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

Held at Juneau on November 11, 1917

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Governor's office, the Governor and Trustee Shattuck being present.

Applications were received from the following and allowances made as noted:

Benjamin F. Rodman, Hells\$10 a month
Mrs. Sarah A. Brickell, Anchorage	12.50 a month
Mrs. Emily About, Nome 13.50 a month
Patrick G. Byrne, Nome 12.50 a month

all the above-named allowances to begin January 1, 1918.

The application of Wm. Kernan, of Nome, was referred back to the Commissioner for further information regarding the applicant's physical disability.

A letter was read from United States Commissioner Frawley, of Nome, stating that John Grossch has not received his allowance for June 30, 1917, and was referred to Trustee Shattuck for investigation.

The application of John McWilliams, of Douglas, for an allowance, was rejected on the report of Mr. Shattuck.

The action of superintendent Shoup in enforcing food conservation in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, was commended and endorsed.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

Chairman

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December 14, 1917

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Fish Cannery By-products Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 13th instant, in which you request that the suspension of the provisions of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, as applied to the salmon canning industry, be extended to the manufacture of fish meal and oil from cannery waste, as carried on by your company near Ketchikan. I note that your request is based upon the increase in labor cost, and you state that if the 8-hour law is enforced, it will compel you to suspend operations, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that section 3 of the act, supra, requires that the request for the suspension or modification of the law be made to the Governor through the National Council of Defense or the Secretary of the Interior. Therefore, I cannot take action unless this provision is complied with. In the event that such request is made, your statement will be given due consideration.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 14, 1917

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Rev. Edward Marsden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Marsden:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of December 6, in which you state that at a meeting of the mayor and city council of Metlakatla on the night of December 6, you were instructed to send me a formal invitation to visit Metlakatla, either before or during the Christmas holidays, which invitation is also extended to Mrs. Strong, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation, because of the extraordinary pressure of official business which will detain me here at least until after the Christmas and New Year holiday season. It may be possible that some time later I shall be able to visit Metlakatla. I assure you that I heartily appreciate the invitation so unanimously extended. Will you kindly convey to the council my appreciation of their act?

With best wishes for yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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December 14, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shattuck:

I enclose herewith certificates of allowance of Wm.
Ritter, John Miller and Harvey Thompson, which, in accord-
ance with your request, I have signed.

Yours very truly,

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

Encs.

December 14, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of December 6, with reference to the changes made in the feeding arrangements of the Home with a view to conserving food along the lines suggested by the Food Administrator and also as a measure of economy.

In reply I may say that this course meets with the approbation of myself and the other Juneau member of the Board, Mr. Shattuck, as is indicated in the copy of the minutes of a meeting the board held recently, which is enclosed herewith. I have no doubt that there will be complaints of deprivation of food by the inmates, but, so far as I am concerned, they will receive no hearing. There is no valid reason, so far as I can see, why the inmates of the Home should not "do their bit" in the only way they can, namely, by conserving food. As a matter of fact, it is my simple opinion that by conserving food, they will assist their bodily health without suffering any hardship whatever, as, in any event, they are sure to get all they can eat. Your idea of sweetening their coffee and sugaring their oat meal is an admirable one, as no doubt under the system previously followed, there

must have been considerable waste.

With reference to your telegram concerning the death of Boyd, I took this matter up at first with the Douglas Masonic Lodge, but it was stated that Boyd was not a member of that institution; and then Wm. Stubbins telephoned me that the citizens of Douglas might take charge of his funeral, inasmuch as Boyd had been instrumental in securing a cemetery for that town, and I wired you to withhold arrangements for a funeral until later advised. This was done, Mr. Stubbins advising me that, in view of the difficulties of transportation, the citizens would take no action in the matter. It is assumed, therefore, that Boyd was laid away in the Pioneer plot at Sitka.

There is little news to report here, except the usual political dope and to the effect that Mr. Riggs has retired from the candidacy and that if Mr. Sulzer loses out in the election contest, he is to be appointed---if not, one John Troy is to receive it. Troy left here recently and is now, I understand, on his way to Washington to put the Administration right on Alaska pork and politics. I do not know, but it seems to me that he better save his money; and this reminds me, by the way, that it is reported they levied an assessment upon the Prussian faithful to pay Troy's expenses. These contributions included one of \$25 from a local barkeeper, who, it is stated, was promised a game wardenship "when the ship comes to port."

I note what you say about Ronen, and it is possible that he is accompanying Troy to Washington, also for pork and pelf

and privilege, in behalf of the Prussian autocracy of Alaska. Senator Charles Hill has just been in the office and tells me of a round that he had with McGrath. I advised him, however, that he wasted breath on that fellow; but, no doubt, Hill told him some unpleasant truths, because Hill is somewhat prolix when he gets started, especially if he has "hoisted" a few. Hill tells me that he told McGrath that what he wanted was the superintendency of the Bma, but that he would never get it as long as he was a member of the Pioneers' organization, etc.

With best wishes for the Christmas season, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

December 14, 1917

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

My dear Dr. Georgeson:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minutes of a meeting held by the resident members of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, on December 11, for your files.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 14, 1917

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Mr. G. B. Erwin, Secretary,
Fairbanks Commercial Club,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 21, with reference to the matter of the suspension or modification of the eight-hour law.

In reply I have to advise you that I am now considering a request of the Council of Defense, Washington, D. C., and the Secretary of the Interior, to modify the law so far as it relates to the salmon canning industry of the Territory, but I have had no request for its suspension or modification so far as other industries are concerned. As you know, section 3 of the act provides that the request for a suspension or modification must come from either or both the National Council of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior. Should such request be made, it shall be given full consideration.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 14, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Joseph Jandos, whose present address is Anchorage, Alaska, in which he states that he has not received his allowance for some time. Jandos is on the allowance list and it may be that it was forwarded to Seward and, therefore, has failed to reach him. Will you kindly advise me as to when his check was forwarded and also what the status of the case of Greesch is, note of whose complaint was made in the minutes of our meeting held recently.

Yours very truly,

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

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this grave crisis in the history of this nation.

I wish further to direct your attention to the fact that with the withdrawal of the steamers of larger tonnage from the Alaska coast traffic, brought about by Government action and the elements, only steamers of small tonnage, either passenger or freight, or both, are left on the southeastern Alaska run; and this type of vessel is unsuited for the winter service. A few days ago the steamer Jefferson, which usually makes the round trip between Juneau and Skagway in 18 hours, was detained here four days through stress of weather; and the small freighter Redondo, for a similar reason, was compelled to abandon a trip to Skagway from Juneau with coal. It will, therefore, be readily seen that with only small freight and passenger steamers operating during the winter season, there is bound to be freight congestion and delay in the movement of passengers between southeastern Alaska points and Seattle, and this condition will undoubtedly also apply, sooner or later, to southwestern Alaska ports.

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

December 13, 1917

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

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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 three freight and passenger steamers in the Alaska coast service were wrecked, namely, the Alki, 888 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.

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
Lafouche, 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.

I wish further to direct your attention to the fact that with the withdrawal of the steamers of larger tonnage from the Alaska coast traffic, brought about by Government action and the elements, only steamers of small tonnage, either passenger or freight, or both, are left on the southeastern Alaska run; and this type of vessel is unsuited for the winter service. A few days ago the steamer Jefferson, which usually makes the round trip between Juneau and Skagway in 18 hours, was detained here four days through stress of weather; and the small freighter Redondo, for a similar reason, was compelled to abandon a trip to Skagway from Juneau with coal. It will, therefore, be readily seen that with only small freight and passenger steamers operating during the winter season, there is bound to be freight congestion and delay in the movement of passengers between southeastern Alaska points and Seattle, and this condition will undoubtedly also apply, sooner or later, to southwestern Alaska parts.

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

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
Executive Department

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A PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Section 3 of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, entitled "An Act to regulate and limit the hours of employment of all wage and salary earners in the Territory of Alaska; to declare the violation thereof a misdemeanor and to prescribe punishment therefor," provides that "The Governor of the Territory is hereby given the power to suspend or modify restrictions contained in this law when such shall be requested by the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior, and such modification or suspension, when made, shall continue for a specified period and not longer than the duration of the present war or during the continuation of any future war with a foreign power;" and

WHEREAS, Requests have been formally made by the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior and concurred in by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover of the United States Food Administration, that the Governor exercise the authority vested in him by said section 3 of the act and suspend its operation in so far as the salmon industry is concerned, for the period of the war, as a necessary war measure; and

WHEREFORE, I, J. F. A. STRONG, Governor of Alaska, under the power vested in me by virtue of section 3 of the above-entitled act, do hereby suspend the restrictions of said chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in so far as they may apply to the salmon fisheries of the Territory and the canning or other preparation of salmon for food consumption connected with that industry, and also in so far as said restrictions may apply to any manufacturing industry in Alaska whose products are necessary to the proper preparation of salmon as a food supply; such suspension to have force and effect beginning January 1, 1918, and continuing for a period of one year and not longer, unless the present war shall not have been terminated within that time.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau, the capital, this fifteenth day of December, 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.

Governor

By the Governor:

Ex officio Secretary of Alaska

December 15, 1917

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Dr. L. P. Daves,
Asst. Health Commissioner, Juneau
Dr. W. D'Arcy Chase,
Asst. Health Commissioner, Nome
Dr. Wm. H. Chase,
Asst. Health Commissioner, Cordova
Dr. J. A. Sutherland,
Asst. Health Commissioner, Fairbanks

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter received from Surgeon-General Rupert Blue, United States Army, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

Enc.

January 4, 1918

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Mr. Edward P. E. Troy,
1263 Oak street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21, in which you ask for information as to public ownership in Alaska of railroads, harbors, wharves, docks, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that so far as I am advised, there is no public ownership in Alaska of public utilities such as that mentioned in your letter except a few wharves or docks and a railroad which is now being constructed by the government from the coast to the interior of Alaska. The city of Juneau owns a dock, and I understand it has proved a success. The water and electrical utilities, I believe, are all under private ownership; the forests and water powers of the Territory are under the control of the Government; townsites are under the control of the various municipalities, as well as the streets, roads and sewers; and schools and colleges are controlled by the Territory. We have no irrigation system nor any reclamation or drainage service. Playgrounds and museums in the cities and towns are owned by them. The coal lands of the Territory are reserved by the Government, and two mines are being operated in the Matanuska region under its

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direction. The gold, copper and other mines, as well as the fisheries, are controlled by private individuals and corporations.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 18, 1917

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Madam Karma, Clairvoyant,
Park View Hotel,
Shreveport, La.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21, with reference to the Alaska Gold Mining & Development Company of Alaska, incorporated in 1904 under the laws of Arizona.

By reference to the files in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, I find that such a corporation is listed as doing business in Alaska but it has not paid the Territorial tax for the years 1916-17. Of the location of the company I knew absolutely nothing, but, inasmuch as you state that the company's property also contains garnet deposits, it may be situated in the Wrangell district. I may say to you, however, that in my opinion ~~the~~ company is not doing a successful business. The statement of a certain stockholder that he sold 100 shares of stock for \$7,000, I believe to be a pure fabrication. If the mine were noteworthy in any respect, this office certainly would know something about it.

It will not be possible for you to obtain, in my opinion, any information concerning this company from the Arizona records;

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that is, no more than the formal acknowledgment that such a company was incorporated in that state in such and such a year, etc. If I might make a suggestion, it would be for you to get into communication with the officers of the company, whoever they may be, and ask them for detailed information concerning their property. Being a domestic corporation, an agent for this Territory is not required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 18, 1917

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Mr. Wm. H. Greenleaf,
Director State Department of Health,
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 24, with reference to your newly organized Department of Health, and in which you ask for any material issued by this Territory, indicative of health work with the public in general, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that we have very little material of the kind you need. The Territorial Health Department has been but recently organized and, with the exception of a general superintendence of health conditions in the various municipalities, little has been done in the way of health exhibits, health lectures, etc.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 17, 1917

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Mr. James Frawley
United States Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, relating to Territorial allowance for one John Groesch for the quarter ended June 30, 1917, has been referred to this office.

In reply I have to advise you that the records of the office of Treasurer Shattuck, of the Board of Trustees, show that check No. 662 for \$36 was forwarded to you with the other checks for the Nome district on June 1, 1917. Territorial Treasurer Smith advises that this check has not been received by his office, however. It is possible, therefore, that the check has gone astray.

Upon receipt of this letter, will you promptly advise this office as to whether it has reached the beneficiary?

Yours very truly,

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

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Juneau, Dec. 13, 1919 O. B. NICHE Paid Cash

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Hon. V. C. Houston,
House of Representatives,
Washington

Three steamers wrecked and one sold and taken off run since July one last, aggregate tonnage over six thousand. Government commandeered ten steamers of Alaska Steamship company, some of which still remain on Alaska route. Three steamers Alaska Steamship company aggregating twenty three hundred tons not commandeered. Local agent Pacific Steamship Company claims some of that company's steamers on southeastern or southwestern Alaska routes commandeered. Foreign vessels in Alaska service to Stagesay, winter schedule, too; summer schedule *five* ~~three~~. Foreign vessels not permitted to carry American *coastwise freight* ~~freight~~. Local demand for relief of situation urgent and same is true of western Alaska. Three steamers wrecked within past month. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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December 15, 1917

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Dr. L. P. Dawes,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Dawes:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8, with enclosures from the President of the Alaska Medical Board, which I have read with interest and which are returned herewith as per your request.

In reply I may say that I do not see that there is anything I can add to the matters discussed in the correspondence submitted.

You will have noticed, perhaps, through the press, that Doctor DeVigne had tendered his resignation as a member of the Alaska Medical Board for the first judicial division and that Dr. William Pallister has been appointed in his place. The appointment of someone in the place of Doctor DeVigne was considered necessary in order that the board might satisfactorily discharge its functions---something which was impossible with one member of the board absent.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 17, 1917

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Mr. A. J. Wallace,
1119 Pacific Avenue,
Long Beach, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December second, in which you ask---

"What is considered the most likely district in Alaska at the present for prospecting; and which route would be best to travel?"

"How much money ought you to take and what month would be best to start for Alaska?"

"If there are several likely districts, where are they located and how and when to go?"

In reply I have to advise you that if you wish to prospect for quartz, the coast of Alaska offers opportunities all the way from Ketchikan to Kodiak; if you desire to prospect for placer gold, the interior of Alaska would be the better place, namely, in the Tanana, Yukon or Kuskoquim valley, or the Nome district. You can reach any port on the Pacific coast of Alaska at any time during the year, but prospecting would be confined to the season, say, between May and November. If you were going to the interior of Alaska, you could go by way of Nome, commencing about June 1.

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on a steamer leaving Seattle for the Bering Sea; or you might take a steamer at Seattle and go to Skagway and down the Yukon River, and thus reach the Tanana Valley, the Kuskokwim or the Nome district, as you see fit.

As for the amount of money which you would need, I cannot advise you, but, generally speaking, it would be well for you to take all that is conveniently available, because you might wish to return home before you accomplish much in a monetary way.

Under separate cover I am forwarding you a number of pamphlets which will give you further information concerning various districts of Alaska, the resources of the Territory, etc.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 17, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Walter F. O'Brien, has been a resident of Juneau, Alaska, for a number of years past, during which he has been the local representative of a large machinery and supply company, and from my personal knowledge I can say that he has discharged his duties faithfully and, no doubt, with satisfaction to his employers. He is about to leave this section for his former home, and I wish to bespeak for him the kindly consideration of those whom he shall meet. He is a young man of more than ordinary ability and excellent habits, and I am sure he would discharge any duty with which he might be entrusted, with zeal and fidelity.

December 11, 1917

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Dr. Harry C. DeVigne,
First Lieutenant, U. S. A.,
134th F. A., 2d California,
Camp Kearney, California

My dear Doctor DeVigne:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, tendering your resignation as a member of the Alaska Territorial Medical Examining Board, and I have to advise you that your resignation is accepted as of this date.

For your information, I may say that I have named Dr. William Pallister to fill the vacancy caused by your resignation, with the understanding that upon your return to Juneau, if you then desire to resume your duties as a member of the board, the matter will be arranged so that you may fill out the unexpired portion of the term.

With the season's greetings and all good wishes to you and Mrs. DeVigne, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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December 20, 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 of T. S. Elsomere, of Petersburg, for renewal of his notary commission, together with a remittance in the sum of \$10, to cover the legal fee, approved bond and oath of office.

I believe that Mr. Elsomere's present bond expires on the 9th of January next.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 15, 1917

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Mr. James A. Saisor,
United States Attorney,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a letter from
Jacob Otness, mayor of Petersburg, which is self-explanatory,
with the suggestion that you take such steps to ameliorate
the conditions complained of by the mayor of Petersburg as
you may deem requisite and such as will be effective.

Yours truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 15, 1917

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8, with reference to certain local conditions in your community and in its vicinity. If these conditions be such as you have depicted---and I have no reason to believe that they are not---they are, to say the least, lamentable and steps should be taken to clarify the atmosphere forthwith.. I note that you express a willingness to make an investigation trip as far as Valdez and, while there, lay the matters referred to in your communication to me, before the district attorney.

I deem this advisable, and you are instructed to proceed to Valdez and lay the whole matter, with such proof as may be available, before the district attorney for the third judicial division.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 20, 1917

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Dr. William Pallister,
Juneau General Hospital,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Pallister:

Please admit the bearer, Sam Ukropina, for the period of
one week at the usual Government rate, charging the Territory
of Alaska for the service and submitting bill in duplicate,
with this letter attached.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 20, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shattuck:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing the original and triplicate copies of open policy No. 251 of the Standard Marine Insurance Company, issued to cover shipments from Puget Sound and Juneau to Sitka, Alaska, for the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

In accordance with your request, I have signed the application forms attached to the two copies of the policy mentioned and am returning the same to you herewith.

Faithfully yours,

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

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December 21, 1917

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Mr. Jacob Otness, Mayor,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received from the United States Attorney for the First judicial division, which is self-explanatory.

May I be permitted to point out that the District Attorney evinces a willingness to prosecute any and all cases of the kind complained of in your letter to me of a recent date, provided the evidence will be furnished by the city council. It seems to me that this might be done without incurring much, if any, expense on the part of your municipality.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Juneau, Dec. 20, 1917. O. B.

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Shoup,

SITKA.

If Sharp in need and eligible pension will be granted without doubt upon receipt of properly executed and certified application.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

(Int. Dept.)

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December 21, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the application of W. D. English, of Bettles, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, (the application being accompanied by a remittance in the sum of \$10 in currency) approved bond, etc.

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

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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December 22, 1917

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Mr. Hera Goerner,
490 Ninth street,
Royal Oak, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 28, and in reply I have to advise that I know of no new law as applied to Alaska, "pertaining to working in ammunition factories or on farms, which work would represent assessment on mining property in the Territory for the duration of the war." Congress, on October 5 last, passed a joint resolution, suspending the law requiring assessment work on mining claims in Alaska for the period of the war. It is probable that you refer to this law.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 22, 1917

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Mr. D. Smith Harris, Secretary,
Iglee No. 16, Pioneers of Alaska,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Harris:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 17, advising me that on the 26th instant your Iglee will pass a resolution asking me not to suspend the 8-hour law.

In reply I have to advise that I have forwarded all letters and telegrams for and against the suspension of the so-called 8-hour law in Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior and the Chairman of the Council of National Defense for such action as they may see fit to take. Should they deem it necessary to request me to suspend the operation of this law, there will be nothing else for me to do but to comply with it, according to the terms of section 3, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 22, 1917

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Mr. G. E. Gwin.

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8, in which you ask for information as to the building of a bridge over the Nisina River, for which \$25,000 was appropriated by the last legislature.

In reply I have to advise you that the matter of letting the contract for the building of this bridge and the supervision of the work are in the hands of Mr. James E. Willson, Road Commissioner for the Third judicial division, whose address is Valdez. I have no information further than the above. I understand, but not officially, that it is intended to build this bridge during the coming summer.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 27, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find voucher ~~as~~ duplicate,
covering tuition of Harold Anderson, ward of the Territory of
Alaska, for the quarter ending March 31, 1918, amount, \$100.
Please sign both copies of the voucher and return the same
to this office, when it will be placed in way of payment.

This office received voucher from you in recent mail,
covering one pair of boy shoes purchased by you for Harold
Anderson, as evidenced by receipted bill of J. H. Jaggy.

This voucher has been approved by the Governor and passed to
the Secretary of the Territory for payment, as has also the
voucher for \$100, covering tuition for Harold Anderson for the
quarter ending December 31, 1917.

The warrants covering these vouchers will be mailed to you
by the Secretary.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Dec. 29, 1917. O. B. Govt. Nite paid cash.

National War Savings Committee,
Treasury Department,
WASHINGTON.

Please forward hundred copies department bulletin W.S. hundred thirteen
entitled War Savings Stamps, etc., and hundred copies pamphlet describ-
ing organization War Savings ~~Committee~~ *Societies*. These wanted for use in
public schools Alaska.

STRONG, Governor.

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

Washington
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, January 1, 1918. O. B. RUSH.

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Wilson & Sylvester Mill Co.,

WRANGELL.

Replying your message have to advise that have referred matter to Secretary Interior in respect to your case and others, but have had no reply as yet. Governor is only authorized to suspend law when requested so to do by Secretary Interior or Council National Defense. Can only suggest compliance with law pending action of Secretary or Council Defense.

STRONG, Governor.

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Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, Jan. 3, 1918 O. B.

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Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan

Replying your wire thirty-first, Soderberg will be admitted to Pioneers' Home.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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NIGHT LETTER -- COLLECT

Juneau, Jan. 2, 1918 NXXB.

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Pioneer Packing Co.,

Aberdeen, Wash.

Reference yours twenty-eighth ultimo, have recommended to Council National Defense and Secretary Interior that suspension eight-hour law be extended to clam canneries Alaska, but have received no reply yet.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

January 8, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find application of Joseph D.
Sharp, for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of
Alaska, 1915. As per my conversation with you today, \$10
per month will be allowed him beginning January 1, 1918.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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Juneau, Jan. 2, 1918

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E. F. Medley,

Cordova

Have recommended to Council National Defense and Secretary of Interior that suspension of eight-hour law be extended to clam canneries, but have received no reply yet.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, Jan. 2, 1918

O. B.

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Lighthouse Canning Co.,

Cordova

Have recommended to Council National Defense and Secretary of Interior that suspension of eight-hour law be extended to clam canneries, but have received no reply yet.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

January 2, 1918

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Honorable James A. Smiser,
United States Attorney,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a copy of a telegram which has just been received from Mr. A. G. Shoup, Superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, who it appears has taken possession of twenty-two bottles of a mixture purporting to be home-brewed beer.

The matter is referred to you with the request that you furnish a written opinion on the legal questions suggested in Mr. Shoup's telegram.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 2, 1918; O. B.

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Sheup,

Sitka

Reference your wire regarding liquor, am referring matter to district attorney with request for opinion. Regardless of legal status, you are instructed to notify Knuff and Webber that repetition of offense will call for immediate dismissal from Home; also suggest post notices warning all inmates that violation of law will call for dismissal from Home regardless any legal action taken.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 3, 1918

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Mr. A. L. Rose, Librarian,
Financial Library of the National City Bank,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th ultimo, in which you request to be furnished with a copy of the latest edition of the legislative manual or blue book of the Territory of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that no such publication is issued by the Territory of Alaska. However, we are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, which has just been received from the press, in which (Appendix B) will be found a directory of the federal and Territorial officials in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1918

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Mrs. Clyde Brenner,
General Delivery,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of your husband, Clyde Brenner, who is supposed to be in the vicinity of Anchorage, Alaska.

We are today addressing a letter to the deputy United States marshal at Anchorage, giving him such information as is contained in your letter and asking him to make inquiry and, if necessary, to cause a notice to be published in the Anchorage papers, asking for information regarding Mr. Brenner's whereabouts.

Any information which we receive concerning your husband will be promptly communicated to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1918

Major O. R. Sligh.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that this letter will be presented to you by Mr. H. S. Werthen, a lumber manufacturer of this city. Mr. Werthen is a thoroughly reliable business man of this community, where his standing is of the highest. He is interested, I understand, in supplying aeroplane lumber needed by the Government, and it is my belief that Mr. Werthen is in a position to supply considerable quantities of this kind of lumber, provided that the timber necessary for such manufacture is made reasonably accessible.

Yours very truly,

January 3, 1919

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Mr. Fred Glenn,
Keeler Brothers,
Pittsack Block,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 14th ultimo, we are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1915

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The Deputy United States Marshal,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office has received a letter from Mrs. Clyde Brenner, general delivery, Vancouver, B. C., requesting our assistance in her efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of her husband, Clyde Brenner, who when last heard from was located about thirty miles from Anchorage, where he claimed to be working a mining property. Mrs. Brenner advises that her last letter to Mr. Brenner, dated October 6, was returned from Anchorage marked "Unclaimed."

It will be appreciated if you will kindly make inquiry regarding this man and, if necessary, ask the Anchorage papers to publish a request for information concerning his whereabouts. Please advise this office if you are able to obtain any information in regard to Mr. Brenner.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1918.

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The Agent,
Pacific Steamship Company,
City.

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority for furnishing first-class transportation, Juneau to Seattle, via the S. S. "City of Seattle," for Mrs. W. H. Tolan, Ed Tolan, age 3 years, Earl Tolan, age 2 years, and Florence Tolan, age 6 mos., charging the same to the Territory of Alaska and presenting bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

It is understood that a charge of \$2 each will be made for Ed and Earl Tolan, and no charge for the 6 months old child.

Exemption Certificate is attached showing exemption of this transportation from the Federal tax.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 4, 1918. O. B.

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Hellig, Chairman Council Defense,
Fairbanks.

Necessary expenses, including printing and occasional clerical services will be allowed from Territorial fund upon rendition vouchers with invoices.

STRONG, Governor.

W. A. Shortt
Secretary to the Governor.

January 4, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, also your telegram of January 2, with reference to the "Ambrose" found in the quarters occupied by Knuff in the Home, I take it, although I am not familiar with either Knuff or Webber. I wired you to warn them that a repetition of the offense would cause them to be discharged from the Home, as the Territory must not and shall not tolerate anything of that kind. You cannot make this too strong, not only to these men but to all other men.

A copy of your telegram was submitted to the district attorney for his opinion yesterday, but I have not as yet heard from him.

With reference to the application of Joseph D. Sharp for an allowance under the Territorial law, I have to advise you that an allowance of \$10 a month has been made, and I assume that he will receive his check for the quarter ended March 31 in this mail.

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I note that you have had a number of deaths in the Home.
I received a wire from Doctor Myers, of Ketchikan, concerning Soderberg, whose application you forwarded to me, and, under the circumstances, I deemed it best to admit him and so wired Doctor Myers. How he is to get there, of course, I do not know.

There is nothing new that I know of in this neck of the woods at this time.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Held at Juneau on December 31, 1917

At the above meeting the Governor, ex officio Chairman of the Board, and treasurer Shattuck were present.

Robert Carlson, of Anchorage, was granted an allowance of \$10 a month, to begin January 1, 1918.

The application of David Englund, of Anchorage, was referred back to him with the request that he secure a physician's certificate, attesting the extent of his physical disability.

J. E. B. Cartwright, of Tanana, was granted an allowance of \$12.50 a month, beginning January 1 next.

Joseph D. Sharp, of Sitka, former inmate of the Home, was granted an allowance of \$10 a month, beginning January 1 next.

The application of Ferdinand W. Ritter, of Anchorage, was referred back to him for a medical certificate showing the extent of his disability.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

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

January 3, 1917

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Mr. E. J. Shaw,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of December 28, requesting on behalf of the local Council of Defense at Skagway, the suspension of the 8-hour law during the period of war, owing to the shortage of labor, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that this matter, in all its different phases, has been laid before the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, and I am awaiting their instructions.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 3, 1917

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Mr. Ferdinand W. Ritter,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your application for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, for the reason that the Board of Trustees has adopted a rule requiring a medical certificate of each applicant, showing the extent of his physical disability which prevents him from making a living. This rule is especially applicable to men who are under 70 years of age.

It is, therefore, suggested that you have a medical examination made by some doctor at Anchorage or in that vicinity, and return your application with the certificate to this office.

Yours very truly,

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

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January 3, 1918

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Mr. David Englund.

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your application for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, for the reason that the Board of Trustees has adopted a rule requiring a medical certificate of each applicant, showing the extent of his physical disability which prevents him from making a living. This rule is especially applicable to men who are under 70 years of age.

It is, therefore, suggested that you have a medical examination made by some doctor at Anchorage or in that vicinity, and return your application with the certificate to this office.

Yours very truly,

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

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January 3, 1918

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Mrs. Juanita Anderson,

Seldovia, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 6, with reference to postal affairs in your town. It is noted that the wife of the deputy marshal is an aspirant for the position of postmaster to succeed Mrs. Christiansen, and that the people served by this post office seem to be satisfied with the present incumbent.

In reply I have to advise that you need not fear that any change will be made until after due and thorough investigation is made. It is not, I understand, the policy of the Department to remove fourth-class postmasters without a sufficient cause.

In the meantime, if I can be of any service, I shall gladly render it.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 3, 1917

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Mr. David H. Christee, Secretary,*
Territorial Board of Pharmacy,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Through an oversight I have neglected to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22, advising me that the books of the Territorial Board of Pharmacy had been audited by Mr. Stevens and found in order with every thing properly accounted for.

Within a short time I shall write you more fully concerning matters connected with your board.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 3, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Hon. Monte Benson, is a member of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, having been elected from the First judicial division in the election of 1916. It gives me pleasure to testify to the high character of Mr. Benson as a man and as a citizen. He has been a resident of this section of Alaska for a number of years, where he has been engaged in mining work, in which he has attained a reputation as a mining man of more than ordinary ability. I, therefore, bespeak for him the favorable consideration of all those whom he shall meet.

Certainly, as mayor of the town of Sitka, you are charged with the duty of enforcing the law and it is possible that as superintendent of the Home, you may also rest under a similar obligation.

There is nothing new locally, but the enemy, I understand, is all the time active and probably anything may happen.

With very best wishes, and acknowledging receipt of your New Year cards and hoping that the coming year may deal gently with you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 3, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, and I note what you say with reference to Boyd and the burial expenses in connection with his death, as well as the appropriation of the money found with him (\$37.50) for the purpose of improving the Pioneer cemetery.

I note what you say about E. J. Smiley and, without doubt, Morningside is the better place for him.

With reference to your request for my opinion as to the construction of the provision in the prohibition law which requires all Territorial executive officials to assist in the enforcement thereof, I take it that every Federal or Territorial official in the Territory is charged with the duty of enforcing it. Section 27 reads as follows:

"That it shall be the duty of the Governor of Alaska, the United States marshals and their deputies, mayors and members of town councils, town marshals and police officers of all incorporated towns in Alaska, all federal game wardens, agents of the Bureau of Fisheries and Forestry Service, customs collectors and their deputies, employees of the Bureau of Education, prosecuting attorneys and their deputies, and all other Federal and Territorial executive officers to enforce the provisions of this act."

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Juneau, Jan. 4, 1918 O. B.

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Frank C. Dean,

Home

If News Chamber of Commerce will prepare matter for publication relative resources Second division, appropriation will be made for printing from publicity fund. Amount required should be submitted first to this office for approval before printing is done.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 5, 1918.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved notary bond of L. E. Weith, of Nome, Alaska, oath of office, and postal money order for \$10 to cover the fee for notary commission, duly endorsed to your order.

It will be noted that the date of the commission has been given in the body of the bond as November 14, 1917. However, following the rule of this office, the commission will be given the date of actual issuance.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Mrs. Wm. Irvin Sims,
520 45th street, East,
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 26, which I have deferred answering simply because of the pressure of official business.

Permit me to say that it affords me much pleasure to give you such information with regard to this Territory as it may be possible for me to do. In the first place, Alaska is not a state, but a territory, having been granted a territorial legislature by act of Congress in 1912. Its legislature is composed of two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate, and consists of 24 members---8 senators and 16 representatives. The Governor is appointed by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate. Alaska is represented in Congress by a delegate, who has a voice but no vote, however.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties are represented in Alaska, but there is a large independent vote, and I do not believe that either of the old parties has a majority, politics being controlled, as intimated, by the independent vote.

Alaska was first given a Delegate to Congress in 1906 and all the delegates have been elected on the Independent ticket except the present, who ran on the Democratic ticket, but his election is being now contested in the House of Representatives in Washington.

Alaska became "dry" on January 1 of this year, the matter of prohibiting the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors having been submitted to a referendum of the people in the election of November, 1916, and the referendum having been carried by a heavy majority. So, since January 1, Alaska has been in the dry column, and this fact is considered remarkable in some states of the Union, because Alaska is a frontier country where, to quote Kipling, "No law of God or man runs north of fifty-three." Whether Kipling was right in respect to other countries north of fifty-three, I cannot say, but certainly, as far as Alaska is concerned, he was very much mistaken. Alaska is probably one of the best law-observing possessions of the United States.

We have churches of nearly every denomination in every town in Alaska; and this leads to the thought that the churches, in my opinion, might effect a consolidation with great benefits to themselves and the communities in which they are established, thus relieving the economic pressure and accomplishing the same results in the service of God.

Alaska's quota for the National Army has not yet been completed, but it is 696, and I have no doubt that when we are ready for the draft in Alaska, the enlistments will have been so many that no draft will be required. So much for the patriotic spirit of Alaska.

You refer to the ladies of Sitka, and ask whether they are knitting and working for the Red Cross. I assume that you associate Sitka in your mind as the capital of Alaska. In this, you are mistaken. Sitka was the ancient Russian capital of Alaska and it was the capital under American rule until 1906, when it was removed to Juneau. Yes, all the ladies, all over Alaska, in every town, hamlet and in every remote mining camp are doing their best to assist in Red Cross work; and besides the Red Cross, we have a patriotic league, with branches in the various towns, also doing splendid work. Among this work was the raising of money for the equipping of hospital beds at Neuilly, France, for the care of Alaskan soldiers when wounded.

To reach Alaska, one must go by water, it being a sea voyage all the way to any Alaska port. The chief point of embarkation for Alaska is Seattle, and what is called the "Inside Passage" to Alaska is one of the grandest in the world scenically and for safety, especially during the summer season.

We have three railroads operating in Alaska---one called the White Pass, which runs from Skagway on the coast to White Horse, the head of navigation on the Yukon River; another the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad, with its coast terminus at Cordova. It penetrates the Copper River Valley for a distance of 196 miles to Chitina. This railroad handles the immense copper output of the Kennecott Copper Corporation at Kennecott. The third railroad is that now being constructed by the United States Government from Seward on the north Pacific coast to Fairbanks in the interior, a distance of approximately 400 miles. About 150 miles of this railroad has been completed and in operation.

Personally, I may say that I have been a resident of Alaska since 1897 and was appointed Governor in 1913. I was raised in New England, but have lived on the Pacific coast for over 35 years, and I call myself a Westerner, having lived long enough and having come to the West early enough to absorb the spirit of what is sometimes called the "free and boundless West."

Mail for Alaska is carried from Seattle and Tacoma by steamers, several steamship companies being engaged in the Alaska business, and during the summer season southeastern Alaska has a steamer arrival practically every day and some days two or three. These steamers carry mail for all the coastal towns

and the interior. During the summer, mail to interior points, such as Fairbanks, is carried by auto stage and distributed through the interior by the same means and by steamers which ply the different rivers, including the Yukon, one of the greatest rivers on the North American Continent. During the winter, mail to the interior is carried by both dog and horse teams, some of the mail routes being hundreds of miles in length. For instance, Nome in northwestern Alaska, on Bering Sea, has a biweekly mail carried by dog teams exclusively, to Tanana, a distance of approximately 800 miles. From Tanana it is carried by horse teams to Fairbanks and thence by horse teams to Chitina, the interior terminus of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad, and thence by rail to Cordova, from whence it reaches Seattle for distribution to its various destinations.

The people of Alaska subscribed about \$1,250,000 to the second issue of the Liberty bonds, the city of Juneau having subscribed \$330,000 alone. Alaska has a

Alaska has a splendid school system, from common schools to high schools. The Agricultural College and School of Mines, to be located at Fairbanks, was authorized by the last session of the legislature in 1917 and work will be begun on the buildings this year. The Holy Trinity Cathedral is the Episcopal Church in this city, the dean being the Rev. G. D. Christian.

Not all the work in Alaska is done by Roman Catholics, although they maintain missions at various points. Missionary work is carried on by both the Episcopalians and Presbyterians, not only for the benefit of the whites, but for the Indians and Eskimos as well. Many of the Indians belong to the Russian-Greek Orthodox Church. Others are Roman Catholics, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptists and Quakers or Friends.

There has been a great exodus from Alaska since the beginning of the war, due to the demand for labor and the higher wages paid in many of the mining states and those which have yards which are building ships for the American merchant marine. As a consequence, Alaska's population in the past two years has decreased rather than increased.

As to agricultural possibilities, there are something like 100 farms in the Tanana valley and as many more in the Matanuska Valley, on Cook Inlet, where the Government railroad is now being built. This railroad will tap the Matanuska coal fields, and another coal field now being developed, is called the Bering River coal field.

Alaska does not produce enough foodstuffs to support its population. The cultivation of potatoes and other vegetables is increasing each year, and it is possible that in time Alaska may produce wheat, rye and other cereals, but it is not strictly a farming country, although I believe it offers great possibilities for stock raising in a limited way.

I trust that I have answered your questions intelligently and with as much detail as possible. Under separate cover I am forwarding to your address a number of pamphlets containing further information about this Territory, prepared by the Alaska Publicity Bureau.

In conclusion, I may say that it affords me pleasure to have the opportunity of writing you this letter; and with best wishes for yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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Mr. Amos R. Wells, Managing Editor,
The Christian Endeavor World,
Mt. Vernon & Hancock streets,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 21, in which you ask for a few lines regarding the possibilities of the approval of the prohibition constitutional amendment by state legislatures.

In the first place I desire to point out that Alaska, being a Territory, has no voice in this matter. I regret that this is the case, inasmuch as if this matter were to come before the people of Alaska, it would be approved by a decided majority. A drastic prohibitory law went into force in Alaska on January 1, and as it has the general support of the people, I predict that it will be a great success, and the results of prohibition legislation in Alaska will stimulate prohibition efforts in the States that are now in the wet column.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. A. Glander,
Odessa, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 18,
with regard to the Alaska Petroleum & Oil Company.

In reply I have to advise you that I am informed that this
company, or a subsidiary company, has graded a railroad from
Controller Bay to its coal holdings in the Bering River field,
and that rails have been laid upon a portion or perhaps all of
the road. I am also advised that the railroad will be ready
for operation next spring. It is also said that a consider-
able amount of development work has been done on these coal
holdings and that they are showing up well, the coal being of
excellent quality. I have no official advice as to when
coal shipments are expected to begin, but rumor has it to the
effect that the company will begin shipping some coal to the
various Alaska towns and also to the other towns of the
Pacific coast. Necessarily, I cannot give any general opinion
as to the Alaska Petroleum & Oil Company, inasmuch as it would
be highly improper for me to do so, and I am giving you only
the facts as they have been certified to me.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 4, 1918

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Mr. W. W. Rush,
Editor and Publisher, The Alaska Colonist,
Box N, University Station,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of December 28, with reference to the literature published under the direction of the Alaska Publicity Bureau. In compliance with your request, I am forwarding to your address, under separate cover, a number of pamphlets which have been issued through said bureau.

Wishing you success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 4, 1917

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Mr. E. H. Flynn,
108 Hayes street,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, and in accordance with your request for a letter addressed to the Chief of the Military Bureau, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., I enclose a letter addressed as indicated, which I trust may be of some service to you.

I am glad to know that you are in good health, and with very best wishes to yourself and family, I am,

Cordially yours.

Governor

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Chief of Military Bureau,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. E. H. Flynn, of St. Michael, Alaska, and Seattle, Wash., that he has made application for appointment as an officer in the United States Guards, National Army, and it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to his worth and excellence as a man and citizen. Mr. Flynn is a veteran of the Civil War, a man of rare intelligence and practical business experience; he is in robust health, and I am sure that he would give splendid service to his country in this or any other service to which he might be assigned.

Yours very truly,

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January 4, 1917

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Mr. Philip Albrecht,
Box 405,
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16,
in which you ask for information regarding agriculture in
Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that under separate cover I
am forwarding to your address a number of pamphlets bearing upon
agriculture and other resources of Alaska.

Yours very truly

Governor

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January 4, 1917

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Mr. Caleb Corser, Supt.,
Copper River & Northwestern Ry. Co.,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date, asking me to recommend the suspension of the 8-hour law in its application to railways and stating that you must work overtime in order to keep the Copper River and Northwestern Railway in operation, and that a tie-up would stop copper production in your district.

In reply I have to advise you that section 3, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, (8-hour law), provides as follows:

"The Governor of the Territory is hereby given the power to suspend or modify restrictions contained in this law when such shall be requested by the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior, and such modification or suspension, when made, shall continue for a specified period and not longer than the duration of the present war, or during the continuation of any future war with a foreign power."

In accordance with the terms of the above section, therefore, the Governor of Alaska can only suspend the operation of the 8-hour law when requested by either of the above-mentioned agencies; and you are advised that you should address your request to either or both. However, I shall forward a copy of your telegram to the Secretary of the Interior at once.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. H. Dersch,
Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of December 31
as follows:

"Workington assembled at Council protest against
suspension of 8-hour law."

In reply I have to advise you that the whole matter of the
suspension of the 8-hour law, with the exception of the salmon
cannery business, is now in the hands of the Council of Nation-
al Defense and the Secretary of the Interior. Under section 3,
chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917 (8-hour law), the
Governor of Alaska can only suspend the operation of said law
when requested by either of the above. Personally, I may say
that I am not in favor of a general suspension of the 8-hour
law.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 4, 1917

Hon. Henry T. Ray, Mayor,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ray:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 17, with reference to a draft for \$102.50 purchased by you in Fairbanks, payable to Wm. B. Thompson, 55 West 45th street, New York City, as a subscription to the Rocky Mountain Club-Heever Fund for Relief in Belgium. It is noted that you have not received acknowledgment of such draft, nor has it been returned to you.

In reply I have to advise you that other towns in Alaska made similar subscriptions, but I have received no information advising me of their having gone astray. Inasmuch as Mr. Thompson has been in Russia on business for the Government for months past, it is possible that that accounts for the delay in receiving acknowledgment of the receipt of your contribution. I notice by a recent newspaper that Mr. Thompson has returned to New York, and it is quite possible that you will hear from him in due course.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Thompson's address.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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Mr. Wm. B. Thompson,
Rocky Mountain Club,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter from Mr.
Henry T. Ray, of Fairbanks, Alaska, which is self-explanatory

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 4, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I find that through an oversight I have neglected to reply to your favor of November 28, in which you ask to be advised as to how you can secure a copy of Territorial road maps compiled by the Surveyor-General's office.

In reply I have to advise you that the Surveyor-General informs me that you will be able to procure a copy of these maps for the use of your office at cost---somewhere between forty and fifty dollars for the set. I would advise you to take the matter up direct with the Surveyor-General.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 7, 1918. O. B.

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Dimond, Commissioner,

Valdez.

Peter Brown died St. Anns Hospital Juneau December thirty first.

Buried Juneau cemetery expense Territory January fifth. Left no

personal effects of value so far as known. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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January 7, 1918

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Mr. Anthony J. Dimond,
United States Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo, with respect to one Peter Brown, who left Valdez on the steamer Admiral Evans on November 8, en route to the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Mr. Brown was taken to the St. Ann's Hospital upon arrival at Juneau, and remained there until December 31, when he died. Arrangements for the burial were made by this office at the expense of the Territory. Interment took place in the Juneau cemetery on January 5.

Upon inquiry at the hospital, I find that Brown had sufficient money to pay for his hospital care. He left no personal effects, so far as known, except a watch which the sister superior describes as "an old, nickel watch, worth maybe a dollar," anackinaw coat and a pair of trousers which are now in the possession of the undertaking department of the C. W. Young Co., Juneau. The funeral expense was \$75, which is being taken care of by this office from Territorial funds.

Enclosed herewith you will find confirmation copy of telegram sent you this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Messrs. Fenner & Ritter,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized to furnish and deliver one-half ton of screened coal to the bearer, Mr. A. Fransen.

Present your bill in duplicate to this office, with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith your expense account for the month of December, which has been approved by me this date.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that certain of the items in the account mentioned are not supported by proper receipts or subvouchers, but, in view of the absence of previous specific instructions, they have been passed. The items referred to are as follows:

"December 31, stamps, \$3." There appears to be no good reason why receipts could not be furnished covering the purchase of stamps, and it is requested that they be obtained in the future.

"Dec. 31, Voucher No. 4, services of stenographer, \$25." This represents payment to Mrs. L. A. Green, court stenographer, for services in connection with the preparation of briefs, but neither the expense account nor the subvoucher contains any information with respect to the amount of work done, the length of employment, the rate of pay, nor anything else by which a proper audit can be made. Such expenditures in future should show the number of hours or days employed, the rate

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per hour or per day; or, if the work is done at a folio rate, the subvoucher should show the number of folios and the rate.

"Dec. 31, rent of post office box for the quarter ending March 31, 1918, 75 cents." In the first place, this represents an advance payment, and, in the second place, no receipt is furnished, although it is the invariable rule of the post office to give receipts for payments of post office box rent. The United States Government regulations do not permit advance payments, and I believe that this is a good rule for the Territory to follow. In future, payments for post office box rent should be made at the end of the quarter and not at the beginning of the quarter, and the receipt given by the postmaster should accompany the voucher which carries the item.

"Jan. 2, Ruth Griffin, services as clerk and stenographer, Dec. 1 to 6, inc., \$30." No subvoucher or receipt covers this expenditure. Explanation is made upon the face of the expense voucher that, owing to the absence of Miss Griffin from the Territory, it is impossible to obtain a receipt. A receipt, however, should have been procured, and in future expenditures covering the services of a clerk or stenographer must be accompanied by receipts showing payment.

It is seldom, indeed, that subvouchers or receipts cannot be obtained, covering payments made, and, in order that a proper system of accounting and auditing may be carried on,

this office will have to insist upon the presentation of
proper receipts or subvouchers covering all items contained
in expense accounts. Otherwise it will scarcely be necessary
for this office to do more than approve all accounts in the
most perfunctory manner.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior, dated January 5, 1918, and in accordance with the authority conferred upon me by section 3, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, "An Act to regulate and limit the hours of employment for all wage and salary earners in the Territory of Alaska; to declare the violation thereof a misdemeanor and to prescribe the punishment therefor," approved May 3, 1917, the restrictions of said chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, are hereby suspended so far as they may apply to the regulation of the hours of employment of all wage and salary earners in Alaska employed in the taking, preparing and curing of halibut, herring, cod and all other kinds of food fish in Alaskan waters, including the taking, preparing and canning of clams and other shell-fish; such suspension to have force and effect beginning January 7, 1918, and to continue for a period of one year and not

longer, unless the present war shall not have been terminated
within that time.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal
of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau,
the capital, this seventh day of Jan-
uary, in the year of our Lord, one
thousand nine hundred and eighteen,
and of the independence of the United
States the one hundred and forty-
second.

John A. Strong
Governor

By the Governor:

Charles E. Davidson
Ex officio Secretary of Alaska

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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(SEAL)

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau, the capital, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

(Signed) J. F. A. STRONG,
Governor

By the Governor:

(Signed) CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,
Ex officio Secretary of Alaska

January 8, 1918

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Mr. Lars Gunderson,
Haycock, Alaska

My dear Lars:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 4, in which you state that you have just drawn a petition to be forwarded me in due time, asking that I use my efforts to have a wireless station installed at Dime Creek. I also note, with pleasure, that your camp is the busiest in Seward Peninsula, and I indulge the hope that it will continue to develop and that the good people and the pioneers who are doing their bit in this respect may be amply rewarded. I also note that other strikes have been made in your vicinity, and I sincerely trust that an extensive camp may be developed in due season.

It is needless for me to say, perhaps, that I shall be more than pleased to render your people any assistance that I may be able to in the matter of securing a wireless station. I may modestly claim to know something about Alaskan conditions, and I appreciate those by which the people of your district are confronted.

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Upon receipt of your petition, I shall write a strong endorsement of it and send it to the proper department.

With best wishes for yourself and all the people of your district, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor