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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in testifying to the excellent character and ability of the bearer of this letter, Mr. Burnett Ashley, formerly of Skagway, Alaska, but now serving his country in the medical reserve corps, Fort Riley, Kansas. Mr. Ashley is a young man who has practically grown up in this Territory, where he commands the universal respect and confidence of all who know him.

I am advised that it is his intention to apply for a commission in the United States Army, and this letter is voluntarily written simply to express my belief that Mr. Ashley would be well qualified for the position which he seeks and that he would render satisfactory and faithful service therein.

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Mr. C. W. Thornton, Secretary,
Igloo No. 1, Pioneers of Alaska,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 25, together with a copy of a resolution passed by your Igloo, with reference to the violation of the fisheries laws.

In reply I have to advise you that this is a matter that I have discussed with the United States Bureau of Fisheries for a number of years. The lack of sufficient personnel to enforce the fisheries laws has been pointed out and emphasized from time to time, and the condition complained of in your resolution will continue until such time as Congress can be induced to enlarge the appropriation, thus allowing the personnel necessary to patrol the waters of Alaska to be largely increased.

I shall continue to do what I can to the end that the conditions so justly complained of in the resolution of the Igloo be ameliorated.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. W. H. Given.
73 York street,
Bath, Maine

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24, in which you ask for a copy of a directory of manufacturing industries in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that no such publication is in existence. I may state, however, that the chief industries of Alaska are mining, placer and quartz, salmon fishing, halibut fishing, herring fishing, cod fishing, etc. Besides, in southeastern Alaska and in southwestern Alaska the lumber industry is carried on to a limited extent, and, in other sections of the Territory, farming also in a limited way as yet.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding to your address a number of bulletins relative to the industrial development of the Territory, etc.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. W. C. Houston,
Chairman, Committee on Territories,
House of Representatives

My dear Judge Houston:

On September 5 I wired you in effect that I believed it would be unwise to open the coastwise trade in and with Alaska to foreign ships, and I urged that the Alexander bill, so called, be not passed. According to an old adage, "wise men change their minds; fools never;" and I feel like placing myself in the first class, inasmuch as, with a great deal of additional information at hand, together with new developments that have arisen, I am now of the opinion that a great mistake was made in excluding Alaska from the operation of the law which was passed at the late extra session of Congress, regarding the admission of foreign vessels to coastwise trade. At the time I wired you, it was represented that the passenger and freight transportation facilities in the coastal waters of Alaska were adequate to meet all requirements or any emergencies that might arise; and it was mainly with that impression in mind that I telegraphed you my views. It has since developed, and quite recently, by the way, that the Federal Government has commissioned some 15 vessels now plying

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in Alaskan waters, and it is also a fact that some of them have been already withdrawn and placed in service elsewhere, and it is quite probable that these withdrawals will be followed by others sooner or later, perhaps in the very near future, if one may judge by the recent unfavorable developments in the war situation, so far as the Allies are concerned.

I am further of the opinion that the exclusion of Alaska from the operation of the law referred to was brought about solely in the interests of the two leading steamship companies operating in Alaskan waters and that, unless the law be amended so as to include Alaska in its operation, serious consequence may develop, vitally affecting the welfare and, it may be, almost the very existence of the people of this Territory. I am not an alarmist; neither am I a pessimist, but I believe that the entrance of the United States into the world war has developed a situation that necessitates the people of the United States, and especially those representing the people in official place, taking a much larger view of men and matters than in times of "piping" peace. Our country faces, in my opinion, the gravest situation in its history. We are a world power and, as such, we must do business of all kinds on a world basis, and this, it is respectfully submitted, means not the exclusion, but the inclusion of at least the British ships in the coastwise commerce of the nation.

I have, therefore, to urge that the law be so amended as to permit ships of British registry to engage in the coast-

wise commerce of this Territory during the continuance of the war, or until such time as conditions will warrant the abrogation of such privilege.

With assurances of my great personal esteem. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Mr. Robert W. Burns,
United States Commissioner,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Terri trial warrant No. 867, dated September 22, 1917, in favor of W. M. Bell, in the sum of \$37.50, covering pension allowance for the quarter ending December 31, 1917.

Through an error on the part of this office, this warrant was mailed to the United States Commissioner at Tenakee, in the First judicial division, while the warrant for Gaston W. Smalley, which should have gone to the commissioner at Tenakee, was mailed to you. We wired you a few days ago, asking that you return the Smalley warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mrs. Aurora Swanson, President,
Women's Christian Temperance Union,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the sixth instant, acknowledging receipt of the advance sheet copies of chapter 19, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, containing the anti-tobacco act.

The act in question was approved by the Governor on April 30 last and became effective 90 days after that date.

We are sending you, under separate cover, a further supply of copies of the act for distribution to your local dealers.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 12, 1917

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Colonel Johnston, Commanding,
23d Engineers, National Army,
1419 F street,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to recommend to you, as a young man of excellent character and ability, Mr. George Williamson, of Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Williamson's experience in this Territory, coupled with his well known ability and integrity, would enable him to satisfactorily discharge all duties with which he might be entrusted in the engineering arm of the service. I have, therefore, great pleasure in commending him to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

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CONFIDENTIAL

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Mr. J. W. Ward,
Anchorage Publishing Co.
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, with respect to deputy marshal Kavanaugh at Anchorage. I have read your letter with interest and in reply I beg to advise that while I would be only too glad to assist you in this matter, so far as I am able to do so, I desire to point out that United States Marshal Brenneman has been a personal friend of mine for many years, and I would like to take the matter up with him personally and suggest to him the advisability of removing Mr. Kavanaugh from Anchorage. I have no doubt whatsoever that the statements of the Anchorage Times concerning this official are substantially correct. It appears to me, however, as I have intimated above, that more direct action can be obtained if I should appeal personally to United States Marshal Brenneman than in making my appeal to the Department of Justice, either through Mr. Sulzer or Mr. Donohoe. I, therefore, shall take the matter up with Mr. Brenneman at once.

In the meantime, I shall ask you to consider this letter as strictly confidential.

Yours very truly,

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Juneau, November 13, 1917. O. B.

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Anchorage Times, ANCHORAGE

Anchorage Democrat, ANCHORAGE

Anchorage Railroad Record, ANCHORAGE

Alaska Times, CORDOVA

Alaska Citizen, FAIRBANKS

Daily News-Miner, FAIRBANKS

Nenana News, NENANA

Daily Nugget, NOME

Industrial Worker, NOME

Record-Citizen, RUBY, via mail from Melosi

Seward Gateway, SEWARD

Daily Prospector, VALDEZ

Following Thanksgiving proclamation issued on twelfth instant by the Governor quote; Territory of Alaska, Executive Department, a proclamation period The President of the United States, following the national custom of more than half a century, has designated Thursday, November twenty-nine, nineteen seventeen, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. The year now drawing to a close has been fraught with momentous consequences for this nation. We have entered the Great War in behalf of those principles of liberty, freedom and democracy which have been so beneficent in the life of our country; in this our Government has been guided by a supreme desire to make the world a safe place for the exercise of those immutable principles of government which, under God, have placed the United States in the front rank of civilized and

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progressive nations. Our people are being called upon to make great personal sacrifices, and the demand for personal service and effort will largely increase as time passes, but the spirit of unity and unfaltering purpose which actuates them will lead to ultimate and triumphant victory. Now, therefore, I, J. P. A. Strong, Governor of the Territory of Alaska, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, as Thanksgiving Day. And while the people of this great republic are facing tremendous responsibilities, and their devotion to its institutions is being put to the test, and though sorrows manifold may visit us as a result of the war, it is most fitting that the people of this Territory should give thanks to Him "who doeth all things well"; and, blessed with plenty ourselves, let us unite in praise of Almighty God for the many favors that have been vouchsafed us as a people, while especially remembering those nations with whom our own is allied and whose people are exhibiting supreme devotion and making the greatest sacrifices in this struggle for humanity and civilization. Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau, the Capital, this twelfth day of November, 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 period end quote. Signed by the Governor and attested by Charles E. Davidson, ex officio Secretary of Alaska, with great seal attached. Printed copies go to all papers by first mail.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.


Secretary to the Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith postal money order for \$17.50, which please pass to the credit of the Territory. This amount represents money advanced for subsistence to the amount of \$3.50 furnished to John Harry Salmela, of Unga, and \$14 for transportation from Juneau to Sitka, where he entered the Pioneers' Home.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Nov. 13, 1917. O. B. RUSH

Lukky, Supt. Sheldon Jackson School,

SITKA.

Reference your letter have you blank form of ~~indenture~~ indenture and
if so please send three copies this office next mail. If have no form,
please so advise by wire.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Nov. 13, 1917. O. B. Ans. RUSH.

Breneman, US Marshal,

VALDEZ.

Replying yours even date under chapter thirty one of the nineteen
seventeen session laws search for missing men should be arranged
through the US commissioner of precinct in which they resided.
This office will approve vouchers for expense not exceeding three
hundred dollars when presented in proper form and duly certified
in accordance with chapter referred to.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

November 13, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Please furnish transportation to the bearer, James
O'Rourke, Juneau to Sitka, on the "Prince of Wales," sailing of
this date, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Present bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, Nov. 14, 1917 O. B.

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Jordan, U. S. Marshal,

Nome

Replying your telegram thirteenth, Territory will pay funeral expenses Joseph Gay, deceased pensioner, in amount not exceeding seventy-five dollars.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, Nov. 14, 1917 O. B.

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Frawley,
U. S. Commissioner,
Nome

This office just advised of death Joseph Gay and D. W. Leach,
who have been receiving allowances from Territory. If you have
any warrants in their favor, they should be returned to Terr-
itorial Treasurer Smith at Juneau.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The Governor has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the seventh instant, relative to further relief for Mrs. Anna Hanlon, and to say that he has this day approved a voucher in the sum of fifty dollars, payable to you as trustee for Mrs. Hanlon, to cover the period of five months from December 1. The warrant will be sent to you from the Secretary's office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Nov. 14, 1917, O. B.

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Guy B. Erwin,

Fairbanks

Please advise present status probate estate Patrick McHugh and state, if you can, when final settlement will be made.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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November 14, 1917

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Dr. H. C. DeVighne
Lieutenant, 144th Field Artillery,
Camp Kearney, Linda Vista, Cal.

My dear Doctor DeVighne:

The Governor has asked me to write to you with regard to the Territorial Medical Board, of which you are a member. As you know, there is at the present time only one member of the board (Dr. Myers of Ketchikan) in this division, and no organization of the board has been had since the appointments were made recently by the Governor under the 1917 Session Laws. You will appreciate the situation when I say that it is important that there be two members of the board resident in the First judicial division, so that the board may be organized and the positions of President and Secretary-Treasurer be filled by two members from the First division.

From letters which you have written to friends here, it is understood that you expect to go to the Front within the next few months, and your return to Alaska will, of course, depend largely upon the duration of the war. The Governor has, therefore, asked me to suggest that you tender your resignation as a member of the Medical Board, the same to be effective during your absence from the Territory, but

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with the understanding that upon your return the physician who is named to take your place will resign so that you may be reappointed, if you so desire. This plan will undoubtedly be concurred in by whoever may be named to fill the vacancy during your absence, and it will enable the board to organize with the officers in the First judicial division as heretofore.

The Governor wishes me to convey to you his kindest regards and best wishes, to which I beg to add my own.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 14, 1917.

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Pacific Steamship Company,
Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

This will be your authority for furnishing to the bearer, Albin Lund, steerage transportation, Juneau to Seattle, on the S. S. "City of Seattle," sailing the 15th or 16th instant.

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

Yours truly,

Governor.

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November 15, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the duplicate copies of your bills of November 6 and 8, 1917, covering transportation furnished to John Connors and Michael Harty, Juneau to Sitka, account of indigent residents of the Territory enroute to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. Transportation for Connors was covered by voucher No. 59 of November 8th, and that for Harty by voucher No. 61 of November 9th, both in your favor as agent of the "Prince of Wales," and each voucher included the sum of \$1.12 for "war tax."

Under the act of October 3, 1917, the transportation in question is exempt from the tax imposed by that act, and I have made certificate to cover the matter and enclose the same herewith.

I have to ask that you arrange a refund to the Territory of Alaska of the sum of \$2.24, on account of the overpayments made in connection with the transportation above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

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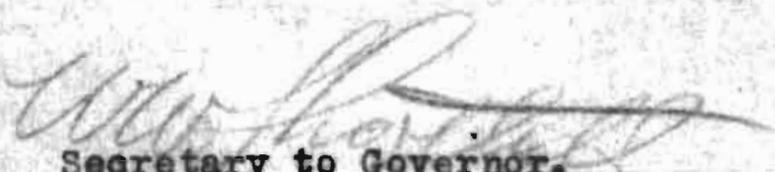
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Juneau, November 16, 1917. O B
Northwestern Fisheries Company.

SEATTLE.

Your telegram fourteenth instant period Section three of the eight
hour law gives Governor of Alaska power to suspend or modify law
when such shall be requested by Council of National Defense or
Secretary Interior period If request of this kind not made law
will be effective January first next.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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November 19, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to my request of the 13th instant for transportation, Juneau to Sitka, for James O'Rourke, I enclose herewith a certificate required under the Act of October 3, 1917, showing that the ticket issued in this case is exempt from the tax imposed by the Act in question. This matter was overlooked at the time the request was issued.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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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 of H. E. St. George, Fairbanks, Alaska, for renewal of his notary commission which expires on January 9, 1918, with approved bond, oath of office, and exchange in the sum of ten dollars.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$167.34 from Charles
E. Bunnell, Judge of the United States District Court for the
Fourth judicial division, which you will please place to the
credit of the fund for the maintenance of the Alaska Pioneers'
Home at Sitka.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mrs. W. J. Wallace,
5511 Fifteenth Ave., N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

With further reference to the whereabouts of one George L. Hale, for whom you inquired through this office under date of October 5, I beg to advise that I caused inquiries to be made in the town of Fairbanks, with the following result:

"Your letter of October 13, in re George L. Hale was received last night. The person conducting the grocery store in Fairbanks is W. J. Hale. In the municipal registration books he records that he has been in Fairbanks 13 years and in the Territory 17 years. His age is not stated, but I believe he is more than 60. I can hear of no other Hale in Fairbanks."

Very truly yours,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

Mr. O. C. Palmer,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9, in which you ask if, after the 8-hour law goes into effect, you, as sole owner of the light and power plant at Wrangell, may work in excess of that time.

In reply I have to advise you that section 1, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, reads as follows:

"That a period of employment for all wage earners and salary earners in the Territory of Alaska shall not exceed 8 hours within any one calendar day, except in cases when life or property is in imminent danger. Employment, as herein used, shall be construed as performance of labor or services for any individual partnership, association or corporation, whether the person performing such labor or service be a member of such partnership or association, or a stockholder or officer of such corporation or not."

It would therefore appear that this law does not apply to the owner of any business enterprise, but does apply to all those employed by him. I may state further that I know of neither law nor reason which would prevent a man from working as many hours for himself as he may see fit.

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

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

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Mr. Frank C. Dehn, Secretary,
Nome-Seward Peninsula Chamber of Commerce,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by a number of the members of your organization, recommending Mr. W. J. Rowe, of Nome, for appointment on the Divisional Board of Road Commissioners for the Second Judicial Division.

In reply I have to advise you that this petition will be filed and given consideration in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Mr. O. D. Cochran,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Cochran:

I have your letter of October 27, recommending Mr. W. J. Rowe, of Nome, for appointment as a member of the Divisional Road Commission for the Second judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that I have not as yet received the resignation of Mr. Petest, who, you advise me, has left the division, but probably shall do so in due time. In the meantime your letter will be filed with other endorsements of Mr. Rowe for future consideration.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Mrs. Mary E. Thacher,
1016 Cherokee Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 3, in which you tender your resignation as President of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation has been accepted, and Mrs. Martha Kashevaroff has been appointed in your place and stead.

Permit me at this time to convey my appreciation of the splendid services which you rendered while a member of the above board.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. James P. Daly,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26, in which you recommend Mr. W. J. Rowe, of Nome, for appointment on the Territorial Divisional Road Commission, vice Mr. A. D. Petest.

In reply I have to advise you that I have not as yet received Mr. Petest's resignation, but shall probably do so in due time. In the meantime your letter will be filed for future reference.

I trust that you are in excellent health, and, if you feel like doing so, I would like to hear from you as to conditions of various kinds in your division.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Messrs. Sears, Roebuck & Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to me as Chairman of the Territorial Banking Board, in which you ask if it is not possible for you to receive some action relative to your claim of \$247.28 against the American Bank of Alaska, now in the hands of the receiver.

In reply I have to advise you that your only recourse is to file your claim with the receiver of the bank at Fairbanks, Alaska. You will receive, of course, your share of any dividends that may be declared during the process of the receivership. It ought to be needless for me to say that no special consideration can be given your, or any other individual, claim.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Mr. William Maloney,
Mine Inspector,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 10, transmitting your report for the month of October. It is noted that you state you do not think that the report contains a complete list of accidents that have occurred in that time, inasmuch as the Alaska-Juneau reports so many more accidents than the Alaska Gastineau and the Treadwell Company.

In reply I have to instruct you to cause a thorough investigation to be made, and if any of the above-named companies have neglected to report any accidents, you should bring proceedings against them forthwith. Mining laws, like all other laws, are to be respected and consequently enforced impartially.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 19, 1917

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

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I have your letter of November 2, together with a copy of Senate Bill 2812, favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Public Lands and now on the calendar for passage. I note that the bill, as you say, discriminates against Alaska inasmuch as it provides for the granting of patents to coal land claimants in any state of the Union, thereby excluding Alaska.

It is probably not necessary for me to say that I shall do everything possible to have the discrimination against Alaska removed before the final passage of the bill.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Mr. Miller Freeman,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the second instant in which you state that upon my next visit to Seattle you would be pleased to have a conference with me on the matter of the development of the fisheries of Alaska, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me great pleasure to confer with you about these matters upon my next visit to your city.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 17, 1917

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Rev. D. J. Waggoner, Pastor,
Native Presbyterian Church,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Waggoner:

Just a word of appreciation of the work of the native Presbyterian Church in this city during the past thirty years, today being, I understand, the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the native mission church in this city. For more than 20 years the opportunity has been afforded me of observing the work of the various missions that have been established in this Territory, and for the past five years I have had the privilege of observing at close range the local native church and its people, now under your charge. It is a matter of profound gratification to me to be able to commend the devoted labors of yourself and your predecessors in the uplift of this people. This work has not been confined solely to the inculcation of religious doctrine or dogmas, but its ramifications have been seen in the helping of the native peoples to understand themselves, to think and to act as members of a higher civilization and to comport themselves as such, thus promoting, in a very substantial way the cause of good citizenship.

The native people of southeastern Alaska are among the most intelligent and industrious of the race, and the progress which they are making toward higher ideals speaks more loudly than any mere words and illustrates forcefully what they are capable of becoming. When a primitive people emerge from almost absolute barbarism to an efficient state of civilization within a generation, the lesson to be learned therefrom is obvious. It shows unmistakably that they have within them the qualities which enable them to rise from the stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things.

I congratulate you upon the good work already accomplished and I may be permitted to express the hope that it will go steadily forward and be crowned with still more abundant success in the years to come.

Cordially yours,

Governor

November 20, 1917

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Mr. William Hamilton,
Bureau of Education, Alaska Division,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Hamilton:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 7, together with a number of duplicate copies of the report of the Governor of Alaska, for which I thank you. These reports will come in conveniently, indeed, as we ourselves are without a number of them.

I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

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November 20, 1917

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Mr. H. E. St. George, President,
The Farmers' Bank,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30 with respect to the deposit of Territorial moneys in various banks. It is noted that you say that the First National Bank of your city is the depository for the Agricultural College and School of Mines, Mr. Wood, President of that bank, being a member of the board of trustees of that institution.

For your information on that point, I have to advise you that no moneys to the credit of the Agricultural College and School of Mines have been deposited with the First National Bank or any other bank as yet, due to the fact, of course, that building operations have not been commenced. The designation of the depositories for such moneys, of course, rests with the board of trustees and it would seem to be reasonable that your bank should receive a portion of such funds when deposited.

As for the statement that the First National Bank pays no Territorial tax, this is also an error if they make that statement, because, under the federal law, national banks are

taxed \$250, which amount is covered into the Alaska Fund and is used in Alaska.

When Mr. George Hutchinson, cashier of that bank, was appointed treasurer for the Territorial road fund, he was the only banking man considered for that place, as the condition of the American Bank was known and manifestly no one connected with that bank at that time would have been selected as treasurer of the Territorial Road Commission for the Fourth judicial division.

I am satisfied that your bank will be named a depository for Territorial funds as soon as the taxes for 1916 are received, commencing January 1 next, if you are willing to comply with the regulations concerning such deposits in Territorial banks, namely, by your bank giving surety or other acceptable bond for the safekeeping of such funds.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 19, 1917

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Mrs. Aline Bradley,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I have your letters of October 31, in which you ask me to have the election returns on file in this office searched for evidence of voting by J. F. Bradley in Golden precinct, in the year 1910.

In reply I have to advise that such search has been made and the records in this office do not show that there was any voting precinct known as "Golden." Incidentally the records of all the voting precincts in or near Fairbanks were also examined and Mr. Bradley's name does not appear thereon. The records of 1908 are not on file in this office and were probably destroyed, as the law provides that they shall be kept for the period of two years only.

If you can furnish me further information so as to identify some other precinct in which Mr. Bradley voted, I shall gladly have another search made for you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 19, 1917

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 18, with reference to the case of John Winfield Phillips, age 66, who is desirous of securing a Territorial allowance.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no record in this office of the receipt of Mr. Phillips' application, and if you will have him make out another one, duly certified and especially stating the extent of his disability and the reason for his making an application for allowance, and forward it to this office, it will be placed before the board when received.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 19, 1917

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Dr. J. H. Romig,
Health Officer,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 11, with reference to the case of one W. D. McKay, who is destitute and has a family of five children; and you ask if an appropriation from the Territorial indigent fund could be made in his behalf.

In reply I have to advise you that I gather from your letter that McKay has left the Territory, inasmuch as you state in your letter that "The man and family leave today (Nov. 11), and it is not possible to delay the case."

Under the Territorial law, appropriations for cases of this kind may only be made to actual residents of the Territory and, inasmuch as Mr. McKay has left the Territory, no appropriation can therefore be made. I may add that had this application been made prior to his leaving the Territory, I would have given it consideration.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 19, 1917

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Mr. P. H. Watt,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Watty:

I have your letter of November 10, with a letter from W. J. Rowe, in which he asks you to use your influence with me to have him appointed on the Divisional Road Commission for the Second judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that I have not yet considered the appointment of anyone to succeed Mr. Potest, who I am advised, but not officially, has left Nome permanently. Of course, I know Mr. Rowe, and I will give his application due consideration at the proper time. I may add that he has received strong endorsements from a number of the leading citizens of Nome and the vicinity.

I read with regret of Frank Swanton's death. I had not seen him for several years and always supposed that he enjoyed the most robust health.

I trust that you, Mrs. Watt and the children are in good health, and with very best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins.

I am,

Cordially yours,

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Governor

November 19, 1917

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Dr. J. L. Myers,
Waldheim Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Doctor Myers:

I have your letter of November 9, in which you ask for such information as may be contained in the available reports in this office, for circulation among the people of Kansas City whom you meet from time to time.

In the first place, permit me to say that I was glad to hear from you and trust that you are not only enjoying good health, but a good practice as well.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding to your address a stock of literature which I hope may be of some service to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 20, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a voucher covering purchases of clothing, etc., for Harold Anderson, a pupil in your school from this Territory, the amount of the voucher being \$14.50.

The voucher has today been approved by the Governor and has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for the issuance of a warrant which will be mailed to you.

With reference to payment for the shoes, it was intended that this should be arranged in the same way as the payment for the clothing. There is enclosed herewith a voucher blank in duplicate, which you may use to cover the purchase of the shoes. In this connection, please note that both copies of the voucher should be forwarded to this office, as we forward the original to the Secretary of the Territory and retain the duplicate for our own record and files.

We are pleased to note that the Anderson boy is making

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good progress in his work and that he is conceded a promising pupil.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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THE DISPATCH:

The Governor's office is desirous of conferring with Mr. Carl Carlson, of Juneau, or any other person who may have information regarding Paavo Gronov, who is supposed to have lost his life during the past season while out fishing.

November 20, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing voucher in favor of C. H. McGrath, covering freight and wharfage charges on goods received per the gas boat Prince of Wales, from Goldstein of Juneau, I beg to say that this matter has been taken up with Mr. Goldstein and the expense bills have been turned over to him for settlement. We have, therefore, destroyed the voucher which accompanied your letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 20, 1917

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Mr. R. K. Ludy,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By request of Mrs. Martha Kashevaroff, Chairman of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division, I am transmitting herewith an indenture executed in duplicate providing for the custody of Susie Soon, a native girl 12 years old, in compliance with recent instructions received by you.

It is expected that the child will go forward on the steamer Prince of Wales, sailing from Juneau tonight, unless it is deemed better to delay sending her over until about Friday next, when she may leave for Sitka in charge of some natives on a native boat.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 20, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 17, with reference to the issuance of checks for payment of allowances for the quarter ending March 31, 1918. As per your request, Treasurer Shattuck will issue these checks in due course.

I note that you will probably leave for Seattle and, if so, you may visit Juneau, where it will be possible for us to have a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Yours very truly,

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

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November 20, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Please furnish transportation, meals and berth to Susie
Soon, a native child, Juneau to Sitka, and charge to the Territory of
Alaska. If a special rate is made for children or for natives, we
desire the benefit of it.

Present bill in duplicate, with this letter attached.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. G. A. Skrzynelski,
93 Hicks street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, you will find enclosed herewith a copy of his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Nov. 21, 1917. O. B.

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Lady, Acting Supt. Sheldon Jackson School,

SITKA.

Native girl named Susie Soon sent on Prince of Wales last night
in care of two native women. Letter with ~~instant~~ indenture papers
in duplicate handed to captain of boat for delivery to you.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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~~SECRET~~
(Missing persons.)

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The Governor's office, Juneau, desires information concerning one Otto Hoffke and wife, who were in the Fairbanks country in 1908 and 1909, and who have been missing since early in the latter year. Hoffke is described as of German descent, 38 years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. in height, fair complexion, light brown hair, and grey eyes. According to a letter written from Fairbanks in November, 1908, Hoffke had worked a lay on Cleary Creek, and later leased a claim on Dome Creek which he worked during the fall and winter of 1908. He stated that he expected to leave for the states in July or August, 1909, but nothing has been heard from him since early in April of that year. Relatives of Hoffke and wife fear an accident may have resulted in the death of one or both, and are anxious for information concerning them.

(Copies of above sent to the Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau, and the Daily News-Miner, Fairbanks, for publication.)

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. Harvey Thompson,
Circle City Hotel,
Juneau

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home on the 20th instant, your application for a renewal of your former allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was favorably acted upon, and an allowance of \$10 a month granted you, beginning January 1 next.

Respectfully yours,

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

Copy to
Mr. Allen Shattuck,
Juneau

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. Allen Shattuck,
Treasurer and Acting Secretary,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your files and for transmission to Secretary Georgeson as soon as he shall have returned to Sitka, the applications for allowance of John Miller, of Juneau, and Harvey Thompson, lately an inmate of the Home, who formerly received an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, and who now asks that that allowance be resumed. It is noted that Thompson has lost his certificate, No. 40, which he formerly held.

Yours very truly,

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

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November 21, 1917

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The President,
The State Teachers' College,
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 25, with enclosures.

In reply I beg to advise you that the Colorado State Teachers' College seems to be an institution of high rank, and the educational department of the Territory of Alaska would be pleased to issue permits to all those holding diplomas from any of your graduate courses, in the event that they secure a teaching position in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio President
Territorial Board of Education

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Nov. 21, 1917

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Mr. A. K. Ludy,
Acting Superintendent,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a medical certificate signed by James P. Mooney, M. D., setting forth the results of the examination conducted by him of Susie Seon, the girl recently sent to you from Juneau.

I regret that this was omitted from my letter of November 20, advising you that the girl was being sent to your school on the Prince of Wales.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. J. R. Bascom,
Municipal and Sanitary Engineer,
The University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13, I have to advise you that no type of pavement, other than gravel, is used on trunk line or other highways in Alaska. Alaska has not yet reached the point where hard service pavements are used.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. E. Marcussen,
Lieut.-Colonel, The Salvation Army,
108-114 North Dearborn street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12, with enclosure, asking for information concerning the whereabouts of one Otto Hoffke, and wife, who were last heard from at Fairbanks, Alaska, on April 14, 1909.

In reply I have to advise you that I will cause inquiries to be made concerning the said persons through the newspapers of Alaska, and if any results are obtained you shall be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. S. J. Canoutas,
18 Tremont street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 9, in which you ask if it is possible to secure a photograph or a painting of Kfstatios Belaref, once Russian Governor of Alaska, for reproduction and publication in your book.

In reply I have to advise you that I have just consulted Father Kashevaroff, of the Russian Orthodox Church, who is an authority on the history of Alaska under the Russian occupation, and he advises me that neither photograph nor painting is in existence in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. I. J. Macomber,
United States Commissioner,
Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from Hon. Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, I am returning herewith a bill of the Deep Sea Salmon Company for expenses incurred in searching for one John Ewart, a lost person.

In my opinion this bill cannot be allowed, as it is not a just and proper claim upon the Territory. I am unofficially advised that said Ewart was an employee of the Deep Salmon Company and that while hunting he became lost, and that the men employed in searching for him were employees of said company. In view of these facts, it does not seem to me that the Territory should be taxed for expenses incurred in such search.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 31, 1917

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Mr. Dennis Burns,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, I was instructed to return your application for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, and ask you to furnish the Board with more definite information as to your physical disability, etc. This will be best accomplished by securing a certificate from some practicing physician at Anchorage or vicinity.

Yours very truly,

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

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. S. T. Auresen

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, held on November 20, I was instructed to return to you your application for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, for further information as to your physical disability. This can best be done by securing a certificate from a physician, stating the extent and nature of your physical disabilities in detail in order that the Board may act intelligently upon such application.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. John Johnson,

Afognak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by a number of citizens of Afognak, I have been instructed to forward a blank application for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. This application should be filled out and acknowledged before a United States commissioner or a notary public and duly attested by yourself and at least two citizens who are familiar with your physical and financial condition. When the application has been duly certified, return it to this office for further action.

Yours very truly,

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

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

Held at Juneau on November 20, 1917

The meeting was held at the Governor's office, the Governor, ex officio Chairman of the Board, and Allen Shattuck, Treasurer of the Board, being present.

Applications for allowances, under chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, were received from S. T. Aureson, of Anchorage; Wm. Ritter, of Seldevia; Dennis Burns, of Anchorage, and John Miller, of Juneau. Application for reinstatement of pension was received from Harvey Thompson, formerly of Fairbanks, Thompson having been discharged from the Pioneers' Home, of which he had been an inmate.

The application of Aureson was referred back to him for a medical certificate as to the extent and nature of his physical disability; Wm. Ritter was granted an allowance of \$10 per month from January first next; the application of Dennis Burns was referred back to him for more definite information as to his physical disability; Miller was granted an allowance of \$12.50 per month from January 1 next, and Harvey Thompson was granted an allowance of \$10 per month from January 1, 1918.

A letter was read from Secretary Georgeson, of Sitka, stating that he expected to leave for Seattle within a week and requested that the checks for allowances for the quarter ending March 31 next be issued by Treasurer Shattuck, and it was so ordered.

A letter was read from a number of citizens of Afognak, asking that an allowance be granted John Johnson, 74 years of age, of that place, and an application was ordered forwarded to him.

In view of the fact that a consignment from Swift & Co., of Seattle, was lost in the wreck of the steamer Alki, without insurance, it was the opinion of the board that Treasurer Shattuck should issue an open insurance policy for the insurance of such goods and merchandise as may hereafter be shipped from Seattle or other coast cities to the Home at Sitka. The matter of the shipment from the Gudahy Packing Co., lost on the steamer Alki, was referred to Mr. Shattuck for investigation and report.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Ex officio Chairman

November 24, 1917

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Dr. Wm. Pallister,
Juneseu General Hospital,
Juneseu

Dear Doctor Pallister:

The bearer is the young man of whom I spoke this morning over the telephone. Give him the necessary care at the Government rate, and present your bill to this office for payment.

Kindly advise me as soon as possible as to the nature and probable duration of his illness, if it is possible for you to do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 24, 1917

Mrs. W. D. Moorhead,
Box 147,
Haines, Alaska

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Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 17, in which you state that you are a married woman, living with your husband a straight and proper life, although you had, prior to your marriage, led a disreputable life; and that you had been ordered by the United States deputy marshal to leave town, he telling you that he did not care whether you were living a straight life or not with your husband and that you had to go; and you ask if you have the right to live in Haines a decent life.

In reply I may say that this is a matter which does not come within the province of this office except remotely, but I may say that no person who obeys the laws of the country and lives a decent and upright life can legally be ordered to leave any community. Persons violating the law should be proceeded against in the regular manner---that is to say, by prosecution in a competent court of jurisdiction. This also applies to the case of your sister, who you allege is living with you, is married and is also living a decent,

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sober and upright life. I may add that it is only human to encourage those who honestly and sincerely repent the error of their ways and endeavor to lead sober and virtuous lives. Instead of being persecuted, they should receive the encouragement of all fair-minded people.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 30, 1917

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Mr. Richard Byron Phelps,
2221 Dort street,
Flint, Michigan

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, asking for information concerning Alaska and inquiring about the opportunities for young men without any special training, in the Government service.

In reply I have to advise you that most of the positions in the Government service are filled by the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. The Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, which has charge of the construction of the Government railroad, employs men without requiring them to pass examination, and by communicating with it you could no doubt learn what opportunities, if any, existed in that branch of the Government.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 28, 1917

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Mr. Jacob Otness, Mayor,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Complaints have reached this office from what is believed to be reliable sources that a condition exists in the town of Petersburg which ought to be remedied with all possible dispatch. It is stated that the liquor law is violated with impunity, in that trunk loads of intoxicating liquors are transported from liquor houses to disorderly houses located at different points, and that by reason of this illegal traffic in liquor, the moral conditions are such as to cry for immediate betterment. Disorderly women, it is alleged, flaunt themselves in public and solicit trade more or less openly at all times, day or night, as may suit their convenience. Some of these disorderly houses are so located that respectable women and children are necessarily brought in contact with the scenes enacted in and about such places.

In brief, this is the substance of the complaints that have been received. It is not the policy of the Federal Government to interfere in any respect with the government of towns or other local government, unless it should be fully demonstrated that the local authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

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I have, therefore, to respectfully suggest that the city council should take the necessary steps to abate the nuisances that have been so urgently brought to the attention of this office.

Will you kindly advise me of your views in the matter?

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 3, which in some way was mislaid, and I have just now found it. Your letter has reference to a case of diphtheria and three cases of scarlet fever at Anchorage, a case of tuberculosis at Seward and a case of chicken pox on the steamer Alaska, en route to Seward, which case you quarantined upon arrival of the boat at Cordova and instructed Doctor Romig to meet the steamer and take charge of the patient and fumigate the room occupied by him.

In reply I have to advise you that your action meets the approval of this office. Precaution should be taken, of course, not to hinder steamship traffic, but at the same time the traveling public must be protected. If the ship masters will exercise ordinary care, there should be few cases of contagious disease emanating from Alaska steamers.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

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Juneau, Nov. 27, 1917. O. B.

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Bunnell, Judge.

Fairbanks.

Replying yours even date Henry Hendricks will be admitted to the
Pioneers Home.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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November 28, 1917.

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Berwood,

519 13th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

On October 6th last we addressed a letter to Mrs. J. T. Thomson, 828 14th St., N. W., your city, ordering 1,000 sheets of "Governor's House" paper, with 500 envelopes to match, and enclosed a sheet of the paper furnished on a former order by Mrs. Thomson.

A few days ago we received the paper and envelopes, together with a voucher from you to cover the same. Upon opening the packages of envelopes we find that they do not bear the stamp "Governor's House, Juneau, Alaska," which is on the envelopes, and which has always been placed upon the envelopes by Mrs. Thomson. We are therefore returning the 500 envelopes to you, under separate cover in this mail, and would ask that you kindly have them stamped to match the paper -- the stamp to be placed on the backs of the envelopes. We return the voucher received from, so that if there is an additional charge you may destroy this voucher and make out a new one.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. DELIVER ENVELOPES TO INTERIOR DEPT. FOR MAILING WHEN READY.

November 28, 1917

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Mr. W. G. Smith, Treasurer,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to the trustees of the Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, from James Frawley, United States Commissioner at Nome, returning a warrant for \$7.50, inadvertently issued to John Kerr, of Nome, who receives an allowance from the Territory under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. This warrant should be covered into the fund for the maintenance of the above Home.

Yours very truly,

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

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JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 28, 1917. NIGHT LETTER PAID.

Geo. W. Johnson,
Hotel Carleton,
Hammond, Indiana.

Market price fresh halibut Juneau today fourteen cents; cold storage rate via steamship to Seattle including wharfage and war tax approximately fifteen dollars per ton. Local wholesale dealer Juneau advises best price fresh halibut landed Seattle in cold storage ton lots twenty dollars. He does not think feasible make such small shipments to Hammond. Says more satisfactory and economical to buy through wholesale dealers at Seattle or Chicago. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

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November 28, 1917.

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Alaska Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

This letter will authorize you to furnish second-class transportation, Juneau to Seattle, to the bearer, Geo. R. Clark, on your S. S. "Jefferson", sailing about the 29th instant. Charge the transportation to the Territory of Alaska, and submit duplicate bill with this letter attached.

Yours truly,

Governor.

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November 30, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith application, approved bond, oath of office and fee, received from Wm. H. Whittlesey, Seward, Alaska, for the renewal of his notary commission, which expires this date.

Will you please have the new commission prepared as of this date, so that there may be no lapse. This office will wire Mr. Whittlesey as soon as the commission has been signed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Encls.

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Juneau, November 30, 1917. O B and Govt. Hite Collect. (39)

G. K. Weeks, Liberty Loan Executive Manager,

SAN FRANCISCO.

Replying yours twenty eighth public deposits and postal savings
both included in previous report.

STRONG, Governor.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

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November 30, 1917.

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Mr. E. W. Cragin,
U. S. Commissioner,
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find Territorial warrant No. 868 dated September 22, 1917, in favor of Gaston W. Smalley, for \$37.50, account allowance for the quarter ending December 31, 1917.

This warrant was erroneously sent to Nenana, and has only today been received back from the Commissioner at that place.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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November 30, 1917

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Mrs. Florence Parry,
924 Crocker street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 20, in which you ask if there is an opening for nurses in Alaska, with especial reference to the insane hospital.

In reply I have to advise you that Alaska has no insane hospital of its own, its insane people being confined at Morningside sanitarium near Portland, Oregon, of which Dr. H. W. Coe, 516 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon, is the president. There is a demand at times for nurses in the local hospitals and it might be well for you to address your inquiry to the following:

Juneau General Hospital, Dr. William Pallister
Manager, Juneau
St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 30, 1917

Mr. J. W. Bratton, Secretary,
The National Economic League,
6 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I am transmitting herewith names of persons who would, in my opinion, be desirable as members of the National Council of the Economic League.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Nov. 30, 1917. O. B.

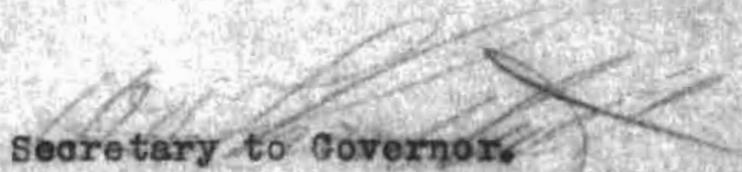
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Wm. H. Whittlesey,

SEWARD.

Your notary commission renewed this date.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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December 1, 1917

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Mr. George W. Johnson,
Hotel Carlston,
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Sir:

On the 26th ultimo this office received your letter of the 16th ultimo, enclosing a draft in the sum of five dollars to cover the cost of cable tolls on a message giving you certain information with regard to the market price and freight rates on fresh halibut from Juneau to Seattle. On the 28th ultimo a telegram was sent you in reply to your inquiries, a confirmation copy of which is enclosed herewith. The charges on this message at night letter rates amounted to \$2.80, plus the war tax of 5 cents. Enclosed herewith you will find a postal money order in your favor of \$2.12, to cover the unexpended balance of your remittance, less the cost of the money order.

In reading over the telegram and comparing it with the notation of prices made while talking with the manager of the local fish company, I regret to say that I find an error was made in writing the telegram, and the price per ton for fresh halibut landed in Seattle in cold storage was quoted as \$30, when it should have been \$40. The price of fresh halibut at

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the present time is, as stated in the telegram, 14 cents per pound. This is paid for the fish as landed from the fish boats. In addition, there would be the expense of boxes for the shipment of the fish and the packing of the fish for shipment, wharfage charge at Juneau and a freight rate of from \$8 to \$9.50 per ton, plus 40 per cent cold storage charge on the steamer and 3 per cent war tax. There would be a wharfage charge at Seattle and, in all probability, it would be necessary to repack the fish there for shipment East, which would involve additional expense. It would appear, therefore, that the estimate of \$40 per ton landed in Seattle is approximately correct.

The manager of the local fish company states that he does not consider it feasible to make such small shipments of halibut beyond Seattle; he believes it would be much more satisfactory, as well as more economical, to buy the fish through one of the wholesale dealers in Seattle or a wholesale house in Chicago. The Seattle concerns ship fish in carload lots and are, therefore, able to obtain better rates than could be obtained on single ton shipments.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 1, 1917

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Mr. George S. Godard, Librarian,
Connecticut State Library,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, in which you ask to be supplied with a copy of the Public Acts of Alaska published since 1915.

Under separate cover we are mailing you today a copy of the 1917 Session Laws of Alaska for the files of your library.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 30, 1917

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Mrs Ula M. Thompson,
Chairman Social Service Dept.,
Anchorage Women's Club,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I have your letter of November 13, with reference to a destitute family consisting of a mother and six minor children, five of whom are under 12 years of age; and you ask if it will be possible to receive aid from the Territorial indigent fund for this family.

In reply I have to advise you that the Territory has a fund for this purpose, but it is being reduced quite rapidly, in view of the many demands that are being made upon it from different parts of the Territory. However, it will be possible to make an appropriation from that fund for the purposes indicated in your letter. To this end, you should forward a statement of the actual needs of the family to this office, duly certified by yourself and one or more others who are conversant with the case..

The Board of Children's Guardians for the Third judicial division consists of Fred M. Brown, judge of the district court,

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F. R. Brenneman, United States marshal, and Mrs. Thomas J.
Donohoe, also of Valdez.

Permit me to thank you for your good wishes and also to
convey my regards to your husband, to the judge and to Mrs. Thomp-
son.

Yours very truly,

December 1, 1917

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Mr. Henry Belmer,
1189 Continental and Commercial Bank Building,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am inclined to view with approval your proposal to picturize Abraham Lincoln, the man. I believe, if it can be done, that it would be an object lesson of incalculable value to the people at this time of national stress and storm.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 1, 1917

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Hon. Charles E. Davidson.
Surveyor General,
City

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from George
W. Cecil, District Forester, Portland, Oregon, which is
self-explanatory.

Will you kindly advise me at your convenience if it will
be possible for the Intelligence Officer of the War Department
to secure the maps specified in Mr. Cecil's communication.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 4, 1917.

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To the Proprietor of the
Seattle Restaurant,
City.

Dear Sir:

This will authorize you to furnish meals to the
bearer to the value of five dollars (\$5.00), charging the
same to the Territory of Alaska.

Present your bill to this office with this letter
attached and payment will be arranged.

Yours truly,

J. P. A. STRONG,
Governor.

By Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 4, 1917. Collect RUSH.

First National Bank,

Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Reply yours third date expiration notary commission Leopold

David Anchorage is September twenty four nineteen twenty one.

STRONG, Governor.

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December 4, 1917.

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Mrs. Estmere,
Idaho Rooming House,
city.

Dear Madam:

This is to advise that the Territory of Alaska will pay for one month's room rent of J. A. Johnson, the bearer hereof, the same to include the two weeks' rent now due you from him.

Present your bill to this office at the end of the month and payment will be arranged. Kindly attach this letter to your bill.

Respectfully yours,

J. P. A. STRONG,
Governor.

By
Secretary to the Governor.

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December 3, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of the correspondence and telegrams recently passed between us, regarding conditions in the Second Judicial division, you are hereby appointed a Special Officer of the Territory of Alaska for the detection of crime in the Second Judicial division, effective January 1, 1918.

The appointment will carry no compensation, but for the months of January, February and March, 1918, you will be allowed an amount not exceeding \$1155, to cover actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in connection with your work under this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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December 3, 1917

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Mrs. Anna McGovern,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. McGovern, dated Burke, Idaho, November 1, 1917, in which he advises that he is now located at that place. In his letter Mr. McGovern stated that he was giving the information in response to an item he saw in one of the Alaska papers. The item was published at the request of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 5, 1917

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The Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

In a letter addressed to this office by Mr. William C. Bradley, Manager of the Bond Department of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, the request is made that there be forwarded to Mr. R. Mestre, of the Bond Department, Nos. 42 to 44 of volume 1, Alaska Railroad Record.

As this office has no extra copies of the Record, the request is referred to you for attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 5, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith letter just received from William C. Bradley, Manager of the Bond Department of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who requests that there be sent to Mr. R. Mestre, of the Bond Department, the Session Laws, Senate and House journals of the 1917 session of the Alaska legislature. The letter is referred to you for your attention.

A copy of our letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Bradley is enclosed for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 5, 1917

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Mr. Wm. C. Bradley, Manager Bond Dept.,
Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
140 Broadway, New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, in which you request that there be sent to Mr. H. Mestre, of your Bond Department, the Session Laws and the House and Senate Journals of the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature, and Nos. 42 to 44 of volume 1, Alaska Railroad Record, issued by the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

We are referring your letter to the Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, who will advise you as to the cost of the Session Laws and House and Senate Journals in question.

We are also writing the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Anchorage, Alaska, requesting that the Commission forward to you Nos. 42 to 44 of volume 1, Alaska Railroad Record.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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is nothing to show what items are covered by these two charges.

You make no reference in your letter to the vouchers which were sent you with our letter of November 7, to be signed by the witnesses in the Sherman case, but it is assumed that these will be forwarded to this office in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 5, 1917

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Mr. Robert E. Burns,
United States Commissioner,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the third ultimo, addressed to the Treasurer of the Territory, enclosing two copies of amended affidavit of the deputy United States marshal covering fees and expenses in the case of the Territory of Alaska v. Mrs. Agnes Sherman, et al, has been referred to this office for attention.

The letter of explanation from the marshal to you, which you stated was enclosed with your letter, must have been overlooked by you, since it was not received with your letter and the affidavit.

If you will refer to our letter of November 7 last to you, with regard to the marshal's expenses, you will note that it was requested that a duplicate, itemized statement of the marshal's fees and mileage be furnished for use in connection with the accounts. The amended affidavit of the marshal does not contain the necessary detail. He submits a claim of \$18, covering marshal's fees, and \$14, covering mileage, but there

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December 6, 1917.

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

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Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo addressed to the Governor, I am transmitting herewith the original and duplicate copies of the agreement made by your Board of Children's Guardians with Mrs. Charles Howard for the care of the two McLean children, duly approved by the Governor. The triplicate is being retained for the files of this office. I also enclose a voucher in favor of Mrs. Howard, and one in favor of Judge Love, and would ask that you kindly have them signed and mailed back to this office. Immediately upon their receipt they will be approved and passed to the Secretary of the Territory for the issuance of warrants to cover.

Am also enclosing some blank voucher forms for use in submitting future vouchers in favor of Mrs. Howard. Kindly have a voucher made up at the end of December to cover that month alone, have Mrs. Howard sign it, and send both copies to this office. Thereafter, we would prefer that these vouchers be submitted quarterly -- for the quarters ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, respectively. This plan is more satisfactory in connection with the Territorial fiscal year.

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Perhaps I should add that the delay in attending to these matters has been due to the press of war matters, which have been and still are occupying a large part of our time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

Juneau, Dec. 6, 1917

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NIGHT LETTER

Carl Laemmle,
President Universal,
New York City

As a people we are facing greatest crisis in our history and we are meeting it as becomes a free people. Our task is not only to make the world safe for democracy but democracy safe for the world. This we shall do under the genius for leadership shown by President Wilson and the patriotic devotion of his fellow-countrymen. If America does its full duty the end of nineteen eighteen should bring peace to a suffering world.

J. F. A. STRONG, Governor of
Alaska

December 6, 1917

My dear Russell:

Herewith is a copy of the telegram which I called your attention to a few days ago, inasmuch as I have to request its publication, in justice to Messrs. Lomen and Cochran, chairmen of the local and divisional boards for the Second judicial division.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Mr. Ed. C. Russell,

City

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Dispatch

December 6, 1917

The Governor's office is in receipt of the following telegram, which is self-explanatory:

"Nome, Alaska, Dec. 5, 1917

"Local and Divisional exemption boards' attention has been called to letter of L. D. Henderson, published in Juneau Dispatch, wherein he stated that the boards of this division are pro-German. Such statement is wholly untrue and is resented by both boards. Mr. Henderson was badly misinformed and he should retract the statement. Please request publication of this telegram.

"G. J. LOMEN, Chairman Local Board.
"O. D. COCHRAN, Chairman Divisional Board."

December 7, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Mr. George G. Naud, is engaged in some special investigation work for the Governor's office, in connection with matters affecting the public welfare. Any courtesies extended Mr. Naud will be appreciated.

Governor

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December 8, 1917

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Miss Mary McHugh,
c/o Hotel Bellaire,
126 McAllister street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of October 26 last, with regard to settlement of the estate of Patrick McHugh, deceased, of which estate Mr. Guy B. Erwin, of Fairbanks, Alaska, is the administrator, reached this office on November 2, and a telegram was sent to Mr. Erwin, asking him to advise when final settlement of the estate would be made. Mr. Erwin replied by letter under date of November 15, a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information.

It would appear that by the time the affairs of the estate have been adjusted by the administrator, there will be but a small amount available for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Dec. 10, 1917 O. B.

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Shoup, Sitka

Replying your telegram ninth, arrangements will probably be made for burial of Boyd in Douglas cemetery. Will advise definitely later today or by tomorrow morning.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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December 11, 1917.

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William Pallister, M. D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 8, Session Law of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board, from the First judicial division of the Territory, to fill the unexpired term ending August 1, 1921, vice H. C. DeVigne, M. D., resigned; the appointment to take effect this date.

An oath of office form, in duplicate, is herewith enclosed. Kindly execute the oath and mail or deliver both copies to this office. One will be retained here and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, Dec. 11, 1917. O B RUSH.

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Shoup, Sitka.

Proceed with arrangements for burial of Boyd at Sitka.

Friends at Douglas think this best account inclement weather and
undertainty as to boat service.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 12, 1917. O. B. Govt. Hite Rd. Cash. (39)

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WASHINGTON.

Replying yours even date Miners and Merchants Bank and Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Company of Nome both Territorial banks and consider them equally responsible.

STRONG, Governor, ex officio
Chairman Territorial Banking
Board.

Secretary to the Governor.

December 13, 1917

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Mr. T. S. Elsemore,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a blank form of notary bond, on the back of which will be found an oath of office form. These are the only forms which are furnished in connection with applications for commissions. The bond, when properly executed, should be forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Juneau for his approval, with the request that he then transmit it to this office. Upon receipt of the approved bond and a remittance from you in the sum of ten dollars to cover the legal fee, the renewal commission will be issued.

The remittance should be in the form of a postal money order, payable to the Secretary of Alaska, but should be transmitted to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 13, 1917

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Hon. W. C. Houston,
Chairman Committee on Territories,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge Houston:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of December 7, in which you requested that I telegraph you some data showing the proposed withdrawal or loss of American tonnage from Alaskan trade since July 1, last, and also the present necessity for allowing British or foreign vessels to enter the coastwise trade, to which I replied by wire today, the delay in so doing being caused by the time consumed in securing the necessary data upon which to base my telegram to you.

In amplification of what was contained in my wire above referred to, I wish to state that during the past month two freight and one passenger steamers in the Alaska coast service were wrecked, namely, the Alki, 338 net tons; the Mariposa, 1939 net tons, and the Spokane 1350 net tons. The latter vessel will probably be repaired and returned to the Alaska run. In addition to these wrecks, the freighter St. David, of 1476 net tons, was wrecked some few months since; and the steamer Dolphin; of 498 net tons, passenger and freight, was sold to Chile and taken off the run some two months since.

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The following foreign vessels were also in the service to Skagway during the past year until the winter schedule went into effect in November last: Steamship Prince Rupert, 1626 net tons, passenger and freight; Prince George, 1625 net tons, passenger and freight, both belonging to the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Company; and the steamers Princess Alice, 1903 net tons, and Princess Sophia, 1465 net tons, owned by the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company. In addition to the above, the steamship Prince Albert, 586 net tons, passenger and freight, was operated between Prince Rupert, B. C., and Ketchikan during the summer only, and the steamship Henrietta, 517 net tons, freighter, is in continuous service between Ketchikan and Prince Rupert.

The Government has commandeered the following steamers of the Alaska Steamship Company, running to southeastern and southwestern Alaska ports:

Alaska, 2300 net tons, passenger and freight
Alameda, 1939 net tons, do
Northwestern, 2334 net tons, do
Mariposa, 1939 net tons (wrecked as stated above)
Cordova, 1406 net tons, freighter
Juneau, 1805 net tons, freighter
Ketchikan, 1679 net tons, freighter
Latahche, 1481 net tons, freighter
Skagway, 955 net tons, freighter
Valdez, 1805 net tons, freighter

and also the passenger and freight steamer Victoria of 2112 net tons, whose principal run, however, is between Seattle and Nome, northwestern Alaska, during the summer.

The following vessels of the Alaska Steamship Company have not been commandeered by the Government: Steamship Jefferson, passenger and freight, 895 net tons; Redondo, 680 net tons, freighter; Santa Ana, 730 net tons, passenger and freight.

I am advised by the local agent of the Pacific Steamship Company, the other principal steamship company doing a coastal business in Alaska waters, that none of the steamers of that company, on the southeastern and southwestern Alaska routes, has been commandeered. Two boats, however, of this company, operated between Seattle and Nome, during the open season, have been taken over by the Government.

I believe that from the foregoing statement you may gather a fairly accurate idea of the situation that exists today in the coastwise trade between Alaska and Pacific coast ports, and it seems to me that in the very nature of present conditions this situation will become more and more acute with the lapse of time. I, therefore, believe that a serious mistake was made when Alaska was exempted from the operation of the measure passed at the special session of Congress, respecting the admission of foreign-built vessels under American registry and vessels under foreign registry to engage, under certain restrictions in the coastwise trade during the present war. During normal times, I would oppose such legislation, but these times are not normal, and with the large number of vessels withdrawn or to be withdrawn from

the coastwise trade of Alaska, to meet the requirements of the Government in its overseas naval and military operations, there will be a great reduction of shipping, and this will be reflected, beyond a doubt, in a congestion of freight where other craft cannot be procured. This measure, then, must be looked upon as purely emergency, but absolutely necessary, legislation if the business and other material interests of Alaska are not to suffer and with it the trade of the Pacific coast ports with this Territory as well. Large shipments of copper ore are continually being made from southwestern Alaska, and during the salmon shipping season, large shipments of this fish and shipments of other fish are continued during the greater portion of the year. It is a fact that in recent weeks large shipments of halibut have been delayed not only in Juneau, but other shipping centers on the southeastern Alaska coast through a lack of transportation facilities to reach a rail head in the States.

It will, no doubt, be alleged by the two leading steamship companies operating in these waters that they are quite capable of handling all the business presented, but such statements should be carefully weighed before being accepted. It is but natural, I suppose, that transportation companies should desire monopoly, but monopoly, in my opinion, or special favoritism of any kind cannot be considered in

this grave crisis in the history of this nation.

Expressing the hope that Congress may so amend the
legislation already passed as to meet the present emergent
conditions in this Territory, I am,

Very respectfully,

Governor