

Juneau, October 17, 1917 O. B.

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Bunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks

Forwarding first mail voucher for sixteen hundred fifty-four dollars, covering subsistence eighteen inmates Alaska Pioneers' Home from Fourth division, quarter ended September 30. Will appreciate any allowance you may be able to make.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, October 17, 1917 O. B.

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U. S. District Judge,

Nome

Forwarding by first mail voucher for eleven hundred ninety-six
dollars covering subsistence thirteen inmates Alaska Pioneers'
Home from Second division for quarter ended September thirty.
Will appreciate any allowance you may be able to make.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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JUNEAU, October 17, 1917. O. B.

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Whittlesby, U. S. Commissioner,

SEWARD.

Reference your letter twelfth warrant number seven forty three mailed September twenty sixth to Ennis, US Commissioner, with number eight eleven for Robert Michaelson and eight twenty for Joseph Jandos. Suggest you see postmaster and secure mail addressed to US Commissioner if possible, thus avoiding great delay and possible loss of warrants.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

BY THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas the President of the United States, by proclamation, has designated Wednesday, October 24, 1917, as Liberty Day, and has made the afternoon of that day a holiday for all federal employees throughout the country whose services can be spared for the liberty bond campaign;

And whereas, the success of the liberty loan is so vital to the nation that it is the first duty of every citizen to support to the utmost the financial measures essential to the effective and successful prosecution of the war; and the observance of Liberty Day by the people of all the states and territories of the Union should immeasurably stimulate the sale of liberty bonds, the subscriptions to which will close on October 27, 1917;

Now, therefore, I, J. F. A. STRONG, Governor of the Territory of Alaska, do, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, designate Wednesday, October 24, as Liberty day, and I do earnestly request that on the afternoon of that day all public offices, stores and all public places be closed, and that the people of all towns and precincts, so far as possible, unite in some appropriate patriotic ceremony and demonstrations to promote the success of the liberty loan; and I especially request that the mayors of all incorporated towns, or local governing authorities, do everything within their power in the way of cooperation in the celebration of Liberty Day, to the

and that nothing humanly possible shall be left undone in arousing the enthusiasm and support of the people of Alaska in the great struggle for the survival of democracy in which our nation is engaged. The people of Alaska are patriotic and their devotion to republican institutions has been proved by their acts many times, and now they are expected to act well their part in the present grave crisis which confronts the nation. Lip service is of little avail in time of trouble; action is needed, instant and complete; and the belief is expressed that our people will not fail in the great duty they now owe to the government which represents them in the conflict being waged between the forces of humanity and freedom against those of autocracy and oppression.

Remember, liberty will not perish from the earth if Americans do their full duty!

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau, the Capital, this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

J. A. [Signature]
x Seal of State

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


Secretary of the Governor of Alaska.

SHORTALL, Secretary
to Governor.

Telegram

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JUNEAU, OCTOBER 17, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

Mayer of Haines,

" " Skagway

" " Ketchikan

" " Wrangell

" " Petersburg

" " Nome

" " Cordova

" " Seward

" " Valdez

Watts, Townsite Manager, Anchorage,

Mayer of Eagle

" " Fairbanks

" " Tanana

Layman, City Clerk, Chena

Ruby Record Citizen, Ruby, via mail from Halesi

L. W. Ryus, Townsite Manager, Henana

The Governor today issued the following proclamation which you are urged to give publicity through your local papers and otherwise. Quote:

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

BY THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

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By the Governor;

Charles E. Davidson

Ex officio Secretary of Alaska.

Martin George
Chief Clerk

on September (), and a reference to his records shows that the following warrants were mailed to Frank G. Eanis, United States commissioner at Seward:

Warrant No. 743, in favor of Olson
Warrant No. 811, in favor of Robert Michaelson
Warrant No. 820, in favor of Joseph Jandos

October 17, 1917

Respectfully yours,
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Mr. Wm. H. Whittlesey,
United States Commissioner,
Seward, Alaska

Secretary to the Governor

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, with reference to warrant for Lars Matt Olson.

The warrants for the December quarter were mailed from the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees in Juneau, on September 26, and a reference to his records shows that the following warrants were mailed to Frank G. Eanis, United States commissioner at Seward:

Warrant No. 743, in favor of Olson
Warrant No. 811, in favor of Robert Michaelson
Warrant No. 820, in favor of Joseph Jandos

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 19, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, with reference to the vaccines and serums listed in our letter of the 25th ultimo, some of which you say were of old stock and potent only to the middle of September last.

I have taken this matter up with the Sealey Drug Co., of Juneau, through whom the supplies were ordered, and they suggest that you return to the manufacturers the vaccines which have become impotent and request that they be replaced with fresh goods.

We are informed that this is the method usually followed and assume, therefore, that there will be no difficulty in securing a substitution.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 19, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

I transmit herewith the application of Mr. A. B. Cole,
City Clerk, for a notary commission, together with approved
bond, oath of office and fee in the sum of \$10 in currency.

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

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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W. H. Chase,
Asst. Health Commissioner,
Cordeva,

Your telegram seventeenth. Anchorage being unincorporated town, quarantine will have to be borne by Territory, but care should be taken to reduce expenses to minimum and not pile up cost.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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The Board of Fish Commissioners, provided under the terms of chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, met at the office of the Governor on October 19, at 11 a. m., there being present Commissioners Behrends and Beagle and Governor Strong, who, under the law, is an ex officio member of the Commission.

It having been ascertained that the oaths of office of the commissioners had been duly attested and filed, the meeting was called to order by Governor Strong, whereupon Commissioner Behrends was elected Chairman and J. R. Beagle, of Ketchikan, Secretary.

Judge R. A. Gunnison, counsel for the Fish Commission in the case of Russell v. W. G. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, was present and discussed with the Board the status of the suit filed in the district court to test the validity of chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917. After discussing the matter pro and con, an adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock a. m., October 20, at which time Judge Gunnison would submit an opinion as to the best course for the Commission to pursue in the above entitled cause.

Chairman

Secretary

Juneau, Alaska
October 19, 1917

October 20, 1917

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Mr. Walter Middlehauser,
Stewart River,
Yukon Territory

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30, with reference to the remains of Dave Fabian, which you state were found on the Ladema River and reported to the Canadian authorities. You also state that the judge of the Chisana district had sent an Indian into the section to dispose of the body, but that he failed to find it; and you further offer your services for a consideration, to carry out any instructions as to the disposal of said corpse.

In reply I have to advise you that I have no official or unofficial knowledge of the death of Fabian and am, therefore, not in a position to take any action until so advised. In due course, I shall no doubt receive advice about this from the United States commissioner of the Chisana precinct.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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JUNEAU, OCTOBER 20, 1917. O. B.

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Tucker, Judge,

NOME.

Yours nineteenth. Arrangements for care incorrigible Alaska children must be made with some reformatory school or institution outside Territory there being none here. Until such arrangements made do not see how boy referred to your wire can be cared for. Am wiring governor of Washington asking if cases from Alaska will be admitted to reformatory schools that state and on what terms and will advise receipt you upon receipt his reply.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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JUNEAU, OCTOBER 20, 1917. O. B. Govt. night paid cash.

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Honorable Ernest Lister, Governor,

Olympia, Wash.

Will your state admit incorrigible children from Alaska to your reformatories and if so upon what terms. Have case at Hase that requires disposition of some kind. Will appreciate telegraphic reply.

STROM, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

October 22, 1917

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Pioneer Bindery & Printing Co.,

Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us 1 ream of fillers for stenographer's
note book, size ^{6 x 9 1/2} ~~4 1/2 x 8~~, No. 741, for pen, catalogue No.

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 22, 1917

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Please send the following by parcel post, as soon as possible, to this office:

1 Burn's adjustable bracket, for roll top desk,
extending 36 inches, No. 85.

2 reams loose leaves for stenographer's note book,
No. 2, size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ (sample attached)

$4\frac{1}{2} \times 6$

Both of the above articles have been selected from your
catalogue for 1911.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 22, 1917

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Mrs. Martha Kashevaroff,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In accordance with conversation had with you a few days ago, I take pleasure in hereby appointing you as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First judicial division of Alaska, for the unexpired term ending November 22, 1918, vice Mrs. Mary E. Thacher, resigned. This appointment is made under authority of chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Enclosed herewith will be found a copy of a pamphlet of instructions issued by this office for the use of juvenile courts and the boards of children's guardians. In Appendix A of the pamphlet will be found a reprint of chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, and in Appendix B will be found a reprint of chapter 46, Session Laws of 1915, amending in certain particulars the original act. There is also enclosed a copy of chapter 16, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, and an act further amending the laws relating to the juvenile courts and the care

of dependent children.

The other members of the Board for the First judicial division are the judge of the United States district court and the United States marshal.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Jensen, October 23, 1917. O. B. Govt. night paid cash.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON,

Referring department wire eighteenth Mayer assistant have received two hundred sheets of personal service pay roll form not ordered and of no service to this office which uses individual voucher form, but have not received any voucher forms for purchases and services other than personal and supply entirely exhausted. The pay roll sheets received bear same form number as old form voucher for purchases and believe were mailed October second in place of purchase voucher form. Need supply this latter form.

STUBBS, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, October 23, 1917. O. B. H. S. H.

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Tucker, Judge,

HOME.

Reference your wire nineteenth governor state Washington advises that state statute provides that persons can be admitted to reformatory and training schools only upon commitment by superior court judge that state, therefore this prevents admission of children from outside of Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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October 23, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Seeley, President,
Territorial Board of Pharmacy,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. F. M. Boyle, of Anchorage, in which the following statement is made:

"Some time ago I directed your attention to the failure of the men constituting the Pharmacy and Medical Examining Boards in this Territory to properly discharge their respective duties, and in a letter responding you promised to give this matter your prompt consideration."

While Doctor Boyle specifically mentions the case of a medical doctor and also a dentist, he fails to mention any pharmacists who are practicing without permits or in violation of the law. However, I wish you would cause an investigation to be made in the Third Judicial division regarding the practice of pharmacy in that section, at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to
Dr. F. M. Boyle,
Anchorage, Alaska

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October 23, 1917

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Dr. E. H. Kaser, Secretary-Treasurer,
Alaska Dental Board,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. F. M. Boyle, of Anchorage, in which he makes the following statement:

"Doctor Robbins, a dentist, was given a license to practice July 17 by the Alaska Dental Board, and I would be pleased to have you advise me the grounds upon which this license was issued."

I do not know Doctor Boyle's object in asking for this information; neither do I know anything about the examination of Doctor Robbins, as you are aware. Will you be good enough to advise me, at the earliest possible moment, as to the merit of the question raised by Doctor Boyle?

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to
Dr. F. M. Boyle,
Anchorage, Alaska

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October 23, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers, President,
Alaska Medical Board,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. F. M. Boyle, of Anchorage, from which I quote the following:

"Some time ago I directed your attention to the failure of the men constituting the Medical Examining Board in this Territory to properly discharge their duties. Dr. S. Wicks Merrit, of Valdez, has been engaged in general practice at that point for a period of over one year without registering or attempting to register, and I have on different occasions written Doctor Romig, a member of the Board residing at Seward, but failed to receive acknowledgment to my communications.

"From various points of the Territory complaints are made, citing instances of other irregularities practiced, and it occurs to me that if these laws are to be continued as dead letters, it would be far better to have them repealed."

I have, therefore, to direct your attention to the statements contained therein and trust that you will cause proper investigation to be made as to their merit as promptly as possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to
Dr. F. M. Boyle,
Anchorage, Alaska

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October 23, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letters of the 16th and 17th instant. I have to thank you for the information contained in the latter. I have had no additional news from Washington; and it seems to be simply a question of marking time, though it may be that Mr. Smith is right in his statements. However, I do not know.

I understand that Ed. Russell received a letter from Judge Wickersham, in a recent mail, in which Wickersham expressed his confident opinion that the contest would be decided in his favor.

I have turned over your letter about Forest and the electrical pump to Mr. Shattuck for further investigation.

I have heard nothing more about the shipment of groceries through Goldstein's, but I expect the shipment to reach Sitka on the next Alki.

Yours very truly,

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

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October 23, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am transmitting herewith applications for allowances of Edward H. Lindig, of Ketchikan, and John Martin Peterson, of Fairbanks.

At a meeting held today by Mr. Shattuck and myself, it was decided that they be allowed \$12.50 per month each, to take effect, however, for the quarter beginning January 1, 1918.

I have further to advise that on September 10, because of certain complaints having reached this office, alleging that Arthur Vallentine and John Solen, Mrs. Adeline Simpson and Max Sulego, all of Fairbanks precinct, were not entitled to the pensions they were receiving, I took the matter up, by letter, with United States commissioner Hellig, of Fairbanks, and under date of October 8 he replied thereto. Mr. Hellig's communication practically disposed of the contentions made by those who had urged that the people named were not entitled to allowances. Therefore, in the opinion of Mr. Shattuck and myself, no further action should be taken, looking to the discontinuance of the allowances paid to the above.

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I am also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Heilig, stating that the pension paid to one Martha Nelson, of Fairbanks, is not put to a proper use, said Mrs. Nelson spending it upon a worthless man named Bondixen, to whom she was illegally married and who was sentenced to the penitentiary on a charge of bigamy. It would seem, however, that this fellow is again in Fairbanks and preys upon the woman, who seems to be obsessed with him. Mr. Heilig, therefore, recommends that her check should be turned over to the secretary of the Fairbanks Igloo of Pioneers by him, if the Board thinks it advisable to do so. I am inclined to believe that this should be done, although there is no warrant in the law for such a course. I discussed the matter with Mr. Shattuck, and we concluded that it would be well to write Mr. Heilig, instructing him to turn over the check to the secretary of the Igloo of Pioneers and to see that Mrs. Nelson used it for her own purposes and not for Bondixen's benefit.

I believe you will concur in this and I shall write Mr. Heilig to that effect.

Yours very truly,

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

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October 23, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Miss Mary Patton, is an experienced nurse, who has been following her profession in Alaska since 1906; previous to that time she was also engaged in nursing at San Francisco and other parts of the United States. Of her great success in Alaska I can bear personal testimony. She possesses splendid executive ability, is patient, kind and thoroughly experienced in every way which pertains to her profession. I am advised that she is desirous of offering her services to her country and is hopeful of having the opportunity of going across the seas, where she may render real service to the men of the United States and others, for that matter, who are engaged in this war for liberty, justice and humanity. I, therefore, can commend Miss Patton to the kind consideration of all those with whom she may come in contact.

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October 23, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of the 16th instant, requesting an opinion as to the right of the Russian church authorities at Sitka to fly the Russian flag over their church there.

In reply I have to advise you that the flag of the Russian Empire passed with the passing of the monarchy and that a new flag has been substituted. Therefore, the old flag is an anachronism, so to speak.

Now, as respects the right of the church authorities to fly the Russian flag over their church, I am of the opinion that they exercise no inherent right to do so. Of course, the Russian church in Alaska has no further recognition as a church than any other religious denomination, all being on equal terms. Manifestly, the Greek Oriental church, as it is called in the Treaty of Cession, does not exercise the right of foreign embassies or consulates, who have, of course, under international treaty and usage, the right to fly their flags over their embassies or consulates. Article II of the Treaty of Cession, among other things, states:

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"It is, however, understood and agreed that the churches which have been built in the ceded territory by the Russian Government, shall remain the property of such members of the Greek Oriental church, resident in the Territory, as may choose to worship therein."

Certainly, that does not carry any authority for the hoisting of the Russian, or any other, flag save that of America. Of course, there would be absolutely no objection, I take it, to the church authorities flying the Russian flag, provided that the American flag is flown above it.

In this statement I am only giving my individual opinion, and I shall submit the matter to the Department so that no mistake may be made. I am sure that, under present conditions, it is not well to raise this question, as it is not the desire of anyone connected with the Government to create friction or ill-feeling of any kind.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917.

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Mrs. T. J. Donohoe,
Valdez, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, and the acts amendatory thereof, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the Third Judicial division of Alaska, to fill the unexpired term ending June 21, 1919, vice Mrs. George C. Treat, who has removed from the Territory. The appointment carries no compensation.

Enclosed you will find copy of pamphlet issued by this office containing instructions for the Boards and juvenile courts, in Appendix A of which will be found a reprint of the chapter above mentioned, and in Appendix B will be found a reprint of Chapter 46, Session Laws of 1915. A copy of chapter 16, Session Laws of 1917, amending Chapter 32 of the 1913 laws.

The other members of the Board for the Third division are, Honorable Fred E. Brown, Judge, and Mr. F. R. Brennan, U. S. marshal.

Kindly notify me of your acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juicea, October 25, 1917. O. B.

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Mrs. T. J. Donahoe,

Valdez.

In accordance with recommendation of Judge Brown you have today been appointed a member of the board of children's guardians for the third judicial division. Letter of appointment follows first mail.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, October 25, 1917. O. B.

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U S Commissioner,

Seward.

Reference your letter of nineteenth 5 o'clock warrant for Hall issued June first
and mailed shortly thereafter, probably to Emsie.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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October 23, 1917

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Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter to this office with reference to the destitute condition of the natives at Perry, I have just received a letter from Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, in which he states that Mr. Arthur Miller is now en route from Cook Inlet to Unalaska on the steamer Dora, and is hopeful that he will be able to stop Mr. Miller at Unalaska by wire and instruct him to investigate conditions at Perry on his return trip.

Mr. Lopp also expressed the hope that you have overestimated the amount which will be needed to prevent suffering among the natives from a lack of food this winter, as the amount suggested by you would not be available. Mr. Lopp also stated that he had had a talk with deputy marshal Buckley, of Unalaska, a few weeks since, but that Mr. Buckley said nothing about the destitute condition of these natives.

I trust that conditions were not as bad as represented and that, if needed, Mr. Lopp will be able to furnish the necessary relief.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

October 24, 1917

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Mr. R. S. Dimmick,
Candle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 9, with reference to the licensing of outside doctors to practice medicine in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I have referred your letter to Dr. B. L. Myers, President of the Alaska Medical Board, Ketchikan, and have asked him to reply thereto.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 24, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers, President,
Alaska Medical Board,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Doctor Myers:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Candler,
Alaska, which is self-explanatory. Will you be good enough
to furnish the writer with the information which he desires?

I am advising him that I have referred his letter to
you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Held at Juneau on October 23, 1917

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Governor's office at 2 p. m. of the above date, the chairman and Trustee Shattuck being present.

Applications for allowances were received from Edward H. Lindig, of Ketchikan, and John Martin Peterson, of Fairbanks. After an examination of the applications, the applicants were each allowed \$12.50 per month, the allowances to begin January 1, 1918.

Communications were read from Reed Heilig, United States Commissioner at Fairbanks, with reference to certain allegations that had been made to the Board concerning the allowances paid to the following persons: Mrs. Adeline Simpson, Arthur Vallentine, John Selen and Max Saloga, all of Fairbanks precinct. The statements of Mr. Heilig seemed to refute the allegations made to the board to the effect that the persons named were not entitled to allowances.

The matter of an electrically-driven pump, for installation in the Home, for the return of condensation to the boiler, was referred to Mr. Shattuck for investigation.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

Chairman

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Juneau, October 24, 1917

O. B.

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W. G. Weigle,

Ketchikan

Your telegram twenty-third. Will be entirely convenient to confer with district forester Cecil and Dexter Hughes and Mr. Harbutt on November one. General Richardson has left Territory, but Harbutt will be present at conference.

STRONG, Governor

Stenographer

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MINUTES OF A MEETING
of the
TERRITORIAL BOARD OF FISH COMMISSIONERS

The Board met at 11 a. m., at the Governor's office, Juneau, on October 20, 1917, Chairman Behrends in the chair.

After an informal discussion of steps to be taken in order to test the validity of chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, by suit in the district court, in which the Board was advised by Judge Gunnison, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Territorial Treasurer be and is hereby requested to set aside the sum of \$80,000 as a fish hatchery fund, as directed by section 1, chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917.

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Fish Commissioners approve and ratify, and does hereby approve and ratify, the act of Commissioner Behrends in purchasing certain stationery to the amount of \$11, from the Dispatch Publishing Co., and that the said bill be approved in the sum of \$11, and the Territorial Treasurer be requested to pay the same.

Whereupon the Board adjourned, subject to call.

Chairman

Secretary

October 25, 1917

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Mr. John R. Beagle, Secretary,
Board of Fish Commissioners,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find minutes of the two meetings of
the Board of Fish Commissioners held in the Governor's of-
fice recently.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Encs.

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October 25, 1917

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Mr. Henry Green,
25 Broad Street,
New York

Dear Sir:

I note by your recent letter that the proposed dinner to Mr. Gompers was abandoned in accordance with his wishes, and probably this was the proper course to take in the circumstances.

I am sure, however, that the American people owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Gompers. I have met him upon one or two occasions and have always been impressed with his single-mindedness of purpose, and in the present crisis which faces this nation, he has shown that his patriotism is of the undiluted kind, and his influences through the great organizations which he represents, have been and will be of incalculable benefit to the nation in this time of stress and trouble.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Mr. Allen T. Russell, Chairman,
American Agricultural Association,
Drexel Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th,
in which you invite me to become a member of the Advisory
Council of your Association. Permit me to thank you for the
honor, and to say that I shall be pleased to accept it and
do whatever I can in furthering the objects and aims of your
Association.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Mr. Walter M. Kilpatrick, Supt.,
The State School for the Deaf,
Vancouver, Washington

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 19, with a sales slip for a pair of shoes for Harold Anderson, ward of the Territory, together with a list of clothing, etc., needed by the boy.

In reply I have to advise that you are instructed to purchase the articles named in your letter, to-wit: 1 suit, 3 waists, 3 pr. of stockings, 1 pr. of suspenders, 1 cap, 2 neck-ties, 2 union suits or other underwear, 1 pr. of overshoes, and 1 doz. handkerchiefs.

Enclosed is a blank voucher, on which please show the articles purchased, the cost of each, etc., attaching receipted bill or bills to the voucher, and return it to this office, upon receipt of which a check will be mailed you in payment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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October 25, 1917

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Capt. H. S. Back,

Carmacks, Y. T.

My dear Captain Back:

I have your letter of September 15, in which you ask whether you could receive an appointment to some official position in Alaska during the coming winter.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no vacancy in any office at my disposal, and you can readily understand that it would be hardly fair to remove an efficient official in order to make room for another.

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

Cordially yours,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Miss Selma Katzenstein, President,
The Dallas Conservatory,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, together with a copy of your patriotic song. I am much pleased with it, and shall do what I can to assist you in having it adopted throughout the nation.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

Mr. H. A. Bishop,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the letter and statement of Martin Kildall, Petersburg, showing certain expenses incurred in the Krause search. In my opinion, the bill is exorbitant in many particulars and before it could be paid from any source, the items would have to be specified in detail. I cannot at this time consider the payment of it from Territorial funds, as I am doubtful whether I have the authority to do so. In any event, before the bill could be paid, it would have to be substantially reduced.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

Messrs. R. P. Smith & Sons Co.,
Franklin & Quincy Streets,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, I have to advise you that no purchases of the articles mentioned are being made in Alaska at the present time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Mr. Arthur C. Jackson, President,
The International Longfellow Society,
Portland, Maine

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I want to express my appreciation of the honor you have done me in electing me an honorary President and life member of your Society. The work in which you are engaged should appeal to every real American, and it is fitting that the memory of America's most beloved poet should be thus preserved for the benefit of coming generations.

Yours very truly,

October 25, 1917

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Mr. A. R. Heilig, President,
Board of Trustees,
Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that Mr. J. A. McIntosh, of Fairbanks,
has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska
Agricultural College and School of Mines in place of H. B.
Parkin, resigned.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Charles J. Keen,
United States Commissioner,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 11, with reference to expenses incurred by you in the burial of certain natives near Kotlik, at the mouth of the Yukon River, who met death through accidental poisoning. You state that the Federal Government has refused to pay the cost of interment, and you ask if this office can assist you in this matter in the way of payment.

In reply I have to advise you that primarily this is a duty that in all common decency should be assumed by the Federal Government; that is, through the office of the District Judge of the Second judicial division. As you are aware, the Territorial government exercises no control whatsoever over the Indians of Alaska, and, much as I would like to see this account paid, -- which is eminently fair and just beyond a doubt -- there is no Territorial fund at my command which can be used for this purpose. The general supervision and care of the Alaska Indians is vested in the United States Bureau of Education, and I suggest that

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you take this matter up with the superintendent of the
native schools in your district. If you will advise me of
the result, I will see if there is anything further that I
can do to assist you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Mr. S. G. Canoutas,
18 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 9, in which you ask if it be true that the first Governor of Alaska was a Peloponnesian Greek named Eustathios Juanshites Delaraf.

In reply I have to advise you that your information is correct, and for your further information, you are referred to "Bancroft's History of Alaska," which I assume may be found in any public library in Boston, where other information as to this matter may also be obtained.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 25, 1917

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Dr. Frederick Bentley,
404-5-6 Cobb Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, with reference to the case of a small Eskimo child under your care at the Orthopedic Hospital, Seattle, and asking if there is any way in which this child's education could be undertaken in a school for blind children.

In reply I have to advise you that the Territory is paying for the tuition and maintenance of two children at the Washington State School for the Deaf at Vancouver, but I regret to say that the law providing for such care and maintenance is confined to white children only, and, as the case mentioned by you, is an Indian or Eskimo child, the law will not cover it. It is to be assumed that when the law was passed, native children were excluded from its benefits because of the known fact that there are hundreds of such cases throughout Alaska, and to care for them all would be to place such a burden upon the Territory that it would be difficult to sustain it without injuring other departments of the government that must be maintained.

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However, it seems to me that this is a matter that could well be taken up by the United States Bureau of Education, which has direct supervision of the education of the natives of Alaska. As you mention Mr. Lepp in your letter, you have no doubt conferred with him as to the care of this child. The Bureau of Education has some hospitals in this Territory, a good one being located at Juneau, where, it seems to me, the child might be sent for hospital treatment, at least. The United States Government also maintains schools for the education of Indian children at Chemawa, Oregon, and in Tacoma. I do not know, however, whether their curricula includes education for the blind.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1917

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Mr. John A. McIntosh,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, vice H. B. Parkin, resigned, for the unexpired term ending the first Monday in April, 1919.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of chapter 63, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor

Encs.

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October 25, 1917

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Mr. H. B. Parkin,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6, in which you tender your resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation has been accepted and that Mr. John A. McIntosh, of Fairbanks, has been appointed in your place and stead.

I have to thank you for your acceptance of the appointment and regret that you have found it necessary, through the force of business exigencies, to tender your resignation.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 25, 1917

Mr. James E. McCauley,

Kasáno, Alaska

Dear Sir;

I have your letter of October 9, with reference to the lack of vegetables which you state you found in the restaurants of Ketchikan. It is hard to understand why a condition of this kind should obtain, especially when vegetables can be raised in Alaska, if the people would give some attention to their cultivation. It is, as you say, a fact that the people of this Territory are at the mercy of many people who use their power to extort unwarranted prices for the necessaries of life. The greatly increased cost of living, no doubt, is due in part not to a scarcity of commodities, but to the taking advantage of a situation that has been brought about by the war to pass the burden to the people. My observation and experience always have shown that the ultimate consumer is the man who invariably pays the freight.

I trust that the United States Food Administration will eventually so regulate prices that the people will not be exploited by those whose only aim is to increase their own wealth, no matter at whose expense.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 25, 1917

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Rev. A. S. Gregg, Supt.,
American Civic Reform Union, Inc.,
501-2 Caxton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In reply to the query contained in your letter of September 18, as to female delinquents, I have to say that, in my opinion, such women should not be treated as criminals, but as defectives, and that the state should maintain special institutions for their care, such institutions to be under the exclusive control of competent state management.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 26, 1917

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Miss Alice Tamforan,
Ignacio, California

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding opportunities for stenographers, typists and teachers in the Government service in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that this office does not know of any vacancies in any of the lines mentioned at this time. The positions available for stenographers and typists are, of course, rather limited in this Territory. The United States Bureau of Education, which has charge of the native schools in the Territory (of which there are some 70), employs quite a corps of teachers in these schools. Information with regard to this may be had by addressing Mr. W. T. Lopp, chief of the Alaska Division, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle. With respect to opportunities for teachers in the white schools, I may say that we do not know of any vacancies at this time and, as a rule, the school boards experience little difficulty in obtaining teachers, as the number of applicants is usually ³³⁷ far in excess of the positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 26, 1917

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Mr. Wm. H. Whittlesey,
United States Commissioner,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Herman D. Hall, of Hope, relative to his warrant for the quarter ended September 30, which letter is herewith returned, I beg to say that upon inquiry at the Treasurer's office, it was found that the warrant in question was issued on June 1 by Secretary Georgeson of the Board of Trustees and it was mailed about that date presumably to Mr. Ennis, who was then United States Commissioner at Seward.

It is probable also that the warrant for the December quarter, which was, I believe, mailed out early in October from the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees at Juneau, was also addressed to Mr. Ennis, as United States Commissioner, so that there may also be some delay in the receipt of this warrant

It is certainly unfortunate that Mr. Ennis did not make some arrangements for the turning over of the mail addressed to him as United States commissioner.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

October 26, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing invoices and bills for supplies purchased through Mr. George F. Forrest.

The matter of the payment of these bills, as well as of the discrepancy between the figures shown in Mr. Forrest's requisition and the bill of Bowles Company for pipe, has been taken up with Mr. Forrest and we are arranging payment to him, a duplicate copy of the voucher being enclosed herewith. Mr. Forrest advises that payment for the pipe should be made in accordance with the figures shown in the bill of Bowles Company rather than in accordance with those appearing in his requisition, and the voucher has been made accordingly.

I am returning herewith three copies of the invoice of the Albion Manufacturing Co. The original has been attached to the original voucher with the other bills and requisitions. Only one copy of each of the other invoices was received with your letter.

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Mr. Forrest has just handed us two duplicate copies of his bill No. 2297 of the 13th instant, covering some valves shipped you on the s. s. Alki. The original bill, I suppose, had not reached you at the time you wrote the letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

October 27, 1917

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Mr. George N. Williams,
Commissioner, Yukon Territory,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your splendid publication, "The Yukon Territory, its History and Resources," which I have looked through with much interest. I am pleased to notice that Yukon Territory, of which 20 years ago I was a resident for a short time, is still occupying a commanding position in the mining industry of the North.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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The Adjutant General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that Robert de Journal, of Iditarod, Alaska, is making application for enlistment in the Intelligence Bureau of the United States Army, and I wish to say, in Mr. de Journal's behalf, that he is a young American citizen of more than ordinary ability, and I am thoroughly satisfied that he would acquit himself in a creditable manner in any position of trust in which he might be employed. He has had considerable experience of men and affairs, is highly educated, energetic and, in my opinion, extremely well qualified for a position in the service indicated in his application.

Respectfully,

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October 27, 1917

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Dr. F. M. Boyle,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Dr. E. H. Kaser, Secretary of the Alaska Dental Board, in regard to the status of one Doctor Robbins, as indicated in your letter to this office.

I am sure that the Dental Board would appreciate any evidence that you may furnish concerning Robbins and his practice of dentistry without a license.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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October 27, 1917

Mr. Fernand de Journal,
1660 Colman Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. de Journal:

At the request of Mr. Davidson, I am transmitting herewith letter in support of your son's application for entrance into the Intelligence Bureau of the United States Army, which I trust may be of some use to you.

Yours very truly,

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Juneau, Oct. 27, 1917 O. B.

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Brown, Judge,

Valdez

Replying yours yesterday, Peter Brown will be admitted to the
Pioneers' Home. Suggest give him letter to this office, advising
just what arrangements made for his transportation and subsistence
between Uyak and Sitka.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Junesau, October 27, 1917

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Bunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks

Replying yours yesterday, Ed. Mortimer is drawing pension from
Territory.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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The Reverend M. S. Hughes,
Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church,
Portland, Oregon

Sir:

At the request of the Reverend L. H. Pedersen, we are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1916. We are taking the liberty of enclosing also some pamphlets which may be of interest to you.

Your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the Governor's annual report for 1917. This report will not be ready for distribution until after the first of January next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 29, 1917

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Miss Annie Hinrichsen, Executive Secretary,
Welfare Commission, Dept. of Public Welfare,
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the "State Board Charities," requesting a copy of the last report published by that board.

In reply I beg to advise you that there is no state board of charity in Alaska and no reports are published on the subject of public charities in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 29, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith letter of the 12th instant from Doctor E. W. M. Johnson, Box 385, Russell, Kansas, who desires information with regard to the practice of medicine in this Territory.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly reply to Dr. Russell's inquiries.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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October 29, 1917

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Mr. Maximilian Wineburgh
Tay-Miller Building,
Twentieth & Market streets,
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the "Public Service Commission, or Railroad Commission," has been delivered to this office, there being no public service commission or railroad commission in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are no electric railroads in Alaska at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 30, 1917

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Mr. Carl Carlson,
Box 821,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter of inquiry regarding the death of one Paavo Cronov, who it is claimed lost his life while out fishing during the past season. The letter to this office states that Cronov's mother received a letter from you in regard to him, and it will be appreciated if, at your convenience, you will kindly call at the Governor's office in regard to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 30, 1917

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

My dear Mr. McPherson:

Under separate cover we are mailing to you one copy each
of the bound volumes of the 1917 session laws and the Senate
and House Journals for the files of your Bureau.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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October 30, 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 application, approved bond, oath of office and check in the sum of ten dollars, endorsed to you, all received from Mr. V. A. Paine, of Juneau, who desires a renewal of his notary commission.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, Oct. 30, 1917

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Alaska Supply Company, Agents,
Seattle Steamship Company,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority for furnishing to the bearer,
Mr. John Connors, first-class transportation, meals and berth, Juneau
to Sitka, on your S. S. "ALKI", sailing from Juneau the 31st instant.

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

Respectfully yours,

J. F. A. STRONG,
Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 30, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

Mr. John Connors, who left the Home of his own accord some time ago, now desires to return, finding it impossible to secure such work as he is able to perform, although he tried to hold down a job at the Perseverance mine. The Governor has therefore authorized him to return to the Home, and he will go over tomorrow on the ALKI. He will take this letter with him.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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October 30, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I have your letter of the 22d instant, with reference to an allowance for John Miller, late an inmate of the Home.

Mr. Miller has not yet called at this office, but, should he do so, I shall assist him in his application for an allowance. It is noted that you recommend that an allowance of \$10 a month be granted him, and I shall be guided accordingly.

Yours very truly,

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

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October 30, 1917

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Mr. Albert Hughes,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 25, with reference to your allowance under chapter 54, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, for the quarter ending December 30, 1917.

In reply I have to advise you that the records show that your warrant for the September quarter was forwarded to you at Fairbanks, where it seems to have been cashed on August 2, presumably by yourself, just before you left there for Sitka. The records also show that you were admitted to the Home on August 18 last. Therefore, your allowance for the quarter ending December 31 would, under the law, be stopped automatically with your entrance into the Home. This will account for your not receiving the allowance for the December quarter, the law specifically stating that as soon as a pioneer receiving an allowance enters the Home, his allowance shall be discontinued.

By inquiry at the Treasurer's office, I find that, although your warrant had been forwarded to Commissioner Heilig

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at Fairbanks, it was returned by him with the statement that you had entered the Home, and it was canceled by the Territorial Treasurer.

I am glad to know that you are getting along nicely, and especially pleased to learn that your health has improved so decidedly.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 30, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a telegram received by this office from Mr. W. R. Williams, superintendent of the California State Banking Department, which is self-explanatory. Will you, at your earliest convenience, supply me with the information asked for in Mr. Williams' telegram?

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Lynn W. Miller,
Editor Petersburg Weekly Report,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 27th, I enclose herewith a copy of the Regulations for the Protection of Fur-bearing Animals in Alaska, issued by the Department of Commerce. Your query with reference to the use of poison in the killing of wolves is answered fully, I think, by Regulation 4 of the circular.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Geo. S.

Juneau, Alaska, October 31, 1917. O B and Night Letter Collect.

George Weeks,
Liberty Loan Executive Board Headquarters,
SAN FRANCISCO.

Total deposits of all Territorial and private banking institutions in Alaska exclusive of national bank deposits and excluding deposits due other banks, on date of latest call August seventh, nineteen seventeen amounted to six millions three hundred ninety seven thousand five hundred ninety six dollars seventy seven cents made up as follows
Deposits subject check four million three hundred ninety thousand two hundred fifty one dollars forty four cents demand certificates deposit one hundred sixty four thousand three hundred sixty six dollars eighty cents, time certificates deposit four hundred eighty one thousand six hundred fifty dollars fifty five cents, and savings deposits one million three hundred sixty one thousand three hundred twenty seven dollars

ninety eight cents. This information furnished at request of Williams,
Superintendent California State Banking Department in message twenty
ninth instant.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 2, 1917.

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Mr. George K. Weeks,
Executive Manager, Liberty Loan
Executive Board,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your message of yesterday
reading as follows:

"Your telegram thirty first ultimo reads quote:
inclusive of national bank deposits end quote. Unless
word inclusive is typographical error it necessary you
duplicate your efforts omitting entirely consideration
national banks as these separately report here. Many
thanks your assistance."

I enclose herewith confirmation copy of my reply
of this date in which you are advised that the word "inclusive"
in the message of the 31st ultimo, as it reached you, is due to
an error in transmission, as I used the word "exclusive" in my
message of that date.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Governor.

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Juneau, November 2, 1917. U. S. Govt. NITE COLLECT.

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George K. Weeks, Executive Manager

Liberty Loan Executive Board,

SAN FRANCISCO.

Replying yours yesterday word inclusive due to error in transmission
my message October thirty first and should have been exclusive in
message received by you. National banks not taken into account in
figures sent you.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 1, 1917

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Mr. Benedict Elder,
Assistant to Chairman,
Commission on Religious Prejudices,
Knights of Columbus

My dear Mr. Elder:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 17, I
beg to say that I have not received the report of your Com-
mission for 1916, and I would be pleased to have a copy for-
warded to my address.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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November 1, 1917

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Mr. C. U. Stuart,
P. O. Box 445,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 26, I have to advise you that Senate Joint Resolution approved October 5 last, suspending annual assessment work on mining claims for 1917 and 1918, applies to Alaska, as well as all the mining states of the country. However, I may state, for your information, that a question has been raised as to whether the passage of this joint resolution suspends the Territorial act providing for the doing of assessment work on mining claims in the Territory. This point has not been determined, but I may state that it is my personal opinion that the resolution will supersede the federal law. I wish it distinctly understood, however, that this is my personal opinion only.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 31, 1917

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Mr. Edward H. Russell,

Westerville, Ohio

My dear Mr. Russell:

I have your letter of October 20, together with the Lincoln-Lee Patriot's Pledge, which I have taken great pleasure in signing and which is returned herewith.

I may say that I have been a total abstainer for a considerable number of years, and I have been doing everything that I could to promote the cause of temperance. It is particularly gratifying to me, as a resident of Alaska for more than 20 years, that this Territory will enter the dry column on Jan. 1, 1918.

Cordially yours,

Governor

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November 1, 1917

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Dr. W. T. Thompson,

Center, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26, together with a post office money order for \$10, requesting me to present it to the proper officer and to have a receipt and a license to practice medicine in Alaska sent you.

In reply I have to advise you that chapter 83, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, created a board of medical examiners, and the law also provides that---

"every person desiring to commence the practice of medicine and surgery, or either of them, in any of its or their branches, in Alaska, shall make written application to said board for a license so to do. And each applicant for such license shall be not less than 21 years of age, shall furnish a certificate of good moral character and shall be a graduate of some duly authorized medical college, now having at least a four years' graded course. * * * After examination, if the same be satisfactory, said board shall grant a license to such applicant to practice medicine and surgery in the Territory of Alaska, which said license can only be granted by consent of not less than five members of said board, except as hereinafter provided. * * * The fee for such examination shall be \$25. It is provided however, that in all cases where an applicant for license under this act shall produce and exhibit to the examining board a certificate from a board of medical examiners appointed under the laws of any state of the United States and recognizing licenses from the Territory of Alaska, certifying to the fact that the person presenting such license is duly and well qualified to practice medicine and surgery, in the state issuing said certificate and that the examining board issuing said certificate

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has subjected the applicant to a thorough examination to ascertain this fact, he or she may, at the discretion of the Territorial Examining Board, upon paying the fee herein prescribed and otherwise complying with all the requirements of this act, receive a license as if an examination of the said applicant was had in this Territory."

For your further information, I will state that the President of the Alaska Medical Board is Dr. B. L. Myers, Ketchikan, with whom you should communicate as to the time of holding examinations, etc.

Your postal money order is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 1, 1917

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Dr. W. T. Thompson,
Center, Wash.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your claim, referred to in your letter of October 26, for services as a physician and quarantine officer during the measles epidemic at Afognak in 1913, I have to advise you that I have no record of any claim having been filed by you for such services. I note, from my files, that on November 8, 1913, the United States Commissioner of Education ordered Doctor Krulich and two Bureau of Education physicians to Afognak, and the cooperation of the Revenue Cutter Service in suppressing the epidemic was also requested. Dr. Krulich and the Revenue Cutter Tahoma proceeded to Afognak and rendered the the necessary aid, according to the files of this office.

It seems to me that your claim, if valid, should be one against the United States, rather than against the Territory of Alaska. In 1913 I think there was an epidemic of measles in the Cook Inlet country, and the cost of the quarantine was later paid by the Territory, but the action of the federal

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authorities had created a condition which made it obligatory upon the Territory to defray certain costs. I do not believe, of course, that the federal authorities would consider your demand and, therefore, it seems to me your only recourse to recover the amount that you claim for your services would be by a special act of the Territorial legislature, which will meet in March, 1919. There is no fund at the command of this office from which you could be reimbursed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 1, 1917

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Mr. Vukelai P. Simanovich,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo,
I have to advise you that blank forms for use in making appli-
cations for leasing school lands are now being prepared and,
as soon as printed, a number will be forwarded to your address.
I enclose herewith a copy of the law for your guidance.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. James C. Hurley,
c/o United States Commissioner,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 26, in which you request that I have sent to you Territorial warrant or check No. 294 for \$24, drawn in your favor on December 31, 1916.

In reply I have to advise you that this check is in the possession of the Territorial Treasurer, who, under the law, is not permitted to let it pass from the custody of his office unless by order of the court, of course. The Treasurer informed me that he could not comply with your request, but it will be possible for you to have a photographic copy of the check made and forwarded to you. This photographic copy could be made by any of the local photographers---Winter & Pond, E. C. Mercer, or W. H. Case, all of Juneau. I am advised that this could cost approximately \$5.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 3, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

This will authorize you to issue to Mr. Michael Harty transportation, Juneau to Sitka, on the "Prince of Wales," including meals and berth, for the sailing of Tuesday next.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 5, 1917

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Mr. George B. Crigsby,
Attorney General,
City

Sir:

I return herewith your expense account for the month of October and have to request that you submit itemized statements showing the number of meals covered by the items October 16, 27 (two items under this date), 29 and 31. These statements should show the particular meals had and the price of each on each date, and should be submitted in duplicates.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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November 5, 1917

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Remington Typewriter Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find six coupons, each calling for one Remtice Paragon black record ribbon, for Remington machine, model 10, for use in this office. If you have a brand of ribbons specially made for machines with elite type, or ribbons that are lightly inked, and are willing to substitute such ribbons for the ones called for in the attached coupons, kindly do so. The difference in price, if any, will be taken care of by this office.

These coupons, in book form, were obtained several months ago from your local agent, Mr. I. E. Fisher, but as he has been absent for two or three months, we are unable to secure the ribbons here. It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will kindly have these ribbons forwarded from Seattle by parcel post.

Will you also please advise whether you expect to have a local representative in Juneau again or if it is your intention to withdraw from this field.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, Nov. 5, 1917 O. B.

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Brown, Judge,

Valdes

Alben Lund referred to your telegram third will be admitted to
Pioneers' Home.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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November 5, 1917

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Sister Mary Gertrude, Superior,
Sacred Heart Orphanage,
Pueblo, Colo

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing voucher in duplicate covering the care of the three Pelton children for the period August 10 to November 10, 1917, together with clothing, etc., furnished them during the period. The voucher has been approved by the Governor and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for the issuance of a warrant which will be mailed to you by the Secretary.

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher made out to cover the care of the Pelton children for the period November 11 to December 31, 1917, the amount being \$50.01. This voucher is to be signed and forwarded at the end of December, and at the same time a separate voucher should be made out and signed by you to cover any clothing or other articles which have been procured by the Orphanage for the Pelton children during the period November 11 to December 31.

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Our Territorial fiscal year ends on March 31, and it is more convenient to have vouchers run with the quarterly fiscal periods. Beginning with the year 1918, therefore, we will appreciate it if you will render your voucher to cover the quarters ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 for each year.

we are enclosing a small supply of vouchers for your future use.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 5, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers, President,
Board of Medical Examiners,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Doctor Myers:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, in which you advise me of the steps you have taken to comply with the request of R. S. Dimmick, of Candle, for information, and to investigate the complaint that Dr. S. Wicks Merritt is practicing in violation of the medical law, by bringing it to the attention of Doctor Remig, of Seward. I have read the copy of your letter to Doctor Remig and commend the action taken.

Yours very truly,

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November 5, 1917

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Mr. George Otis Smith, Director,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have your letter of October 23, together with a copy of Chapter E, from Bulletin 662, on the mineral resources of the Kantishna region of Alaska, for which I thank you.

In compliance with your kind offer to send copies of this report to citizens of Alaska who might be interested in this report, I have much pleasure in asking that you send a copy to each of the following:

H. P. Crowther, Juneau,
W. P. Lass, do
G. W. Feltz do
P. R. Bradley, Treadwell
John Richards, Juneau
Wm. T. Burns, Little Eldorado, via
Chatanika
E. D. Collins, Fox
James Hagan, Nenana
R. S. McDonald, Fairbanks
Hjalmar Nordale, Fairbanks
Sylvester Howell, Fairbanks
Wm. Maloney, Juneau
Charles E. Herren, Anchorage

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 5, 1917

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Mr. H. P. Crowther,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which may be
of some interest to you and which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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November 5, 1917

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Mr. Wm. L. Hall,
Acting Forester,
United States Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 23, in which you advise me that the Secretary of the Treasury had informed you that under his settlement of October 1, 1917, Alaska is entitled to \$16,679.61 as its share of the receipts from National Forest resources during the fiscal year 1917; and you also ask that these figures be brought to the attention of the proper officer of this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received from the Secretary of the Treasury a Treasury warrant for the above amount, which has been duly passed to the credit of the Territory through the office of the Territorial Treasurer, and his attention has been directed to the figures, as per your request.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 5, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, together with the applications for allowance of Wm. Ritter, of Seldevia, and Dennis Burns, of Anchorage.

I note your comments with respect to each of these applications, which will be laid before Mr. Shattuck as soon as a meeting is held to act upon them, which will probably not be until the latter part of this week.

I have already advised you that I have today received an application for allowance from John Miller, formerly an inmate of the Home at Sitka, and it will be acted upon in due course. I recall that you recommended that Miller be allowed a pension of \$10 a month, and I shall endorse your recommendation to Mr. Shattuck.

Yours very truly,

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

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November 6, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

This will authorize the issuance of transportation, including meals and berth, to Mr. John Connors, Juneau to Sitka, on the "Prince of Wales," sailing this date.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 6, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to Doctor Georgeson at Sitka, with regard to territorial warrant in favor of W. M. Bell for \$37.50, which you have had since late in September, and also with regard to the certificate presented to you by Mr. Smalley, for whom you have received no warrant, has been referred to this office for attention.

Through some mistake in mailing out the warrants from this office, the one for Mr. Smalley was sent to the United States commissioner at Nenana instead of to you, and the one for Bell was sent to you instead to the United States commissioner at Nenana. Please return to this office the warrant in favor of W. M. Bell. We are wiring the commissioner at Nenana, asking that he return the warrant for Smalley, and, as soon as it is received, we will forward it to you for delivery to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Gov

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Juneau, Nov. 6, 1917 O. B.

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Burns, Commissioner,

Menana

Please return to this office Territorial warrant number eight hundred sixty-eight in favor Gaston W. Smalley, mailed you from this office September twenty-fifth last. If W. M. Bell inquires regarding warrant, tell him will be forwarded to you as soon as received from commissioner at Tenakee to whom sent erroneously.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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November 6, 1917

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Mr. A. K. Ludy, Supt.,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to advise me, at as early a moment as possible, if a little native girl, ten years old, a resident of the Indian village of Juneau, will be admitted to your school; and, if so, what steps must be taken in order to secure such admission. The child in question has a dissolute mother, but no father, so far as I am advised, and it is desired that she be removed from the influence of her surviving parent.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 7, 1917

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Mr. Robert E. Burns,
United States Commissioner and
ex officio Juvenile Judge,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Territory, transmitting papers in connection with the case of the Territory of Alaska v. Mrs. Agnes Sherman, et al, has been referred to this office for attention.

The papers submitted with your letter appear to be in proper form with the exception that the affidavit of deputy United States marshal James Hagan is not accompanied by the "attached account" referred to in the affidavit; and there is, therefore, no detail showing the items which amount to \$26. It is requested that a duplicate itemized statement of the marshal's fees and mileage be furnished for use in connection with the accounts.

Enclosed herewith you will find vouchers in duplicate covering the various items in the accounts submitted, which please have signed by the persons in whose favor they are drawn and return them to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 7, 1917

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Mr. George B. Grigby,
Attorney General,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in reply to office letter of the fifth, relative to certain items in your October expense account.

The Governor directs me to say that he has approved your October expense account in the form in which it was originally submitted, for the reason that, as stated in your letter, the items covering meals are in form similar to items of like character in previous expense accounts. The Governor directs me to say, however, that in future this office will require expense accounts of all Territorial officers whose accounts require the approval of the Governor, to be submitted in such form as is satisfactory to this office and in such detail as may from time to time be directed, in order to afford proper means of auditing. In future, therefore, your expense accounts covering meals and room rent should be carefully itemized so as to show

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not only the dates on which meals are had or room furnished, but the particular meals and the price per meal should be shown; and the dates for which room rent is paid as well as the rate per day should be given. In general, the plan followed will be that of the various departments of the Federal Government, with some of which at least, you are, I believe, familiar. So long as this office must act in the capacity of an auditing department in connection with vouchers which require the approval of the Governor, the right must, and will, be reserved to specify the particular form in which such vouchers and the subvouchers and statements accompanying them, are to be submitted.

I may add that the few requirements of this office in this respect are far more liberal than are most of the rules and regulations of the Federal Government in the matter of expense accounts of officers.

Your approved October expense voucher is being forwarded to the Secretary for the issuance of a warrant in settlement of the same.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

November 8, 1917

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Mr. Herman D. Hall,
Hope, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find letter of October 26, addressed to you by Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, furnishing you the information asked for in your letter of September 23 to the board.

With reference to the third and fourth warrants issued to you, I beg to say that these were undoubtedly mailed to United States Commissioner Ennis at Seward. The treasurer of the board, who mailed out these warrants, was not aware at the time that a change had been made in the commissionership at Seward.

It is certainly unfortunate that Mr. Ennis did not exercise forethought enough to arrange, before leaving Seward, to have all the mail addressed to him as commissioner turned over to his successor. This would have saved a great deal of trouble for not a few people. We understand from the present commissioner at Seward that efforts are being made to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Ennis, and it is hoped that in the near future Mr. Whittlesey will receive from him such official mail as may have followed him to the States.

Respectfully yours,

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Copy to
Dr. C. C. Georgeson
Sika

Secretary to the Governor

November 8, 1917

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

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit statement in duplicate, required by the act approved March 3, 1917, made up in form prescribed by Department circular of July 18 last, showing the organization of the Governor's office as of date September 30, 1917.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Nov. 8, 1917 O. B. Via mail from Nulato

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Charles E. Taylor,
Iditarod

Replying your message sixth instant relative application Andrew Andrianoff, on August 28 last application of Ivan J. Andrianoff, residence Sleetmute, was favorably acted upon and allowance twelve dollars and half per month granted, effective October one. Certificate of allowance mailed Andrianoff and warrant for December quarter mailed United States commissioner at Aniak for delivery. Presume this is man referred to in your message. Have no record of Andrew Andrianoff.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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November 9, 1917

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a voucher for \$8.95, in your favor, covering your bill of the 31st ultimo for supplies furnished this office.

Please have the original of the voucher signed by your cashier and returned to this office, upon receipt of which payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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November 9, 1917

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Pioneer Bindery & Printing Co.,

Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a voucher for \$1.68, in your favor, covering your bill of the 27th ultimo for note book leaves furnished this office.

Please have the original of the voucher signed by your cashier and returned to this office, upon receipt of which payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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November 10, 1917

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The B. M. Behrens Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer,
Mr. John R. Brown, groceries and provisions to the value of
ten dollars, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska and
presenting your bill in duplicate to this office with this
letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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November 10, 1917

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The Juneau Transfer Co.,

City

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer,
Mr. John R. Brown, one-fourth of a ton of coal, delivering
the same to his cabin.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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November 10, 1917.

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Mr. Thomas Knudsen,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the Territory of Alaska will be responsible for one month's rent of cabin to the bearer, Mr. John R. Brown, with the understanding that the rent will not be more than \$10 for the month.

At the end of the month present your bill in duplicate, with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, Nov. 12, 1917. O. B. Govt. Nite paid cash.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Request that fifteen hundred transportation certificate blanks
Treasury Department form number twenty five hundred fifty one
be furnished this office.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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November 10, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from an attorney of this city, which is self-explanatory.

I may add that the question of the validity of the law mentioned in that letter, as applied to Alaska, is a matter of comment and decidedly of such importance, if the contentions of the writer of the letter are correct. It seems to me that the points raised in his letter are such as to warrant my directing your attention to this matter with the request that, if you deem it advisable, the matter be submitted to the law officer of the Department for an opinion.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

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November 10, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Stedman,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. P. C. McCormack, in which he asks if L. J. Thompson, of your town, will be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka; and Mr. McCormack requests me to advise you in this matter, inasmuch as he has left his home for a visit in California.

Mr. Thompson will be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, provided he has no contagious or infectious disease.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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