

SHORTHILL, Secretary.



Secretary to Governor.

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Albany, May 29, 1917. O. B. Ans.

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Lang, Clerk District Court,

ANCHORAGE.

Replying yours yesterday Peter Bruceth  
will be admitted to Home upon arrival.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

May 28, 1917

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To the United States Marshals, Clerks of the District Courts, and Assistant Health Commissioners of the several judicial divisions of the Territory of Alaska.

Greeting:

Under the authority of the act of Congress of May 18, 1917, and in compliance with a proclamation which will be issued by the President of the United States, the United States Marshal, the Clerk of the Court, and the Assistant Health Commissioner in each of the several judicial divisions of the Territory will be constituted a board of registration supervisors for the taking of registration under the selective draft or conscription law.

In judicial divisions where, by reason of absence or for other reasons, the assistant health commissioner cannot act upon the board, the United States Marshal and the Clerk of the Court are directed to immediately recommend to this office the name of some reputable physician to act upon said board of supervisors.

While only general instructions have been received by this office from the Provost Marshal General, it is expected that complete instructions and the necessary blanks, etc., for registration purposes will arrive at an early date, and this letter is being forwarded to you in order that you may take such initial steps as may be necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of the selective draft or conscription law. The date upon which the registration of all persons eligible under this law, namely, those between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, will take place, will be fixed by a proclamation of the President, due notice of which will be given through this office.

It will be the duty of the board of registration supervisors to name one or more registration officers for each precinct in the respective judicial divisions and to arrange for registration offices. It is believed that one registration office in each of the several voting precincts of each judicial division will be sufficient to effect the registration.

It is desired that volunteer services on the part of registrars be utilized to the fullest extent, as it is desirable that the registration in the Territory of Alaska should be effected

at a minimum of expense to the federal government. However, when voluntary services cannot be had, payment for such services will be made by the federal government. You will report to this office the name and post office address of every person who renders gratuitous service, in order that such service may be reported to the federal authorities and due acknowledgment of a grateful republic be made to these persons. It is expected that the medical member of the board will be retained by the War Department to make the physical examination of the young men brought into service and that the regular fee paid for this professional work will be accepted by him in full compensation for services rendered as a member of the board.

Subsequent letters of instructions will treat with the matter of vouchers necessary to be taken to obtain reimbursement for services or expenditures. All members of boards of supervisors are requested to write this office freely for advice where any uncertainty exists. However, it is expected that a careful reading of the instructions to be furnished you by the War Department and this office will advise you on nearly all questions that may arise.

Get as much publicity as you can, without expense, as to the age limits, as well as the compulsory feature of the registration. All citizens who have passed their twenty-first birthday and have not yet attained their thirty-first birthday are requested to register on a date to be hereafter named by the President, at the registration office of the precinct in which is located their permanent homes. A wilful neglect or refusal of any person who has reached the age of 21 years but who is under 31 years of age, to register on the date of registration, is a crime punishable by imprisonment for one year, without the alternative of a fine, and all "sleekers" will be duly prosecuted. Persons sick or unavoidably away from home may register by mail, by obtaining, in advance, a card, filling the same out properly and mailing it to the board of supervisors in their home town or judicial division, so as to reach the board in due course.

You are advised that the mayor, the city clerk and the health officer or city physician of the incorporated towns of Alaska will be constituted a board of registration for the several cities and that in each judicial division you, as a board of registration, will have registration jurisdiction over all precincts hitherto used as voting precincts outside of incorporated towns.

It is realized that, because of infrequent mail service, some time must elapse before returns from the remote precincts are received. You, are therefore enjoined to use all possible diligence in effecting a full and complete registration.

Yours very truly,

*J. F. Strong*  
Governor

*Dictated by  
J. F. S.*

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**MEMO:** A copy of the attached letter mailed May 29 to each of the following:

**DIVISION NO. 1--**

J. M. Tanner, U. S. Marshal, Juneau  
J. W. Bell, Clerk District Court, Juneau  
Dr. L. P. Daves, Asst. Health Com'r, Juneau

**DIVISION NO. 2--**

Emmet R. Jordan, U. S. Marshal, Nome  
Geo. A. Adams, Clerk Dist. Court, Nome  
W. D'Arcy Chase, Asst. Health Com'r, Nome

**DIVISION NO. 3--**

F. R. Brennehan, U. S. Marshal, Valdez  
Arthur Lang, Clerk Dist. Court, Valdez  
W. H. Chase, Asst. Health Com'r, Cordova

**DIVISION NO. 3--**

Lewis T. Erwin, U. S. Marshal, Fairbanks  
J. E. Clark, Clerk Dist. Court, "  
W. G. Cassells, Asst. Health Com'r, "

Juneau, May 29, 1917. COLLECT N. L. commercial.

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Henry T. Ray,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday following persons signed challenge

at the Ft. Gibben precinct quote: Chas. E. Feder Steven Ross Nathan G. Hatfield  
- Michael Sullivan Hugh T. Phillips Cleveland Douglas Joseph Grabowski John H. Davis  
Thomas J. Calvin Silas Hewitt Daniel Doherty Jasper L. Mower Wm. E. Wood Albert J.  
Hans Daniel R. Allen W. J. Shannon John D. McNeely Walter H. Deane Orval James  
George W. Pennington Louis G. Salk Ralph J. McGeingie Clarence Hefron Frederick L.  
Huffman Harry F. Clark Lester B. Lottier Edward J. Toland Daniel Fitzwilliams John  
O. Sherlock Ralph O. Wilson Sidney Bridgewater Joseph Harten T. Drury and Melvin  
James.

STRONG, Governor.

**Juneau, May 29, 1917. O. B. ABB.**

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**Christensen,**

**Anchorage.**

Last session legislature took no action looking to the regulation of stray dogs outside incorporated towns. Chapter thirty-seven laws of nineteen fifteen authorizes killing of vicious dogs under certain conditions, and is only law applicable to case.

**STRONG, Governor.**

**Secretary to the Governor.**

May 29, 1917

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The New Process Cork Co.,  
15th and Garden Streets,  
Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the "State Food Department", has been delivered to this office.

In reply I beg to advise that there is no state food department in this Territory, nor is there any law in the Territory containing requirements as to your style of crowns to be used on non-alcoholic drinks.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 29, 1917

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Mr. T. M. Garry, President,  
The Smith-Worthington Co.,  
Post Office Box 244,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the "Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard," has been delivered to this office.

In reply I beg to advise that there is no National Guard organization in Alaska, there having as yet been no provision made for the formation of such an organization in the Territory. It is possible that under a recent act of Congress provision may be made in the near future for the formation of a National Guard in this Territory, but this office has not thus far been advised as to any definite plans having been perfected to this end.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, May 29, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary,  
Territorial Board of Road Commissioners,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith duplicate copies of the oaths of office of H. T. Tripp and T. E. P. Keegan, who were appointed by the Governor on the 18th instant as members of the divisional road commission for the first judicial division. The letter of acceptance of Mr. Keegan is also enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 29, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the oath of office of Ed. C. Furibut, executed in connection with his election as road commissioner for the first judicial division. This oath of office should have been executed on the first of March, but for some reason was not executed until the tenth instant.

I am also enclosing the oaths of office of H. T. Tripp and T. E. P. Keegan, executed on the 19th instant, in connection with their appointments as members of the divisional road commission for the first judicial division.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Allen Shattuck, Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shattuck:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith a letter of the 23d instant from superintendent Shoup, enclosing a voucher for goods received from Schwabacher Bros. & Co., Seattle, the duplicate of which Mr. Shoup requests to be returned to him. This voucher should be signed by a representative of Schwabacher Bros. & Co., and Mr. Shoup suggests that probably Mr. Oak Olson, their Alaska representative, can sign for the firm. The voucher should also receive your approval signature as treasurer of the Board.

There is also enclosed the original voucher in favor of the Pacific Steamship Company's agent at Sitka, covering freight on the supplies purchased from Schwabacher Bros. & Co. This voucher has been approved by the Governor and should receive your signature.

When these vouchers have been properly signed, it will be appreciated if you will turn the original over to Treasurer Smith and send the duplicate of the Schwabacher voucher to superintendent Shoup.

Yours very truly,

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May 29, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find ten dollars in currency which has been received at this office from Mrs. S. J. Esterbrook, of Chicken, who wishes to obtain a commission as notary public. The remittance is being sent you for safe keeping, pending the receipt from the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks of Mrs. Esterbrook's approved bond.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 29, 1917

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Mrs. S. J. Esterbrook,

Chicken, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a notary bond and oath of office in duplicate, and remitting the sum of ten dollars in currency, with the request that a notary commission be issued to you.

We are obliged to send the bond to the clerk of the court at Fairbanks, as the law requires that every notary bond must be approved by the clerk of the district court for the division in which the applicant resides. Upon receipt, from the clerk, of the bond, duly approved by him, a commission will be issued to you.

This office cannot furnish you with blanks for use in your work as notary. You can no doubt obtain such forms as you may need by writing to the stationer at Fairbanks or elsewhere. It will be necessary for you to provide yourself with a notary seal, and, as far as this office knows, there is no firm in Alaska which manufactures these seals. They may be obtained, however, from the firm of Louman & Sanford.

Seattle, Wash., or the Seattle Stamp Works at the same place.

These seals cost about \$3.50 each.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 29, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a notary bond and oath of office, in duplicate, of Mrs. S. J. Esterbrook, of Chicken, which was received at this office on yesterday. Mrs. Esterbrook should, of course, have sent the bond to you for your approval, instead of sending it direct to this office. We are advising her that the bond is being sent to you and that the issuance of the commission will await the receipt of the approved bond from you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 29, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, advising settlement of my accounts for the third quarter, fiscal year 1917, by certificate No. 12,062, of the date of your letter, the same showing a debit difference in the balance of \$6.18, explanation of which is given in the letter.

I enclose herewith duplicate certificate of deposit No. 2, covering a deposit by me with the First National Bank of Juneau, of the sum of \$3.18 for credit, subject to check, in my special disbursing account No. 95,007 -- "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917." This deposit has been made in refund of the amount of the items disallowed in voucher No. 4 of the accounts above mentioned.

With reference to the two items in voucher No. 16, December, 1916, B. H. Schreide Co., Inc., covering 300 lbs. of rock salt for the executive mansion, amount \$3, regarding which an explanation is desired, I have to say that this salt was required and used in clearing the walks of snow and ice at the executive mansion. These walks are of concrete and even a

little ice on them makes them very dangerous to walk on. The month of December, 1916, was a month in which there was a very considerable fall of snow, which melted to some extent in the afternoons and froze at night, leaving the walks in an almost continuously bad condition, requiring constant shoveling of snow and clearing away of ice to make them safely passable. In fact, at times the walks had to be cleared two or three times a day. The ice could not be chopped from concrete walks and it was found that the most satisfactory method of disposing of it was to sprinkle it liberally with rock salt which caused it to disintegrate rapidly, and it could then be removed with comparative ease. It is respectfully submitted that the questioned items should be passed.

I may add, in this connection, that a similar condition existed with respect to the walks leading to the Governor's office, but as these are of wood, it was not nearly so difficult to keep them clear of snow and ice, although it will be noted that some rock salt was purchased for this purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Auditor,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.