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Mr. E. J. Sanders,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 17, with reference to the leasing of school land in section 16, township 13 north, range 3, W. S. M.; and you ask for information with respect to the leasing laws.

In reply I have to advise you that I am enclosing herewith a copy of the school land leasing law for your further information. I have also to advise that regulations are now in course of preparation, governing the manner in which applications for lease of such lands are to be made, which will be forwarded to you in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Wm. A. Hanley,
United States Attorney,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, in which you state that there are caches of whiskey at places remote from the regular stations of the deputy marshals in the Third division, and that your marshal is desirous of enforcing the law at such places and seize any liquor that might be found. You also state that the United States marshal encounters the difficulty, however, that he has no fund from which to pay the cost of sending a deputy marshal from his regular station unless he has a warrant for some person accused of crime; and you ask if a part of the fund created by chapter 13, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, could be used to pay travel expenses of deputy marshals when sent out for the purpose of seizing liquors at such places.

In reply I have to advise you that, in my opinion, a portion of this fund may well be used for the purposes set forth in your letter, due care being taken at all times to avoid extravagance, but I am satisfied that the United States

marshal would exercise discretion and discrimination, as you state, before making an investigation, so as to avoid wasting or squandering money. Section 3, of chapter 13, provides---

"That the fund created by this Act shall be under the sole supervision and control of the Governor of the Territory, and shall be by him disbursed through the Territorial Treasurer upon vouchers, in duplicate, properly signed, for the purpose set forth in section 1 of this act."

You are, therefore, advised that when the provisions of this act shall be complied with, so far as money expenditures are concerned, such expense will be paid through this office on presentation of duly certified vouchers.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. F. R. Brenneman,
United States Marshal,
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Mr. Brenneman:

Today I wired you as follows:

"Your letter third. I know of no institution where imbecile child can be sent. Appropriation can be made from Territorial fund to help care for child until such time as institution can be found that will admit him. Reasonable allowance will be made to support child in meantime."

In amplification of the above, I have to say that I have been unable to learn of any institution which takes care of imbecile children. Of course, I assume that the child could be committed to Morningside sanitarium, but in view of his tender age, I do not believe it would be advisable to do so, as none but adults are confined in that institution. I shall endeavor to ascertain whether there is such an institution in any of the States to which this child might be committed. I would suggest that you also do the same, and if you learn of any, advise me further, and steps may be taken to send him to such institution. There is no doubt, from the tenor of your letter and that of deputy marshal Evans, that

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something should be done in his case. In the meantime the
parents can be assisted financially from the Territory to a
reasonable amount per month.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Brenneman, United States Marshal,

Valdez

Your letter thrd. I know of no institution where imbecile child can be sent. Appropriation can be made from Territorial fund to help care for child until such time as institution can be found that will admit him. Reasonable allowance will be made to support child in meantime.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of January 3, with reference to the death of E. J. Smiley and the discovery of a letter of introduction among his papers, which I have segregated, inasmuch as it may be useful at some time or other.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. V. H. Whittlesey,
Secretary Seward Branch,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, in which you state that at a meeting of the Seward branch of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense, it was resolved that I be requested to suspend the so-called eight-hour law adopted by the last Territorial legislature, during the continuance of the present war.

In reply I have to advise you that under section 3 of that act, the Governor of the Territory can only take such action when requested to do so by the Chairman of the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior.

I may add that this law has been suspended so far as the taking, preparing and curing of food fish of all kinds in Alaskan waters is concerned.

Yours very truly,

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January 8, 1916

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

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of December 31, and am glad to know that general health conditions in your division are very good. I also note what you state about the results of your Christmas Red Cross Drive, which speaks volumes for your town and the spirit of its citizens. I am sure that the Cordova members of the Territorial Council of Defense will discharge their duties faithfully and impartially at all times.

I am also glad to note that business is good in your town and that the outlook is for a very busy season.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. C. L. Magill,
United States Commissioner,
Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 15, with reference to the case of one A. R. Johnson, an aged prospector residing at Clam Gulch, about thirty miles south of Kenai; and you ask if there is any way by which this man can be taken care of without sending him to the Pioneers' Home.

In reply I have to advise you that if Johnson has resided in the Territory since 1905 and has passed the age of 65 years, he is entitled to an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of not to exceed \$12.50 per month. I am enclosing herewith a blank application, which, if Mr. Johnson is eligible, please have filled out and duly attested, particularly setting forth his inability to earn a living for himself.

Of course, he can be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at any time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. D. E. Stubbs,
Probate Judge, Kuskokwim Precinct,
Aniak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, which reached me today, with reference to the estates left by Mathias Schrenthaler, an Austrian, deceased; also Charlie Schmidt, presumably a German. You state that two other Germans on Bear Creek divided up what money he had at his death and also took his ground and cabin; and you ask if in the above cases these estates belong to the Territory of Alaska.

In reply I beg to refer you to chapter 73, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An Act to amend chapter 19 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to escheats." Section 508 of this act provides--

"When any person shall die without heirs, leaving any real or personal property in the Territory, the same shall escheat to and become the property of the Territory of Alaska."

Sections 609 and 610 prescribe the methods by which an action to escheat any such property shall be maintained.

I assume that, because of the time that has elapsed since your letter was written, that you may have taken some action in regard to the appointment of an administrator, and, there-

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fore, before action can be taken under section 510, chapter 73, it will be necessary for me to be supplied with further information as to the extent and value of the estates left by the above decedents. You will notice that section 510 provides that---

"When the Governor is informed or has reason to believe that any real or personal property has escheated to the Territory of Alaska, he shall direct the United States Attorney to file an information on behalf and in the name of the Territory of Alaska in the district court, setting forth a description of the estate, the name of the person last seized, the name of the occupant or the person in possession and claiming such estate, if known, and the facts and circumstances, in consequence of which the estate is claimed to have been escheated, with an allegation that by reason thereof the Territory has right by law to such estate."

It is, therefore, requested that you will supply this office with such available information as may be at your command, in order that, if these estates rightfully belong to the Territory, steps be taken to escheat the same.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

Mr. Geo. C. Haselet, President,
Cordova Chamber of Commerce,
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Mr. Haselet:

I have your letter of November 20, transmitting resolutions adopted by your Chamber of Commerce, with reference to the development of the coal and oil deposits of the Territory, and I shall be pleased to give them my endorsement, if I find upon due examination that I can consistently do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, Jan. 9, 1918. Night Letter Collect.

T. S. Elsemore,

Petersburg.

Your commission issued today.

SHORTHILL.

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Juneau, Jan. 9, 1918. O. B.

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Commissioner Whittlesey,

Seward.

Should voucher be made favor Haynes or favor Hopkins in barge
Barracouta matter.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 9, 1918. O. B.

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Commissioner Whittlesey,

Seward.

Reference bills covering search for Weaver and Swesey should sum of five hundred twenty dollars fifty cents be paid to Antone Iverson or two hundred ten dollars to Iverson and balance to San Juan Fishing Company.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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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 approved bond of H. B. LeFevre, of Juneau, with oath office and check for \$10 endorsed to your order. Letter of application for renewal of notary commission accompanies the bond.

Will you please have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Encls.

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Juneau, Jan. 10, 1918 O. B.

Mrs. Arthur G. Thompson,

Anchorage

Name of woman needing assistance necessary before appropriation
can be made. Please wire name to this office.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Mr. Hiram U. Woodin,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Woodin:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27, transmitting a petition signed by 500 of the residents of your district, asking that the 8-hour law be not suspended.

In reply I have to advise you that no action is contemplated by me, looking to a general suspension of this law in this Territory. You are aware that section 3, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, provides in substance that the Governor of the Territory may suspend or modify restrictions contained in the law only when such shall be requested by the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior.

I have had but few requests for the general suspension of the 8-hour law, but I have received many protests against it; and, in view of the fact that this law was endorsed by the people of Alaska by a vote of about ten to one and the further fact that it was passed unanimously by the Territorial legislature, it is not my intention to, nor shall I, recommend its general suspension.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly Yours,

Governor

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Mr. H. H. Ross,
Road Commissioner, Fourth Division,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have this day telegraphed you as follows:

"Your letter December eleventh. You are advised that sum of one thousand dollars will be appropriated from fund provided by chapter seventeen, nineteen seventeen Session Laws, for construction shelter cabins fourth division."

In amplification of this telegram, you are directed to proceed under the terms of chapter 17, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in the construction of shelter cabins as noted in your letter of December 11. It is assumed that contracts have been let for the construction of these shelter cabins, in accordance with the terms of the law. In the preparation of the vouchers covering this work, you should closely follow the provisions of the above law.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman
Territorial Board of Road Commissioners

Juneau, Jan. 10, 1918

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H. H. Rose,
Road Commissioner,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Your letter December eleventh. You are advised that sum of one thousand dollars will be appropriated from fund provided by chapter seventeen, nineteen seventeen Session Laws, for construction shelter cabins fourth division.

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Secretary

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

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of December 31, and am glad to know that general health conditions in your division are very good. I also note what you state about the results of your Christmas Red Cross drive, which speaks volumes for your town and the spirit of its citizens. I am sure that the Cordova members of the Territorial Council of Defense will discharge their duties faithfully and impartially at all times.

I am also glad to note that business is good in your town and that the outlook is very good for a busy season.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$1.10 in cash, covering refund of war tax of \$1.12 charged the Territory for transportation of John Connors, Juneau to Sitka, said transportation having been covered by office voucher No. 59, November 9, 1918, favor of D. Smeaton, Agent of the "Prince of Wales," the voucher being for \$14 fare, including meals and berth, and \$1.12 a/c war tax. Claim for refund was made by this office, and the enclosed cash was paid over to this office by Agent Smeaton to cover the same. Owing to lack of pennies the exact change could not be made.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. The transportation and war tax charge on voucher mentioned above was charged against the appropriation: Relief of Destitution.

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Mr. Geo. M. Barry, Secretary,
Valdez Miners' Union,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 24, transmitting resolutions of the Valdez Miners' Union, protesting against the suspension of the 8-hour law, so far as it affects the mining industry.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received but few requests for the general suspension of the 8-hour law, but I have received many protests against such suspension.

Section 3, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, provides that the Governor of Alaska may suspend or modify the restrictions contained in that law only when such request is made by the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior. I do not anticipate, however, that such request will be made.

I may add that it must be evident to those who are familiar with the situation that the 8-hour referendum was endorsed by the people of Alaska, at the election of November, 1916, by a vote of ten to one; that the legislature at the 1917 session passed the law unanimously, there not being a dissenting vote in either branch of the legislature. It

is also evident to me that prior to the election of 1916, at which the 8-hour referendum was carried by such an overwhelming majority, I could find no opposition to its passage either by public speakers or the press of the Territory; and also while the bill providing for this law was pending in the legislature I failed to notice any opposition to it on the part of any newspaper in the Territory or any public speaker, and I therefore can see no valid ground upon which to base a request for the general suspension of this law.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. M. McKinney,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, in which you state that you are operating a shingle mill at Wrangell, and as the canneries and sawmills have asked for an exemption from the 8-hour law, you would like the same privilege that is granted them.

In reply I have to advise you that the only exemption so far ordered, in the case of industries, is that covered by the suspension of the 8-hour law so far as the canning of salmon and clams, and the taking, preparing and curing of all kinds of food fish caught in Alaskan waters is concerned.

Section 3 of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, provides that the law may be suspended by the Governor only upon the request of the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior. Few requests for the general suspension of the 8-hour law have reached me, but many protests against it have been received.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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Mr. S. A. Hemple,
1216 Ninth Ave.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 31, with reference to a condition among smelters in the treatment of copper ore, and you state that this condition may result in great hardship to the small operators who are trying to get in shape to commence shipping ore, and that, inasmuch as the Government has placed a price on copper ore, you suggest that this matter be brought to the attention of the Government officials.

In reply I beg to suggest that this is a matter that might be brought to the attention of the Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., of which Hon. Newton D. Baker, the Secretary of War, is chairman.

In the meantime, I wish to say that I shall be pleased to assist you in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 10, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of January 7 and have noted its contents. I trust that your action with reference to Webber and Knauff will have a salutary effect upon the rest of the inmates of the Home, who must be taught that no intoxicating liquors must be admitted to that institution under pain of instant dismissal and prosecution.

I also note what you say about Bredvik and judge that he would be a good man to keep tab on. It would please me very much if the assignment of Doctor Johnston were made under the provisions of section 29 of the Selective Service Regulations. I have heard nothing as to this assignment being made from the Provost Marshal General, but it probably may come about in due course.

I understand that Soderberg, of Ketchikan, is now here and will be sent to Sitka on the Prince of Wales. I shall send a note to the company with reference to his treatment. I had not heard anything about the case of Sam. Gullet, but if he did not receive proper care on board the steamer, an investigation should be made to determine it. All these men

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are furnished with first-class transportation and are entitled to all the privileges that a first-class ticket carries.

There is no doubt that the fuel proposition at Sitka may become serious, as you state. I am glad to know that you are effecting a saving by the use of wood. I do not know, however, whether a gasoline truck would be of service to you, but I shall take up the matter with Shattuck and see what he thinks about it. Certainly, it is advisable to use as much slab wood as possible, inasmuch as it relieves the coal pressure and makes use of a local product.

The voucher in favor of Geo. F. Ferrest will be sent to him for signature and a warrant will be issued in due course.

I had heard that Judge Brown was out on a vacation, and understand that he is in Seattle, or at least I noticed in a Seattle paper that he was in that city. Whether any significance is attached to his visit to the States, of course, I do not know, not having heard a word about it other than as stated above, that he was having a vacation. His wife lives in Seattle mostly, I understand, where they have a home.

I am enclosing herewith a letter of endorsement such as you ask for, which I hope may be of some service to you.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 10, 1918

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Mr. Frank Skidmore,
24 Montall street,
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 27, with reference to the reindeer industry of Alaska. It is noted that you propose to incorporate a company for the purpose of raising reindeer and the like.

In reply to your several queries, I have to say that while reindeer have been purchased by white men, I understand that such purchase is discouraged by the United States Bureau of Education, which is in control of the Government reindeer in Alaska. I would, therefore, suggest that you write Mr. W. T. Lepp, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash., for information as to the purchase of reindeer from natives. Of course, they can be purchased from white men owning reindeer in the Territory, but to what extent I am not advised at this time.

While I thank you for your proposal to make me president of a company to be organized for raising reindeer, I shall have to decline it, as I do not care to embark in business of any kind at this time.

You state that you have read my annual report, and I have to say that that report largely covers my information as to the reindeer industry in this Territory.

You ask if a company might be incorporated in Juneau. I do not believe you would be successful in floating such a company here, or, in fact, anywhere in the Territory, this being merely my opinion, however. Such a company may be incorporated under the laws of Alaska or of any of the States.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 11, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Complaint has reached this office, alleging that Sam Gullet, who was furnished transportation on the Prince of Wales some time ago, from Juneau to Sitka, where he entered the Pioneers' Home, did not receive proper care or treatment on board that boat. I do not assume to say that there is real foundation for this complaint, but I deem it my duty to direct your attention to it, and would thank you to cause such investigation to be made concerning the complaint as you may be able to.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 11, 1917

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Hon. C. E. Bunnell,
United States District Judge,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of December 10, together with the affidavits mentioned therein, which I have duly executed and am returning herewith. I trust that this will be satisfactory and that you will have no further difficulty with the account.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Jany. 11, 1918. O. B.

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Wilson Sylvester Mill Co.,

WRANGELL.

Are you engaged in or likely to engage in the manufacture of lumber for aeroplanes during current year. Also please wire your opinion as to what extent the logging industry so far as securing logs for aeroplane lumber may be affected by the eight hour law.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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January 12, 1918

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

My dear Mr. McPherson:

We are arranging to ship to you, via the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer City of Seattle, two boxes containing pamphlets issued by the Alaska Bureau of Publicity as follows:

General Facts Relating to Alaska.....	500
Juneau District.....	1000
Farming in the Chilkat Valley.....	500
Scotch Cure of Herring.....	500
Southwestern Alaska.....	500
Freight and Passenger Rates.....	500
Progress of Alaska since Purchase.....	500
Fisheries of Alaska.....	500

We are paying the transportation charges on these pamphlets, including wharfage at Seattle, so that your only expense in connection with the matter should be that of drayage from the wharf to your offices.

I trust that you will find these pamphlets of assistance in connection with the work of the Bureau.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 12, 1918

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

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority for furnishing to Mrs. A. P. McDonald first-class transportation, Juneau to Seattle, for herself and her six-year-old child. Present your bill in duplicate to this office, with this letter attached thereto, and payment will be arranged.

Enclosed you will find a certificate covering exemption of the above transportation from the tax imposed by the act of October 3, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

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January 12, 1918

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Mr. G. Winship, City Ticket Agent,
Pacific Steamship Co.,
Juneau

Dear Sir:

In accordance with phone conversation of this date, please issue to Mrs. A. P. McDonald, of Juneau, an order upon your Seattle office for first-class transportation, Seattle to San Francisco, for herself and her six-year-old child.

Present your bill in duplicate to this office, attaching this letter thereto, and payment will be arranged.

Mrs. McDonald is leaving on the steamer Dispatch tonight for Seattle and will want to sail on the first steamer of your company out of Seattle after her arrival there.

Enclosed is a certificate covering exemption of the transportation herein requested from the tax imposed by the act of October 3, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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January 13, 1918

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Ketchikan Power Co.,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram, with reference to the suspension of the eight-hour law during the period of the war, inasmuch as you feel that it is an unjust law for Alaska and should never have been placed on the records.

In reply I have to advise you that it is a condition that confronts the people of the Territory---not a theory--- and it is hardly necessary to speculate as to whether the law should or should not have been passed. The fact remains that it was endorsed, in the first place, by a vote of six to one in the election of November, 1916, and was passed by the unanimous vote of the members of the legislature. It is a matter of common knowledge that, while the 8-hour referendum was before the people, no protest was made by any public speaker during that campaign nor by the press of the Territory; neither, while the measure was pending in the legislature, was there any protest received from anyone against its passage, nor did the press of the Territory enter any protest. All

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protests seem to have been reserved until the law became operative on January first last.

As you are aware, the law has been suspended so far as it affects the production of feedstuffs, and it is possible that it may be extended so as to include the production of war material that is necessary to the winning of the war. I understand that this matter is now being considered in Washington.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 12, 1918

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Mr. C. A. Riggs, Secretary,
Federal Labor Union,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication protesting against the suspension of the 8-hour law, and adding that the law should be enforced in order to avoid strikes.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not intended at this time that the law should be generally suspended. A suspension has been ordered, upon the request of the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, so far as the production of feedstuffs is concerned, and it is possible that this provision may be extended to those industries which are immediately connected with the production of war materials.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 12, 1918

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Messrs. Andrew Beck, and
Al Braton,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication with reference to the suspension of the provisions of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, commonly known as the 8-hour law. It is noted that the wage workers of Nome, in open mass-meeting, emphatically opposed any such suspension.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not my purpose at this time to recommend a general suspension of the 8-hour law, inasmuch as it received the strong approval of the people of Alaska when submitted as a referendum, and was passed by the unanimous vote of the members of the legislature. You are advised that the provisions of the law have been modified so far as the production of foodstuffs is concerned, and it is possible that it may be extended to the production of material that is absolutely needed for war purposes.

I may add that I am opposed to the general suspension of the law so far as the mining industry is concerned and other industries that have no immediate bearing upon the production of war materials.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

January 12, 1918

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Messrs. James Patterson,
J. C. Martin and
H. B. Selby,
Members of Local Council of Defense,
Valdez, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your communication with respect to the suspension of the so-called 8-hour law in Alaska during the war. It is noted that you believe it wise that the law be suspended until such time after the war as may be deemed expedient.

In reply I have to advise you that this law has been suspended so far as it affects the production of foodstuffs, and it is possible that the suspension may be extended to the production of materials needed for the proper conduct of the war. I am of the opinion, however, that no action will be taken looking toward the general suspension of the law so far as it affects industries not immediately connected with the production of war material or foodstuffs. As a matter of fact, I have received no requests from any mining corporations or individuals, asking that the law be suspended, but I have received many protests from miners and prospectors throughout the Territory with regard to the suspension of

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the law. It may not be necessary for me to point out to you that the referendum submitted to the people of Alaska on this question in 1916 was carried by a vote of about six to one; that the law was enacted by the unanimous vote of the legislature; that during the campaign, so far as I am advised, no public speakers or the press of the Territory discussed the merits of this referendum, neither did they protest against the passage of the law by the legislature. In fact, the only discussion of the law that I have observed has been since January 1 last, when it became operative. Whether or not the law should have been passed at all is not the question. The fact remains that it was passed by the direct mandate of the people, provision being made for its suspension in certain cases.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 12, 1918

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Mr. James E. Wilson,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, with reference to the suspension of the 8-hour law, so far as it may affect your business as a freighter. You state that you have a contract with a mine for the hauling of a minimum of 1,000 tons and a maximum of 3,000 tons of copper ore from the Westover Mine, on Dan Creek, to mile 191 of the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad, and that in order to handle the contract economically, the round trip must be made in three days, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that there have been few requests for the general suspension of the 8-hour law, except in specific instances affecting the production of food, such as salmon and other fish, as well as clams; and the law, so far as these industries are concerned, has already been suspended for the current year. The whole matter, so far as it affects the production of war material, is now under consideration, I understand, by the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior.

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You understand that section 3, chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, provides that the restrictions of the law may be modified or suspended by the Governor of the Territory only upon the request of the Council of National Defense of the Secretary of the Interior. I cannot hold out any hope, however, that the law will be suspended in such cases as yours. It is my understanding, however, that the law does not expect the impossible and, in your own case, as cited, it seems to me that a liberal interpretation should be allowed, for if teams are on the road, they must necessarily reach their destination, and certainly cannot be expected to stop en route to destination without shelter or food. Of course, in this I am simply giving you my opinion for what it is worth. Any law that expects the impossible, of course, in my opinion, is neither valid nor can it be enforced.

I may add that I hope that this whole matter, so far as it affects other industries, except that of mining, may be satisfactorily adjusted within a short time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 13, 1918

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Mr. Chas. B. Oliver,
Mr. D. Smith Harris,
Mr. Wm. G. Morgan, Committee,
Pioneers of Alaska,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication protesting against the suspension of the so-called 8-hour law in this Territory, but expressing your willingness to assist in any manner possible in the prosecution of the present war.

In reply I have to advise you that I do not believe that any general suspension of the 8-hour law will be ordered in Alaska. This law has been suspended so far as the production of feedstuffs is concerned and it is possible that it may also be extended so far as the production of war materials is affected, but, in my opinion, in no further degree.

Personally, I am opposed to the suspension of the 8-hour law so far as applied to the mining industry of the Territory, and, in this connection, I may add that I have received no requests from mining concerns that the law be suspended so far as it affects that industry.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 12, 1918

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Mr. F. E. Ryus, Secretary Ketchikan Branch,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the request of your local Council of Defense that the 8-hour law be generally suspended throughout the Territory for the duration of the war.

In reply I have to advise you that the law has been suspended so far as the production of foodstuffs is concerned and it may be extended to other industries having a distinct bearing upon the production of supplies and materials needed for war purposes. This matter is now being considered by the Secretary of the Interior.

I am of the opinion, however, that the law should not be suspended so far as it affects the mining industry.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 11, 1918
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Mr. Myers, Supt.,
Herring Fishing Company,
Port Walter, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am advised that Mrs. Helen V. Estmere, of this city, desires to secure a position as nurse with your company at Port Walter during the coming season. Mrs. Estmere, I believe, has had quite an extensive experience in nursing and is in every way worthy, and it is my belief that she would discharge any duty with which she might be entrusted with the utmost fidelity.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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January 14, 1918

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Hon. George B. Grigsby,
Attorney General,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, in which you state that it will be necessary for you to leave the Territory in the near future in order to represent the Territory of Alaska in the United States Supreme Court, in the cases of the Pacific Fisheries Company v. the Territory of Alaska and the Alaska Salmon Company v. the Territory. You add that these cases will come up for hearing in the early part of February and, therefore, you ask for a written leave of absence, in accordance with section 5, chapter 77, Laws of Alaska, 1915, for the above mentioned purpose.

In reply I have to advise you that a leave of absence is hereby granted you, in accordance with the above act, for the period of thirty days and for the purpose mentioned. Inasmuch as you did not indicate how long you wished to be absent, your leave of absence will expire within thirty days from the date of your departure from Alaska, it being assumed that this time will be ample for you to complete your work in.

Yours truly,

Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. R. F. Charlton,
101 Sixth street, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your unsigned letter of the sixth ultimo, accompanied by a self-addressed and stamped envelope, has been received.

This office is addressing a letter to the game warden at Anchorage, Alaska, directing him to institute an inquiry for your brother, Everett E. Charlton, and to advise this office of the results of such inquiry. Should any information be obtained, you will be promptly advised.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

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THE DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH:

The Governor's office has been appealed to for information concerning one Walter Peterson, supposed to be located somewhere in Alaska. Peterson is described as being about 62 years of age, rather heavy set, and usually wears a mustache which is gray.

Information concerning Peterson's whereabouts should be mailed to the Governor's office at Juneau.

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January 14, 1918

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Mrs. L. B. McCallum,
481 Nehalem Avenue,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of one Walter Peterson.

This office has no information concerning Peterson, but it will cause an inquiry to be made through the Alaska papers for information concerning him and, should any responses be received, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 14, 1918 O. B.

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McCarthy Commercial Club,

McCarthy, via Cordova

Alaska Road Commission states its allotments for year already made and can render no assistance Nixina bridge. Suggest that it may be possible for Divisional Road Commission to appropriate necessary eight thousand dollars from general road fund of Third division.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. F. Charlton, Washington, D. C., concerning his brother Everett E. Charlton, who he states has been located at Anchorage with the Alaskan Engineering Commission, but that all letters addressed to him since June last have been returned undelivered.

Please do what you can to ascertain the whereabouts of Everett E. Charlton and advise this office promptly. You may be able to get a line on him by conferring with the officers of the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. George J. Steiger, Jr.,
Monadnock Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to the matter of the death of Axel Sundholm, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter of November 14, 1917, addressed to this office by Mr. Chas. McCallum, deputy United States marshal at Unga, which gives in considerable detail a story of the killing of Sundholm at Sanborn Harbor, Nagai Island, on June 11, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. F. B. Wisetling,
Suite 301-303 Lyon Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, in which you advise that Mr. Dan Bryce, temporarily in Seattle, who lives at Bethel, in the Kuskokwam district of Alaska, desires to secure a commission as notary public for Alaska.

Enclosed herewith you will find a notary bond form for use of Mr. Bryce, in connection with his application for appointment as notary. The bond should be executed by one or more sureties and the oath of office on the back of the bond form should be executed by Mr. Bryce. When this has been done, the bond should be forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Nome, for his approval, with the request that the clerk transmit it to this office. Mr. Bryce should make application to this office by letter for appointment, and should transmit the sum of \$10, by postal money order, payable to "The Governor of Alaska," covering the legal fee for the commission. Upon receipt of the application and fee from Mr. Bryce and the approved bond from the clerk of the district court, a commission will be issued to Mr. Bryce.

I might suggest that inasmuch as a great deal of delay will result if individual sureties are obtained in connection with Mr. Bryce's bond (in which event, as above stated, the bond will go to the clerk of the court at Nome for approval), I believe it can be arranged to have the clerk of the court at Juneau approve the bond, provided Mr. Bryce secures, as surety thereon, one of the recognized surety companies. In the event this latter method is followed, the bond, when properly executed, may be forwarded to this office with the application and fee, and we will present the matter to the clerk of the district court at Juneau for his approval, and the commission can then issue without further delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 14, 1918

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Mr. W. J. Henry, Secretary,
Alaska Labor Union,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication, in which it is stated that the Alaska Labor Union of 2,000 members, had passed a resolution unanimously demanding that there be no rescinding of the 8-hour law which went into effect January 1 last, I have to advise you that there has been no such general suspension ordered. The law has been suspended, however, as provided by section 3, on the request of the National Council of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, so far as the production of fish feedstuffs in Alaska is concerned, clams being included in the list of foods affected by the order.

Personally, I may say that I am not in favor of a general suspension of the 8-hour law in this Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 14, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

This office has received a protest from Dr. J. Wilson
Reed, of Iditarod, alleging that Dr. Herman Behla, also
of Iditarod, who was passed by the Alaska Medical Board in
1917, was not eligible for examination inasmuch as he had not
completed the four-year course prescribed by the Alaska law.

Please wire me what you know concerning this case.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 16, 1918. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Voucher covering subsistence inmates from third division December quarter does not show number days each inmate in home. Please furnish this by next mail.

STRONG, Governor.

W. H. [Signature]
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 16, 1918.

O. B.

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Bunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks.

An forwarding first mail voucher covering subsistence
eighteen inmates Pioneers Home Sitka December quarter aggregating fifteen hundred
fifty six dollars for such allowance thereon as you may be able to make.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 18, 1918. O. B.

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Holsheimer, Judge,

NOME.

Following custom heretofore in vogue am forwarding via first mail voucher covering subsistence of thirteen inmates Alaska Pioneers Home Sitka from second judicial division, aggregating one thousand sixty nine dollars, for such allowance thereon as you may be able to make.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

January 15, 1918

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Association of Pacific Fisheries,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your night letter of Jan. 14, in which you state that men necessary to the fishing and canning industries, registered in Alaska for selective service, cannot secure questionnaires in the States or receive them from Alaska in time to comply with the requirements to return the same within the prescribed limit and that failure involves immediate induction to service, which would be a serious blow to the Alaska fisheries; and you ask that this matter be referred to the Provost Marshal General for such modification of instructions for Alaska as will protect the deferred classification rights of men necessary to the fishing and canning industry.

In reply I have to advise you that the following order of the Provost Marshal General of December 14, 1917, solves the point raised by you:

" In mailing questionnaires to persons whose last known address shows them to be abroad or to be distant from a local board, at a place where three days or more are required for the transmission of the mail one way, the local board shall extend the time for the return of the questionnaire a sufficient time to allow for the transmission of mail to and from such place and shall note such extension on the notice to registrants on the first sheet of the questionnaire and by posting form 1002 in respect

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to such persons, specifying the date to which the time has been extended them."

In amplification of the above, I have to say that local boards have been notified of this fact and a sufficient time will be given for the return of the questionnaires wherever registrants can be reached.

Referring to the second request contained in your night letter that I advise you of the salient points of any supplemental proclamation issued by me, suspending 8-hour restrictions against fisheries not included in my first proclamation, I have to advise you that an executive order was issued on January 7, suspending chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, so far as the law applies to the taking, curing and preparing of halibut, herring, cod and all other food fishes found in Alaska waters, including the taking, preparing and canning of clams.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 15, 1918

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Mr. Andrew J. Stone,
308-9 Havemeyer Bldg.,
25 Church street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the second instant, there is being sent 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.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Hon. George B. Grigsby,
Attorney General,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, in which you state that it will be necessary for you to leave the Territory in the near future in order to represent the Territory of Alaska in the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., in the cases of the Pacific Fisheries Company v. the Territory of Alaska and the Alaska Salmon Company v. the Territory. You add that these cases will come up for hearing in the early part of February and, therefore, you ask for a written leave of absence, in accordance with section 5, chapter 77, Laws of Alaska, 1915, for the above-mentioned purpose.

In reply I have to advise you that a leave of absence is hereby granted you, in accordance with the above act, for the period of thirty days, and for the purpose mentioned. Inasmuch as you did not indicate how long you wished to be absent, your leave of absence will expire within thirty days from the date of your departure from Alaska, it being assumed that this time will be ample for you in which to complete your work.

Yours truly,

Governor

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January 16, 1918

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Hon. Wm. A. Holsheimer,
United States District Judge,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith a voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 13 indigent residents of Division No. 2, cared for in the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the quarter ended December 31, 1917, the aggregate amount of the voucher being \$1069.

A telegram was sent you this morning, advising the forwarding of this voucher, which is submitted for such allowance thereon as you may be able to make.

The records of your office will show that your predecessor was able to make allowances from time to time, covering the care of inmates of the Pioneers' Home from the Second judicial division from the indigent fund which is at the disposal of the judge of the district court. The practice, I believe, has been to apply on these vouchers any surplus remaining on hand at the end of the quarter after local requirements have been taken care of.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

January 16, 1918

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Hon. C. E. Bunnell,
United States District Judge,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Judge Bunnell:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith certified voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 18 indigent residents of the Fourth division, cared for in the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the quarter ended December 31, 1917. The aggregate amount of this voucher is \$1556.

A telegram was sent you this morning, advising the forwarding of this voucher, which is submitted for such allowance as you may be able to make thereon from your indigent fund.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Jan. 16, 1918. O. B. RUSH.

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Marshal Brennan,

VALDEZ.

Replying yours date you are authorized employ assistance in handling matter referred to and allowance of five hundred dollars will be made to cover.

STRONG, Governor.

W. H. ...
Secretary to Governor.

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January 16, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. W. A. Clark, is one of the substantial business men of this city. He is an old-time resident of Alaska, and it gives me pleasure to state that he has the respect and confidence of all those who know him.

Mr. Clark advises me that he is visiting the States on personal business, and I have no hesitation in commending him to the favorable consideration of all those whom he may meet.

January 16, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have pleasure in stating that the bearer of this letter, Mr. T. M. Davis, of Juneau, Alaska, is a young man who has grown up in this community, where his standing as a man and citizen is of the best. He is active, intelligent and capable and I am sure that he would discharge faithfully any trust which might be reposed in him.

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Juneau, January 17, 1918. O. B.

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ROTH, US Attorney,

Fairbanks.

Reference yours yesterday burial expense Ferris will be paid from Territorial appropriation on presentation properly certified vouchers.

STRONG.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 17, 1918. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Not quite certain just what form vouchers for third division should be in and believe advisable send with some memorandum showing number days each inmate cared for during quarter for use if judge deems necessary.

STRONG.


Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, January 17, 1918. O. B.

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Dr. Chase,

CORDOVA.

Your date Jillison will be taken care of in local hospital for reasonable length
time at expense Territory. Give him letter this office for identification.

STRONG, Governor.

[Signature]
Secretary to Governor.

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January 17, 1918 .

Dr. P. P. Claxton,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Claxton:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20, in which you invite my attention to correspondence attached thereto regarding a blind Eskimo girl, now in the State School for the Blind at Vancouver, Wash. It is noted from the correspondence, that if the girl is to remain in the school, \$400 per year must be paid for her care and tuition, and you express the hope that it will be possible for an appropriation to be made from Territorial funds for the care of this girl at Vancouver.

In reply I have to advise you that the expenditure of Territorial funds in cases of this kind is, unfortunately in my opinion, limited to white children only, and as the terms of the law are explicit, you will readily understand that I am absolutely prohibited from making the necessary appropriation therefor. If I knew of any other fund which could be used for this purpose, rest assured that it would be used most cheerfully. I assume that when the Territorial legislature passed the legislation to which I refer, the application of the fund was limited to white children for the reason that there are so many native children in the Territory

who are blind or partially blind that it was assumed that the drain upon Territorial funds would not be justified, and also because there is a feeling in Alaska that the needs and requirements of the Indians of Alaska should be attended to by the Federal, and not the Territorial, government.

In my annual report for 1917, it afforded me pleasure to commend the work of the United States Bureau of Education in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 15, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find original bill of lading covering shipment of two boxes of Publicity Bureau pamphlets referred to in letter of a few days ago.

As explained to you in that letter, we are arranging to pay the charges to Seattle, including wharfage at that place.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 17, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

With further reference to the complaint about treatment received by Sam Gullet on the Prince of Wales, en route from Juneau to Sitka, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received by me from Mr. D. Smeaton, agent for the above boat, in this city, with whom I took up the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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January 17, 1918

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Mr. Thomas M. Hunt,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 23, with an affidavit covering the north half of section 36, township 18 north, range east S. M., together with a topographic sketch and type map of the above section.

The contents of your letter have been carefully noted and, within a short time, the board will meet and pass upon all matters to which it refers, of which you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 17, 1918

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Mr. G. B. Dennis, President,
Northwest Mining Association,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, in which you invite me, on behalf of your Association, to attend the sessions of its Ninth Annual Conclave, beginning on February 11 next and ending on February 17.

In reply I have to thank you for your kind invitation, but I regret that, owing to the pressure of official business, I shall be unable to accept.

Expressing the hope that the meeting will be as successful as could be desired, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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January 17, 1918

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Dr. Hugh M. Smith,
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, in which you state that you have received several letters from one John McKee, of Franklin, Alaska, casting aspersions upon the character and loyalty of Christian L. Larson, warden in the Alaska Service and formerly employed as game warden under this office, and that you shall be glad to have any comments that I might care to make in respect to the situation now confronting the Bureau as to Mr. Larson.

In reply I can only state that while Mr. Larson was game warden under the direction of this office, his services were at all times satisfactory and that his resignation as game warden was accepted with sincere regret. I know nothing of Mr. Larson nor of the situation complained of by Mr. McKee and Mr. Davis whatsoever. I believe that Mr. Larson was first appointed game warden by my predecessor on the recommendation of Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, and I continued him in office, for the reason, as noted above, that his services had proved satisfactory.

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In considering complaints such as you have received, it is always well to bear in mind that, especially in the remote and sparsely settled communities in Alaska, and perhaps in other countries, individual feeling runs high at times; in fact, the propinquity of people seems to develop the worst that is within them, instead of the best, and they are inclined to take a very uncharitable view of their neighbors and, in fact, of men and things, governmental and otherwise generally. I believe that while Mr. Larson was employed as a game warden under the direction of this office, a number of complaints against him were received, to which, however, I paid no attention, inasmuch as I was satisfied that they were unfounded and were actuated by malice, rather than by a sincere desire to have the laws executed fairly and impartially and in the interests of good government.

I am making this statement for your own personal use, and do not desire to be quoted.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

Mr. R. Cappelly, President,
Institut International d'Agriculture,
Rome, Italy

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Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8, in which you request copies of all laws affecting agriculture enacted by the Territory of Alaska during the year 1917, and that they be forwarded to your Institut for inclusion in your year-book.

In reply I have to advise you that no legislation of any kind, affecting agriculture, was enacted by the Territory during the year mentioned.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

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Dr. L. P. Dawes,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Dawes:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Dr. W. A. Sawyer,
Secretary of the California State Board of Health, which is
self-explanatory.

May I ask that you furnish Doctor Sawyer with the informa-
tion that he desires?

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

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Juneau, January 18, 1917. O B to Mulato; Collect Night Letter Mulato to Iditared.

J. Wilson Read,

Iditared.

Bahln admitted in July last under nineteen thirteen act which did not require
internship. Record medical board shows he had diploma Chicago School Medicine
and Surgery with three full years and part of fourth and credit of one year for
dentistry studies. Doctors Daves and Myers who conducted examination say think
credentials and record entirely satisfactory.

STRONG, Governor.

~~Secretary to Governor.~~

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January 18, 1918

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Dr. L. P. Dawson,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report for the month of December, 1917. I note you state that, with a single exception, (Douglas) you have been unable to obtain a report from any outside town in this division, and, therefore, you ask for suggestions.

In reply I desire to point out that I note by your report that in the case of whooping cough in the family of one Franzen the report was made by the father, and I would like to ask if there was a physician in attendance in these cases. This office was advised that there was an epidemic of what was supposed to be scarlet fever at Treadwell during the month of December, necessitating the closing of the Treadwell school, and there were similar cases, I am advised, in Douglas. I am also unofficially advised that there were a number of measles cases in Juneau, but your report fails to indicate the occurrence of any contagious disease of this or any other kind.

You are further advised that chapter 42, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, clearly indicates the duty of every physician, and others in this Territory, in reporting communicable diseases.

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Section 8 of the act, supra, reads as follows:

"Whenever any person knows or has reason to believe that any member of his family or household (boarder, roomer, or visitor), has any disease mentioned in section 6 of this act, he shall, within twenty-four hours, if no physician is available, give notice thereof to the local board of health in the health district in which he resides. Such notice shall be given either verbally to one of the members of said board, or by a communication addressed to the board of health and duly mailed within the time specified."

Section 6 defines communicable diseases, and I need not enumerate them to you. Section 12 of the act, supra, reads as follows:

"Every physician in the Territory of Alaska who shall prescribe for, or attend any person having smallpox, plague, yellow fever, cholera, typhus fever, leprosy, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, measles, chicken pox, diphtheria, infantile paralysis, etc., shall, within 24 hours after first discovering the existence of such disease, make a report thereon in writing, to the assistant commissioner of health of the division in which the case appears, upon a blank form to be furnished by the commissioner of health in accordance with subdivision 5, of section 3 of this act, which report shall give the name, age, nativity, residence, date of attack, color, and the sex of the person having such disease, together with the character of the disease."

I also desire to direct your attention to section 13 of the same act, which provides that---

"No child or person infected with any of the diseases in section 6, or any person residing in the same house in which any person may be located who is infected with any of the aforesaid diseases, unless permitted by the health officer, shall be permitted to attend any public, private, parochial, Sunday or other school, church, factory, or any other place of assembly in the Territory; and health officers and persons in charge of such schools, etc., are hereby required to exclude any and all children and persons from such places; such exclusion shall continue until complete recovery of the person afflicted or until the health officer decides that the danger of infecting others no longer exists."

Section 14 provides a penalty for the violation of this law in the amount of \$100 for each offense, or by imprisonment not more than fifty days, or by both fine and imprisonment; and it is made the duty of all United States marshals and their deputies as ex officio constables, to assist in the enforcement of this act.

It has been apparent to this office that too many of the physicians throughout the Territory are absolutely negligent in reporting the existence of communicable diseases, and it seems to me that it has now reached a stage where prosecution is absolutely necessary. Every physician as well as every householder is supposed to be familiar with the law, and ignorance of the law is no excuse. You are, therefore, instructed to at once make such investigation as you may deem necessary and bring such prosecutions as may be necessary in order to secure the enforcement of the law. It is my opinion that there has been too much temporizing in this matter by physicians and others, and, if they will not obey the plain terms of the law, prosecution is the only alternative left. A fund has been provided by the Territory for the prosecution of such cases.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

January 18, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Mr. P. J. Barnett, a labor representative of this city, has just called upon me and has shown me a letter from S. G. Thomas, of Sitka, who states that he is employed as a fireman in the Pioneers' Home and that he is working 12 hours a day as is also the other fireman so employed, contrary to the provisions of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, which became operative, except so far as the output of food fishes is concerned, on January first last.

It has occurred to me that I have had no report from you as to how this law will affect the employees of the Home, but I wish to point out that we cannot afford to have the law violated by a Territorial institution. The hours of the employees, therefore, should be so regulated as not to cause such violation. I do not know whether you can arrange this or not without the employment of additional help, but, if it is necessary to employ such additional help, then it must be done. I am not unmindful of the fact that the monthly wage and salary lists of the Home are now considerably over \$900, and it has occurred to

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me that some changes might be made that would not necessitate the employment of additional help. I have, therefore, to request that you will advise me fully upon this matter, and you are instructed to make such changes as will meet the requirements of the act mentioned above.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 19, 1918

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Dr. J. Wilson Reed,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a confirmation copy of a telegram sent you on yesterday, in reply to your message of the 12th instant, with respect to the license of Dr. Herman Behla, of Iditarod, to practice medicine in this Territory.

Upon receipt of your telegram, the matter was taken up with the Medical Board and the following information was obtained from the records thereof:

Dr. Behla appeared before the Alaska Board of Medical Examiners at a meeting held in July, 1917, at which there were present Doctor B. L. Myers, of Ketchikan, President of the Board, and Dr. L. P. Dawes, of Juneau, who had been specially authorized to act at that meeting in the absence of Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Secretary of the Board. Doctor Behla presented a diploma from the Chicago School of Medicine and Surgery, the medical branch of the Valparaiso University of Valparaiso, Indiana. The record in the case shows that Doctor Behla entered the school on February 1, 1914, and remained until September 1, 1914, and his second year covered the period from October 1, 1914, to May 31, 1915; third year,

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from October 1, 1915, to May 31, 1916; fourth year, October 1, 1916, to May 31, 1917.

The record shows that Doctor Behla received credit on his medical course for one year of dentistry. It is assumed that this credit covered his first year in the school and that the period from February 1 to September 1, 1914, was spent by him in making up other subjects necessary to the medical course, after which he took the regular medical course for a period of three years. This, under the rules of the school, was equivalent to a four-years' medical course and, presumably, the diploma was issued in accordance therewith. The records of the Medical Board show that Doctor Behla was born in Dresden, Germany, in the month of February, 1881.

Doctor Daves was formerly an instructor in the Chicago School of Medicine and Surgery, and he states that in conversation with Doctor Behla, he found that the latter was acquainted with many of the faculty who were there at the time Doctor Daves was a member of the faculty.

Your telegram mentioned the fact that Doctor Behla did not serve as an interne. This, however, was not necessary under the provisions of the Medical Act of 1913, which was in force at the time that Doctor Behla was licensed by the Alaska Medical Board. The amended medical practice act passed

by the 1917 session of the legislature, did not become effective until about August 27.

Apparently, therefore, Doctor Behla's license was issued to him in accordance with the law in force at the time. At least, from the information before the Board, it could not well have refused to grant a license to Doctor Behla.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

January 19, 1918

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Mr. G. Winship, City Ticket Agent,
Pacific Steamship Co.,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority for issuing to Mrs. A. S. Ryan first-class transportation, Juneau to Seattle, via your s. s. City of Seattle, sailing tomorrow; and table seats for Robert H. Ryan, four years of age, and Gertrude Ryan, three years of age.

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

Enclosed you will find exemption certificates covering the transportation and table seat charges.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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

Dear Mr. McPherson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, requesting to be supplied with copies of all publications issued by the Publicity Department.

Before this letter reaches you, you will have received our letter advising the forwarding of two boxes, containing copies of the seven bulletins thus far issued by the Bureau of Publicity. We forwarded 1,000 copies of one of the bulletins and 500 each of the others.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Wm. T. Mahoney,
United States Commissioner,
Ketchikan, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing two bills covering services of Frank Floyd and Jack Cool, in connection with a search authorized by you in December last.

With return of the bills, your attention is directed to the provisions of chapter 31, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, which prescribes the manner and form of submitting claims of this kind. Each claim should be made out on Territorial voucher blanks, four of which are herewith enclosed, and should be signed and sworn to, and a statement or certificate should be made out by you, explaining the circumstances of the case, in form similar to your letter of above date.

A copy of the act referred to is enclosed herewith for convenient reference.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. O. W. Granquist,
Petersburg Packing Company,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 18,
in which you state---

"We are in a quandary as to whether it would be a
violation of the 8-hour law if employees of a machine
shop, paid by the hour, worked over eight hours a day
where practically all work done is on fishing boats."

In reply I beg to respectfully advise you that it is
not the duty of this office to construe chapter 55, Session
Laws of Alaska, 1917, commonly known as the 8-hour law, and I,
therefore, regret that I cannot favor you with a more definite
reply. I may add, however, that the law has been suspended,
on the request of the National Council of Defense and the
Secretary of the Interior, only so far as it affects the
taking and preparing of all kinds of food fish found in
Alaskan waters; clams being also included in the food products.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known the bearer, Mr. C. L. Brown, formerly of this city, for a number of years past, and I know of nothing detrimental to his character in any way. He is active and industrious, and I have no doubt that he would discharge faithfully any trust which might be reposed in him.

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January 22, 1918

Mrs. Ella D. Carr,
Klukwan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, with reference to certain conditions in your community, notably the case of the native girl, Helen Lee and Johnny Ward. I have read your letter with much interest. You evidence a sincere desire for the welfare of the natives of Klukwan, and it is to be regretted that these efforts have been rendered largely futile in the case you mention by the action of the authorities. The condition thus created, however, it seems to me, is beyond legal remedy, inasmuch as Ward, the man of whom you complain, has been duly tried and acquitted through a lack of evidence apparently. It is a notorious fact that it is a difficult matter to prove any alleged condition through Indian testimony, as designing men will be found, unfortunately, who will manipulate the evidence or influence witnesses to give testimony at their dictation.

I note you state that Mr. Kennedy, the United States Commissioner, did everything within his power apparently to secure the acquittal of Johnny Ward, inasmuch as you say,

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"to hear Kennedy talk you would have thought he had been hired by Johnny as his lawyer, instead of being a neutral judge, and I knew that justice would not be given under the circumstances."

Mr. Kennedy is an appointee of the Judge of the District Court for the First judicial division, and the action of the commissioner should be brought to his attention. Further than suggesting this, I do not see that there is anything that I can do in this matter. I have a sincere desire to assist you and the others in the uplift of the natives and the enforcement of the law at all times.

As soon as possible I shall endeavor to have an investigation made of the conditions of which you complain; that is, as soon as I can secure a suitable person to make such investigation. In the meantime, I shall ask you to consider this letter confidential in all particulars.

Yours very truly

Governor

January 22, 1918

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Mr. John H. Evans,
Palmer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 19, in which you request that checks in payment of your allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, be forwarded to Mr. G. White, postmaster at Palmer, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that section 3 of the above chapter provides that checks in payment of allowances must be transmitted to commissioners of the precincts in which the beneficiaries reside. This being the case, the Board has no discretion in the matter. It is understood that you received your checks through Mr. Leopold David, Anchorage.

Yours very truly,

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

Copy to
Mr. Allen Shattuck, Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska

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January 22, 1918

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Mr. S. M. Hawkins, Correspondent,
The Associated Press,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, in which you request that the Associated Press be supplied with any publicity press matter issued by the Alaska Publicity Bureau.

In reply I have to advise you that I am forwarding to you under separate cover, copies of such bulletins as have been issued and which are available.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 22, 1918

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Dr. J. Wilson Reed,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your telegram of January 18, relative to the status of Doctor Herman Behla, of Iditarod, and in confirmation of my telegram to you of January 18, I have to say that I am in receipt of a letter from Doctor B. L. Myers, Chairman of the Alaska Medical Board, Ketchikan, in which he says---

"If my memory serves me, there is no question about Doctor Behla's complying with the law. I feel certain that Doctor DeVigne had a full record regarding each applicant. Doctor Behla impressed me as being frank and honest in every detail."

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 22, 1918

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Dr. L. P. Dawes,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of January, and I note that three cases of communicable diseases reported from Douglas for December had not been copied from the report into your book, hence the failure of these cases to appear in your report. I also note that you have had favorable replies to your letters from physicians at Ketchikan, Haines and Skagway, and from some of the health officers, but no reports of contagious or infectious diseases; and you assume that it does not seem possible that there have been none during the past year in all of these towns.

I have no doubt that your assumption is correct, and I am also sensible of the fact that sometimes it is difficult to obtain evidence of the dereliction of physicians or others in this connection. It might probably be the better way at this time for you to again write to at least the health officers of the various towns, reminding them of the law and of their duty to report communicable diseases to you. It might also be well to intimate to them that it is the intention of the health commissioner to enforce the law and that those who neglect to report communicable diseases will be pro-

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ceeded against whenever and wherever evidences of their failure to make such reports can be obtained.. It is difficult, I find, to secure the cooperation of many of the deputy marshals, simply because of their indifference, apparently. A checking up of the physicians, however, may bring about a change, which certainly is to be desired.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

January 22, 1918

Dr. E. Lester Jones, Supt.,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Jones:

I have received your annual report for the year 1917, which I have examined with great interest, and especially those parts and the accompanying illustrations relating to this Territory.

I have to thank you for your remembrance of me, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 22, 1918

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Mr. I. N. Hylan, Secretary,
Alaska Fishermen's Union,
49 Clay street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a petition of the Salmon packers of Alaska, the Alaska Fishermen's Union and other affiliated organizations, dated December 31, 1917, in which I am asked to endorse a bill introduced by Representative Julius Kahn in the first session of the 65th Congress and numbered H. R. 5875, which has for its object the establishment and maintenance of a general hospital at some central point, such as at the mouth of the Nushagak River, by the United States government, and the maintenance of a government launch service to answer special calls and make the rounds of the various canneries at stated intervals.

In reply I have to advise you that I regret that I cannot recommend the passage of this bill, inasmuch as I believe that the Government is not called upon to make the necessary expenditure to provide a hospital and medical service for a private enterprise or enterprises. Were this to be done, in my opinion any mine owner in the Territory employing a large number of men, might reasonably ask that the Government also

maintain a hospital for his benefit. It seems to me that, under the present system of government at least, it is the bounden duty of those employing a sufficient number of men to furnish hospital and medical services to their own employees, and that it is not a proper charge upon the people of the United States.

The time may come when the Government will provide hospitals and free medical service for all the people all the time, but until that time is reached, I cannot see the logic of any proposition that has for its object the placing of a burden of this kind upon the Government.

You also state that you pay taxes. That is true. So do the mine operators of the country, one mine of which I have knowledge in this Territory, having paid a tax to the Territory alone of several times the amount paid by any cannery or system of canneries in Alaska, and yet this mine does not ask that the Government provide it with a hospital and medical service.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 24, 1918

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Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find voucher in blank, duly certified, accompanied by a detailed statement of subsistence furnished to 17 indigent residents of division No. 3, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka during the quarter ended December 31, 1917. In accordance with your request of some time ago, the voucher has been made up in blank form, but it has been thought best to accompany it with the detailed statement, showing the actual service rendered, so that Judge Brown may know exactly what the subsistence was.

I am sending these papers direct to you as I do not know whether Judge Brown is in Valdez at the present time or not.

Any allowance which the Judge may be able to make will be appreciated by the Board of Trustees of the Home.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 24, 1918

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Mr. R. F. Charlton,
101 Sixth street, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of the sixth ultimo,
I beg to advise that a telegram received this date from the
game warden at Anchorage, Alaska, contains the information
that your brother, E. E. Charlton, is working as a taxi driver
in the town of Anchorage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAD, JANUARY 24, 1918. O. B. HUGH.

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Progressive Miner, KETCHIKAN

Sentinel, WRANGELL

The Report, PETERSBURG

Alaskan, SEAGWAY

Times, Cordova

Prospector, VALDEZ

Gateway, SEWARD

Weekly Post, SEWARD

Times, ANCHORAGE

Democrat, ANCHORAGE

Citizen, FAIRBANKS

News-Miner, FAIRBANKS

News, NENANA,

Daily Nugget, NOME

Worker, NOME

A suggestion Council National Defense public hearings upon petitions for suspension eight hour law as affecting lumber and logging industries, steamship and railway transportation and operation mines in Territory will be held at office of Governor at Juneau beginning at eleven o'clock Tuesday February fifth next. Persons or companies desiring to be heard either for or against petitions should be present or arrange for authorized representatives to appear.

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

STRONG, Governor.

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W. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, January 24, 1918 O. B.

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R. W. Baxter,
A. F. Zipf,
Seattle, Wash.

At suggestion Council National Defense, public hearings upon petitions for suspension eight-hour law as affecting lumber and logging industries, steamship and railway transportation and operation of mines in Territory will begin at Governor's office on February fifth next at eleven o'clock. Interested parties, either for or against petitions, may be present either in person or by authorized representatives.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, Jan. 24, 1918

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Willson & Sylvester Mill Co.,

Wrangell

Public hearings upon petitions for suspension of eight-hour law as affecting lumber and logging industries, steamship and trailway transportation and operation of mines in Territory will be held at Governor's office, Juneau, beginning at eleven o'clock February fifth. Interested parties may appear in person or by authorized representatives.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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- 2 Fish Cannery by Products Company, SEATTLE
- 97 H. McKinney, WRANGELL
- 98 Geo. H. Barry, Secretary Miners Union, VALDEZ
- 125 W. J. Heary, Secretary Labor Union, ANCHORAGE
- 93 Hiram U. Woodin, Fairbanks
- 110 G. A. Riggs, Secretary Federal Union, NOME
- 68 H. Dersch, COUNCIL, via mail from Nome.

At suggestion of Council of National Defense public hearings will be held at Governors office Juneau beginning February fifth next, upon petitions for the suspension of eight hour law as applied to lumber and logging industries, steamship and railway transportation, and mining operations in Territory. Persons wishing to be heard on either side should arrange to be present in or have authorized representatives appear.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

January 24, 1918

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Dr. M. J. Scott,
313 Daly Building,
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. J. F. Mallen of this city, we
are mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of the
Governor's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 24, 1918 O. B.

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Corsar,

Cordova

Public hearings on petitions for suspension eight-hour law as affecting
lumber and logging industries, steamship and railway transportation and
operation of mines in Territory will be held at Governor's office, at
Juneau, beginning February five next at eleven o'clock. Interested parties
may appear either in person or by duly authorized representatives. Please
notify Stannard.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, Jan. 25, 1918 O. B.

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Lang, Clerk of Court,

Valdez

November first George Roll of Hope applied for renewal notary commission, but bond not yet received. Has same reached you?

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 26, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of January 20 and have noted its contents, especially what you say concerning the operation of the eight-hour law at the Home. I trust that you may be able to arrange the working hours so as not to increase the expense. It seems to me that, except in very severe weather, the fire in the furnace could be banked, thus obviating the necessity of keeping a fireman on duty all night. The same also applies to the cooks and waiters, whose hours should, if possible, be arranged so as to enable them to do their work within the allotted time. At the Governor's House we have so arranged the hours that no one works more than eight-hours a day and we get through all right. It gives the employees more time to themselves, which is about the only difference that is noticeable, the work being done just as well as heretofore.

I also note the additional information regarding alleged mistreatment of inmates en route to the Home on board the Prince of Wales, and I shall cause further investigation to be made by the agent in this city. The other matters referred to in your letter will also be given due consideration.

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With reference to burning wood, it is most advisable that
you do so, provided that you can secure it.

Yours very truly,

Gevernor

January 26, 1918

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Mr. Wm. Gall,
R. D. No. 1, Box 106,
Port Blakely, Wash.

Dear Sir:

By reference from A. G. Shoup, superintendent of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, I am in receipt of your letter of January 10, with reference to your application for admission to the Pioneers' Home.

In reply I have to advise you that you are not eligible for admission to the Home under the law, section 1 of which reads as follows:

"Any pioneer of Alaska, regardless of sex, who has attained the age of 65 years and shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or more since the year 1905, * * * may be admitted to and cared for at such institution."

According to your application and letter of August 8, 1917, you left Alaska about the year 1907 and have not resided in the Territory since that time.

You will note that the law provides that to be eligible for admission to the Home, the applicant for such admission must have resided ~~ten~~ consecutive years since 1905, and this clearly debars you from becoming an inmate of that institution.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 26, 1918

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Jack Sutherland, Secretary,
Alaska Labor Union,
Anchorage

Inasmuch as all parties interested in operation eight-hour law have been notified of hearing February fifth, impracticable to postpone it ten days. You will be given opportunity to submit argument before findings are sent to Washington.

STRONG, Governor

Stenographer

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January 25, 1918

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Mr. George Roll,
Hope, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On November 12 last this office received your letter of November 1, enclosing your personal check in the sum of \$10 and requesting the renewal of your notary commission, which expires on the 29th instant. The matter has been held in abeyance, pending the receipt of your new bond and oath of office, which it was assumed you had forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Valdez for his approval. However, on yesterday we wired the clerk of the court, asking him if he had received your new bond and we are today in receipt of his reply, saying that he has not received the same.

Enclosed herewith is a bond blank, on the back of which will be found an oath of office form. If you have not already attended to the matter of the bond and the new oath of office, the enclosed form should be properly filled out and executed, after which the bond should be forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Valdez for his approval, with the request that upon such approval, he send it direct to this office.

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Inasmuch as it will not be possible for you to execute your new bond before the date of expiration of the present commission, there will necessarily be a lapse in your authority to act as a notary, since your new commission will not be made to take effect prior to the date of its actual issuance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 28, 1918

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Miss Josephine Goldmark,
Publication Secretary,
National Consumers' League,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the "Commissioner of Labor," I enclose herewith a copy of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, being the general 8-hour law passed by the Alaska legislature at its last session.

There is no Territorial law other than this limiting the hours of labor for women.

In accordance with the provisions of the act and upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior and the Council of National Defense, the Governor has suspended the restrictions of the law in so far as they apply to all fishing industries in the Territory and manufacturing industries whose products are necessary for use in connection with the fishing industry.

Permit me to thank you for the copy of the brief in defense of the Oregon 10-hour law.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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January 28, 1918

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The United States District Judge,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to this office by Miss Edith B. Garhart of Wrangell, with respect to the establishment of a citizenship night school at that place. The communication should, of course, have been addressed to you instead of to this office.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 29, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Julius Rheinberger has been a resident of this city for the past five years, during which time he has been engaged in the meat business, for the past couple of years having been proprietor of the Independent Meat Market. He is visiting the States on business, and I know nothing against his character as a business man or a resident of Alaska.

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