

January 28, 1918

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Mr. E. A. Barnett,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Council of National Defense, I will, on Tuesday, February 5, 1918, hold public hearings upon petitions for the suspension of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in so far as the same may affect the lumber-manufacturing and logging industries, steam and railway transportation and the operation of mines in the Territory of Alaska.

The hearings will begin at eleven o'clock, a. m., on February 5, in the office of the Governor at Juneau, and will continue for such time as may be necessary for the consideration of petitions then on file. Interested parties desiring to be heard in support of or in opposition to the petitions, but unable to appear in person, may send duly authorized representatives.

Governor

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Mr. Sumner S. Smith,  
United States Mine Inspector for Alaska,  
Eska, Alaska

My dear Mr. Smith:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that Mr. Collins, your clerk, desires to secure an appointment as notary public.

In order to secure such appointment, Mr. Collins will have to execute a bond, with one or more sureties, the bond to be approved by the clerk of the district court at Valdez. An oath of office will also be required, together with the payment of the legal fee of \$10, which should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to the Secretary of Alaska. There is enclosed herewith a blank containing a bond form and an oath of office form. Mr. Collins should make application to this office for appointment as a notary, accompanying the application with the remittance above mentioned, and should send his bond to the clerk of the district court at Valdez for approval, with the request that the clerk mail it to this office when approved. Upon receipt of the applica-

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tion, fee, approved bond and oath of office, a commission will  
be issued and mailed to Mr. Collins.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 31, 1918

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The New York State Food Commission,  
220 West 57th street,  
New York City

Attention Mr. E. H. Bohn

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the "Department of Markets," Juneau, has been delivered to this office, there being no such department in this Territory as the one to which your letter is addressed. There are no market reports, bulletins or pamphlets printed by the Territory of Alaska.

None of the towns in this Territory have established markets.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 30, 1918

Mr. David J. Williams,  
Collector of Internal Revenue,  
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter which reached this office on yesterday, but which evidently should have gone to you. Mrs. Anderson is located in one of the most out-of-the-way places in the Cook Inlet section of Alaska, which is not on any regular mail route. If it is necessary to mail the regular form to her to be filled out, it is unlikely that you will receive it back inside of three or four months, depending entirely upon the uncertain chances of mails carried by private parties who happen to be visiting Ninilchik.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 31, 1918

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Mr. Robert L. Martin,  
1334 East Sixth street,  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to "The Sitka Commerce Club," has been referred to this office.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a number of pamphlets containing information which will probably be of interest and assistance to the pupils of your school in connection with their study of Alaska. We have no pictures for distribution.

If you will address a letter to the Honorable P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., requesting a copy of the latest annual report on the native schools of Alaska and the reindeer industry, he will, no doubt, be able to supply you with the same, and I am sure that you will find it intensely interesting. The schools for natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), of which there are some 90, are maintained by the Bureau of Education; the white schools of the Territory are under the direction of a Territorial board of education, with a commissioner of education actively in charge. The Governor's report for the year 1917, a copy of

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which is being mailed to you, contains a brief report on the white schools of the Territory, which will be found on pages 73 to 79, inclusive. Pages 16 to 24, inclusive, contain a report on the Alaska native school service, the Metlakatla Indians, the Alaska native medical service and the Alaska reindeer service, which will probably be of special interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 31, 1918

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Mr. A. M. Stoddart,  
Rod and Gun Editor The Sun,  
150 Nassau Street  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the "Fish and Game Commissioners," has been referred to this office for attention.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a copy of the Governor's annual report for 1917, which contains brief references to fish and game matters in the Territory.

Your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the annual report on the Alaska game law for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, which report is now being prepared.

For more detailed information regarding the fisheries of Alaska, you are referred to the United States Bureau of Fisheries, which has charge of the fisheries of Alaska you are referred to the United States Bureau of Fisheries, which has charge of the fisheries of the Territory.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 26, together with an invoice of various expendable supplies on hand at the Home on January 1. I note that you have written to Seattle for the form used by the Department of Agriculture for the listing of such supplies in accordance with a recent Federal law.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith a shipping receipt for one keg of deer meat which will go forward on the steamer Prince of Wales sailing this evening.

This deer meat was seized by game warden Aldrich a few days ago and is being forwarded to the Home for the use of the inmates, although Aldrich tells me that a request was made by the United States marshal to deliver it to him. However, Aldrich refused to do so, in which I heartily concurred.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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January 31, 1918

Mr. D. E. Stubbs,  
United States Commissioner,  
Aniak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30, in which you state that you have appointed Peter Steger, late of Kuskokwim district, administrator of the estate of Mathias Scherthaner, deceased. You also state that the administrator claims that the father of the decedent is living at Saalsburg, Austria, and you ask if said decedent proves to have heirs living in Austria, "will the estate go to them?"

In reply I have to advise you that section 608, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, reads as follows:

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

It would appear, therefore, that the estate would revert to the heirs, even though they live in a foreign country. Of course, at this time, the United States being engaged in a war with Austria, all relations have been severed and the matter of the estate must necessarily remain in abeyance until

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such time as peace shall have been declared and diplomatic relations again resumed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1918

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Mr. John Johnson,  
P. O. Box 54,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, in which you state that you are now receiving \$25.50 per quarter from the Territory as an allowance under the so-called pension law, and that your present allowance is not sufficient for your maintenance. You also state that you are nearly 75 years old and unable to do much work.

In reply I have to advise you that the matter of increasing your pension will be taken up at the next meeting of the board, which will probably be on or about February 15.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. A. F. Moore,  
Acting Commissioner,  
Bureau of Fisheries,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16, in which you state that you have received a communication from Mr. Robert Beggs, of Eagle, Alaska, applying for the position of warden in the Alaska Service of your Bureau; and you state that a statement from me as to what I know about Mr. Beggs would be appreciated.

In reply I have to advise you that I have known Mr. Beggs for a number of years. He has lived at Eagle for quite a long time, I understand, and, so far as I am advised, he is a man of integrity and would, no doubt, discharge the duties of fur warden satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. D. E. Stubbe, United States Commissioner at Aniak, that Ivan J. Andrianoff, who has been receiving an allowance under the Territorial law, died on or about November 16 at Aniak. His name, therefore, should be stricken from the pension rolls.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 24, 1918

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Mr. E. B. Collins,

Fox, Alaska

My dear Mr. Speaker:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, enclosing a check in favor of Michael Harty, Territorial pensioner, in the sum of \$24, and stating that Mr. Harty left Fox some time ago and is now at the Pioneers' Home.

I was pleased to hear from you once more and trust that the world is using you and yours as nicely as could be desired.

With best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Collins, and not forgetting your daughter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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January 31, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a check for \$24, issued by the Treasurer of the Territory, in favor of Michael Harty, Fox, Alaska, which has been returned to this office by Mr. E. B. Collins, with the statement that Mr. Harty left Fox some time ago and is now in the Pioneers' Home.

The check should be forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer for cancellation.

Yours very truly,

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

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$508.06. in favor of  
the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, and signed by Charles E.  
Bunnell, United States District Judge for the Fourth judicial  
division, which you will please endorse and forward to the  
Territorial Treasurer.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman  
of the Board of Trustees

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January 31, 1918

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Mr. Clarence Curtis,

Uyak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 17, in which you ask if there is any law in Alaska which regulates the sale of mining stocks in the States and if anyone can represent or misrepresent to suit himself in a matter of this kind.

In reply I have to advise you that some of the States regulate the sale of stocks, but manifestly there is no law in Alaska which can regulate the sale of stock in any of the States, as this is a matter that each state must determine for itself. There is a Federal law, however, distinctly forbidding the misrepresentation of the value of any stocks that might be placed upon the market. That this is done, however, at times, is also manifest, but numerous prosecutions have been made under the law and its violators have been imprisoned.

The Territorial Mine Inspector's office is located in Juneau, but the Mine Inspector has nothing to do concerning the sale of mining stocks, either in the Territory or outside of it, his duties being confined to the inspection of mines and reporting thereon from time to time.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

January 31, 1918

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Mr. Eli Katanock,  
Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 27, with reference to the establishment of a post office at Angoon. It is noted that a petition has been circulated by Mr. Soboleff, asking for the establishment of such post office with, presumably, himself as postmaster. If, as you say, Mr. Soboleff is not satisfactory to the community of Angoon, I would suggest that you prepare another petition, naming someone who will be satisfactory to the majority of the inhabitants, and forward it to the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. The advisability of establishing such an office at Angoon would, perhaps, be referred to the postmaster at Juneau for his opinion in the matter, but the matter should be taken up directly with the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., as intimated above.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Feb. 1, 1918 O. B.

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Jack Sutherland, Secretary Alaska Labor Union,

Anchorage

Reference your telegram thirty-first, will give time to submit argument; or, if your prefer, you may submit written statement instead of oral, thus saving expense of trip.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, Feb. 2, 1918      NIGHT      COLLECT

R. M. McElroy,  
National Security League,  
New York City

Heartily endorse National Security League's campaign of patriotism through  
education.

STRONG, Governor

February 5, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 441, issued by Judge Brown, in your favor as Superintendent of the Home, for the sum of \$100.11, being the unexpended balance on hand in the Federal indigent fund for the quarter ended December 31, 1917.

The check is sent you for indorsement and disposition in the usual way.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 4, 1918

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Mr. M. P. Fleischman,  
Rampart, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, addressed to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, in which you state that one O. C. Clemens, of Rampart, intends to apply for a Territorial pension, and that he is not entitled to such allowance, as he has mining property of some value on Hunter Creek, which, about six months ago, he transferred to his wife for the purpose of making an application for allowance.

In reply I have to thank you for your letter and the information contained therein, which will be referred to the Board for suitable action, should Mr. Clemens make application for such allowance.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Via Wireless

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Junesau, February 12, 1918. O B ~~SECRET~~ Govt. Nite. Pd Cash (128)

Geo. B. Grigsby,  
care Chas. A. Sulser,  
WASHINGTON.

Your telegram eleventh. If your request for extension leave absence is necessary and legitimate and in interest of business of Territory it will be granted.

STRONG, Governor.

~~Washburn~~

Secretary to Governor.

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February 13, 1918.

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Mr. J. F. V. Ross,

Shell, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultime requesting printed matter relative to Alaska, and inquiring whether you could probably secure work in the mines in winter and work on a farm during the summer; or secure work as a plasterer.

In reply you are advised that if your land happened to be located near a mine you might possibly be able to secure work in the mine during a part of the year, but this, of course, would depend entirely upon the labor supply at the time, and this office cannot give any assurances on this point.

There is at the present time practically no work for plasterers, since there is almost no building construction being carried on, owing to the war conditions in general, and local conditions in particular. As a matter of fact nearly all classes of mechanics are receiving better pay in the States than they could get in Alaska, and there is, of course, much more work going on in the States than here.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of a number of bulletins, etc., which may be of some interest.

Respectfully yours,

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February 13, 1918.

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Brewood,

519 13th Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check No. 785 of this date in your favor for \$14.20, covering voucher signed by you some time ago for Governor's House note paper and envelopes. The voucher as made out by you called for \$14.25, but the items total \$14.20, being as follows:

Note Sheets Stamped	1 M @ 9.65	. . .	9.65
Envelopes	" 500 9.10	. . .	4.55

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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February 15, 1918.

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Mr. William Maloney,  
Territorial Mine Inspector,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

With reference to your expense account for January, which has just been approved by the Governor in the full amount submitted. It is noted that subvoucher #1, R. P. Nelson, does not contain complete information: the explanation on the subvoucher being simply "for writing paper." The kind and quantity of paper should have been indicated. Also, the item of stamps for office use is not accompanied by a subvoucher. It is but little trouble to take a receipt when buying stamps, and this is by far the better practice. Kindly do so in future.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 15, 1918.

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Miss Anne Bartlette Tubbs,  
156 5th Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th ultimo, in which you request information concerning the prohibition law in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature passed an act (Chapter 7, 1915 session laws) "Providing for an expression by the people of the Territory of Alaska as to whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold in the Territory of Alaska after the first day of January, 1918," and at the general election held on November 7, 1916, the referendum carried by a vote of 9,052 for prohibition, against 4,835 opposed. At the following session of Congress the Delegate from Alaska, Hon. James Wickersham, introduced a "bone dry" bill which, with some changes, was finally passed by the Congress and approved by the President on February 14, 1917 -- a most splendid Valentine for Alaska. The law became effective January 1, 1918. I am not able to give you the figures on the vote in Congress on the bill, but it was practically unanimous.

The 1917 session of the Alaska legislature passed an anti-liquor advertising act (Chapter 11, 1917 S. L.) to supplement the "bone-dry" law, and also an act (Chapter 19) prohibiting the sale, exchange or giving of tobacco in any form to minors under 18.

It will be observed that Alaska is pretty well fortified

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in so far as laws are concerned, and if the enforcement of the laws is as carefully attended to as it should be by all the various officers who are specifically called upon, in the bone dry act, to assist in such enforcement, the liquor traffic will have but little chance to exist in Alaska.

There has been some little evidence of illicit traffic since the first of the year, but as a whole the result of the going into effect of the law may be said to be quite satisfactory.

Enclosed herewith you will find 2 copies of the referendum act of the 1915 session, and 1 copy of a circular issued by this office on the 1st instant which contains a reprint of the "Bone Dry" law and three hundred acts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

February 16, 1918.

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The Patterson-O'Brien Company,  
Walker Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

We are referred to you by the dental firm of Kaser and Freeburger, of Junction, of whom we recently inquired about sanitary drinking cups and containers, or brackets. We desire to secure a supply of cups, with bracket or container for, say, 50 cups, and would like to know the cost of such appliance and, say, 300 cups, delivered at Junction.

If you have any printed matter descriptive of such supplies, we would appreciate receiving a copy of same with your reply hereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 19, 1918.

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Mr. F. C. Driffield,  
United States Commissioner,  
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a blank form received at this office from the Juvenile Court, Portland, Oregon, calling for information as to the death of one Arthur H. Johnson, at or near Sand Point, Alaska, in June, 1914.

If you have any record, or information, concerning this case, will you kindly note it on the enclosed blank, sign the same, and return it to this office. Inquiry at the office of the Secretary of Alaska, who is ex officio Registrar of Vital Statistics, elicits the information that that office has no return on the case in question, therefore we are obliged to refer the matter to you.

When replying, kindly use the enclosed addressed and franked envelope.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

February 19, 1918.

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Mrs. Jessie Landingham,  
Mothers' Pension Director,  
Room 545 Court House,  
PORTLAND, OREGON.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the State Health Office, Sitka, which has been forwarded to this office for attention.

Inquiry at the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics discloses that that office has no return on the death of Arthur H. Johnson at or near Sand Point, Alaska, in June, 1914. We are therefore obliged to direct an inquiry to the United States Commissioner at Unga, Alaska, whose jurisdiction extends to Sand Point. This will necessitate a delay of two months, or possibly longer. As soon as we hear from the Commissioner you will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1918

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Mr. George F. Quinby,  
Field Secretary,  
Associated Industries, Massachusetts,  
1034 Kimball Building,  
BOSTON, MASS.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant addressed to the Commissioner of Labor, which has been delivered to this office in the absence of a Commissioner of Labor for Alaska.

Replying to your inquiries you are advised that there has not been any provision made in this Territory for the gathering of data and compilation of figures covering the various industries of the Territory, nor has any classification been made.

Enclosed you will find one copy each of Chapters 4 and 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917; the one being an act establishing an 8-hour day in all underground mine work, the other providing for a general 8-hour day for all salary and wage earners.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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February 19, 1918.

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Mr. D. H. Christee,  
Secretary, Alaska Pharmacy Board,  
Douglas, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit  
herewith, for filing with the records of the board, the  
duplicate oaths of office of Messrs. E. H. Seeley, Juneau,  
D. H. Christee, Treadwell, and Ralph T. Kubon, Fairbanks.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 19, 1918

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I hand you herewith, for filing with the records of the Board, the duplicate copies of the oaths of office of Dr. W. Edward Zuber, Ketchikan, and Dr. Otto J. Keating, Seward.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

February 19, 1918.

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Dr. William Fallister,  
Secretary, Alaska Medical Board,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith, for  
filing with the records of the Medical Board, duplicate copies of  
the oaths of office of the members of the Board.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1918.

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Hon. R. A. Gunnison,  
Chairman, Commission on Uniform Laws,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith duplicate copies of oaths of office executed by the members of the Commission who were sworn by the Governor in August, 1917. These should be filed with the records of the Commission.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 19, 1918

Mr. Charles Ondonok,

Angeon, Alaska

Dear Sir:

It is always gratifying to me to note the progress that is being made by the native people of Alaska toward a higher civilization, and these efforts should receive the unstinted support of all those who are interested in the advancement of the Indian race.

It is noted that the village of Angeon has recently been incorporated and a council elected to manage its affairs. I, therefore, have to advise that the people, in availing themselves of this measure of self-government, should proceed cautiously and not attempt too many things at the same time. In other words, it is better to do one thing well than to attempt to do half a dozen things badly. The native villages which have councils can do much in the way of sanitation, street improvements and the like, and it seems to me that these are the first things that should be considered. It is necessary for the health of any people that there be a good system of sanitation---in short, that cleanliness should be observed at all times. And this is a prime duty devolving upon the village councils.

It is also noticed that the younger people (and this applies to whites as well as to Indians) are prone to disregard the advice of their elders who have had experience such as the younger people cannot have, and the advice and counsel of the elders in the Indian villages should certainly command respect. "Young men for action

and old men for counsel," is a wise and true saying that, if followed, would make for better conditions everywhere.

I do not believe it advisable for a village council to proceed too rapidly in levying taxes, but these should be laid according to strict justice in every case and only such money raised as is necessary to meet the actual needs of the village.

The Governor's office has received, of late, many complaints as to the killing of game in the close season, it being charged that many Indians totally disregarded the game law and not only killed game out of season, but selected only the choice portions, leaving the other portions to go to waste. It seems to me that it is the prime duty of the Indians of southeastern Alaska to assist the Government in the conservation of the game and this can only be done by a strict observance of the law.

It is to be hoped that the people of Angoon and vicinity will, therefore, not only observe law themselves, but will report to the nearest officers any violations that may come within their notice. It is only by enforcing the law that the game of this portion of the Territory can be preserved for future use.

I am also pleased to learn of the spirit of patriotism and loyalty that the people of Angoon and other villages are showing in the present war in which the United States is engaged. It is a war for freedom and humanity and the Indians of Alaska are to be congratulated upon the interest and intelligence they are displaying in this great conflict and the work that they are doing in

in behalf of the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations.

I trust that the village will continue to prosper, and  
with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 19, 1918

Mr. Louis Shortridge,  
Box 112,  
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6, in which you inquire "Are the noncitizen native Alaskans (Indians) subject to the war income tax, or do they have to make a return?" It is noted that your salary is \$1500 and that it began in July, 1917. I am, therefore, of the opinion that you are not subject to an income tax for the year 1917, inasmuch as your total rate of compensation for the six months in 1917 would be \$750. In the case of a single man, the exemption is \$1,000, and if you had received the full year's salary, you would have been compelled to pay a tax on the excess, or \$500. I am advised that no one is exempt from the payment of an income tax because of race, color or citizenship.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, February 23, 1918. O. B.

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US Attorney Beth,

Fairbanks.

Please wire status of eight hour law violation case,  
reported here to be pending in Fairbanks.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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February 23, 1918.

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The Agent,

"Prince of Wales,"

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Please furnish to the bearer, Mr. John Limbach, transportation, meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, on the next sailing of the "Prince of Wales," charging the same to the Territory of Alaska and presenting bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

Certificate of exemption from act of October 3, 1917, is herewith enclosed to cover this order.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Jamez, Feb. 25, 1918. ~~xxxx~~ Night Letter COLLECT.

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Craig Lumber Co.,

CRAIG,

Replying your telegram twentieth the governor has no authority to grant permission  
to work overtime on mill improvements.

STRONG, Governor.

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February 25, 1918.

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

My Dear Sir:

Herewith I transmit the approved bond, oath of office,  
and fee (\$10) of Mr. H. H. Post, of Juneau, Alaska, who wishes his  
notary commission renewed as of date February 27, 1918 -- the date  
on which his present commission expires. Mr. Post handed these  
documents and the fee in to this office personally, and did not  
file a written application.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 25, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to return the vouchers which were received with your letter of January 26th (which did not reach this office until the 21st instant), and to call your attention to the fact that they are not made out in accordance with Chapter 31, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

The vouchers must be sworn to by the payee, and there should be a certificate from you showing that the searching party was duly authorized, and giving the name of the person who was placed in charge thereof.

The voucher for supplies furnished to Hamilton by J. R. Heckman & Co. should contain Hamilton's certificate that he received the supplies and that they were used for the purpose stated.

The vouchers for services of Cool and Ley should show the actual dates on which their services were rendered, and the rate per day.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 20, 1918. Night Letter Collect.

Cyril P. Wood,

EDITAROD,

Notary commission will be issued as of twenty first  
and you may continue to act.

STRONG.

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Juneau, February 26, 1918. Night Letter COLLECT.

F. B. GILL,  
Sailor Union,  
SEATTLE, WASH.

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Lincoln's birthday legal holiday this year under provisions chapter one  
session laws of Alaska nineteen seventeen.

STRONG, Governor.

February 27, 1918

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James A. Smiser, Esq.,  
United States Attorney,  
CITY.

My dear Sir:

In response to your request I enclose one copy each of the Governor's Proclamation of December 15, 1917, suspending the restrictions of the 8-hour law as to the salmon industry, etc., and his Executive Order of January 7th suspending the same law as to the halibut, herring, cod, and all other kinds of food fish, including clams and other shellfish.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

2 encls.

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February 27, 1918.

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The Tenakee Fisheries Company,

Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 19th instant you will find enclosed one copy each of the two orders issued by the Governor, suspending the restrictions of Chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in so far as they may apply to the salmon and other fisheries of Alaska, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 27, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Marion W. Goldstein, is a young man who has grown up in this city, where he is highly esteemed by all who know him. He is engaged in the service of his country in the present war, and I cannot recommend him too highly to all those whom he may meet as a young man of fine character, excellent ability and of the strictest integrity; and I am sure that he will discharge faithfully any trust or duty that may be reposed in him.

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Juneau, March 1, 1918. Night Letter COLLEGE.

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Henry Shattuck,

Frye Hotel,

SEATTLE.

Reference telegram twenty sixth ultimo record and recommendations covering recent hearings on eight hour law now en way to Washington for consideration National Council Defense and Secretary Interior. Law held invalid by Judge Dunnell at Fairbanks on twenty seventh ultimo. This for your information.

STRONG.

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March 1, 1918

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Messrs. George B. Hurd & Co.,  
424-27 Broome street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th ultimo,  
in which you request to be supplied with a good picture or photo-  
graph of the Alaska capitol building.

The Governor's office is located in a building formerly  
used as an Indian mission school. Other public offices are  
located in various buildings in Juneau, the only departments  
provided with a special building being those of the United  
States district court and the United States marshal's office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1918

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Mr. John C. Murphy,  
Attorney at law,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of January last, we are mailing to you, under separate cover, as first-class mail, a half-dozen blank applications for allowance under the Territorial pension act.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1918

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Mr. M. B. Dahl,  
802 South Junett street,  
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you are making a close study of northwestern Alaska, and ask that a copy of the Governor's annual report be mailed you.

Under separate cover, we are mailing you a copy of the Governor's last annual report, together with copies of a number of pamphlets recently issued by the Alaska Bureau of Publicity, which may also be of interest.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1918

Captain E. Harrigan,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of applications for examination for commission or warrant in the United States Naval Reserve force, which I advised you I would send for some time ago. If you are still interested in this matter, kindly call at this office and you will be supplied with a blank application.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska March 1, 1918. Night Letter Collect.

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Ketchikan Iron Works,

Ketchikan.

Reference your message February twenty second have mailed to Washington complete record and recommendations relative applications for suspension eight hour law for consideration National council defense. Judge of district court at Fairbanks on twenty seventh February handed down decision declaring eight hour law invalid. This for your information.

STRONG, Governor.

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March 3, 1918

THE DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH,  
THE KETCHIKAN PROGRESSIVE MINER,

The Governor's office has been asked to assist relatives in obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of Albert S. Johnson, an American of Swedish descent, 27 years of age, about six feet in height, light complexion, chestnut hair and blue eyes.

Johnson was last heard of in 1907, at which time he was in Ketchikan.

Any person having any information concerning this man will confer a favor by communicating with the Governor's office at Juneau.

March 3, 1918

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Lieut. Colonel E. Marcussen, Secretary,  
Department of Charities and Prisons,  
The Salvation Army,  
669-73 South State street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th of October last.(C-2295), which did not reach this office until February 19, in which you ask the assistance of this office in the efforts which are being made to ascertain the whereabouts of one Albert S. Johnson, who was last heard of in 1907, when he was in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Following the usual course in cases of this kind, we are asking the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning this man and, should any responses be received, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 2, 1918

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Mr. Charles W. Watts,  
c/o Sawyer-Reynolds Camp,  
Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, in which you ask, "In regard to that eight-hour law, are we responsible if the company we are working for works us over eight hours?" You also state that you are working in a logging camp, taking out piling.

In reply I have to advise you that the whole matter of the further suspension of the eight-hour law, as applied to Alaska, has been referred, by request, to the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, after full hearings had been held, touching the advisability of the suspension of the law at the Governor's office.

For your further information, I have to advise you that the judge of the district court for the Fourth judicial division, a few days ago, decided that the law was unconstitutional.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 2, 1918

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Mr. Frank N. Barker,  
15 West McGraw street,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14,  
in which you state that you have been advised by Mr. John Ronen  
that the Territorial legislature had passed an act providing  
a relief fund for the rescue and relief of persons lost in  
Alaska; and that Mr. Ronen had sent you a copy of the act.  
By reference to section 3, you will note that a search for lost  
persons must be authorized by a United States Commissioner,  
who, when notified that a person has been lost, may direct  
some competent person to organize a relief or rescue party,  
the expense of which shall be paid from the Territorial treasury  
upon vouchers in duplicate, properly made out, signed, <sup>and</sup> sworn to  
by the person so appointed to direct such rescue or relief party.  
The oath to the voucher provided for shall be taken and made  
before such United States Commissioner and such voucher will be  
paid upon approval by the Governor.

It does not follow that your relief party was authorized  
by any United States commissioner; however, you might take it up  
with the commissioner in the precinct in which the lost resided.

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Manifestly, this office can take no action in the matter until properly executed vouchers for the services rendered are received.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1919

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

My dear Judge Houston:

I have been somewhat delayed in replying to your letter of February 19, in which you ask to be informed as to H. R. 7334, a bill to regulate the sale and killing of game in Alaska; also as to a bill to disapprove the act of the last Legislature of the Territory, in reference to marriage in so far as it relates to unclassified native tribes of Alaska--by reason of the fact that I waited for the bill which you had called to me and which has just arrived.

First, with reference to the bill relating to the killing of game in Alaska, I have to say that it seems to me that it would not be advisable to amend this bill into law at this time. It is my belief that there is no demand for such legislation and that, if such legislation were passed, it would lead to indiscriminate slaughter of game, especially of interior Alaska. The present law, which no doubt is defective in many particulars, it seems to me is liberal enough in the provisions to provide any person with a legitimate game supply. It is gathered that this is desired to be a conservation measure, but, in my opinion, the best way to conserve game is on the hoof and not in cold storage, as provided by this bill. The suggested transfer of

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March 2, 1918

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

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Alaska are capable of furnishing an almost unlimited meat supply for the people of the interior country. There are probably 100,000 reindeer on Seward Peninsula, in the Kuskokwim and Tanana valleys and on the southern coast of Bering Sea. The market for this kind of meat is extremely limited and, instead of providing for the killing of additional wild game for food, it seems to me the Government could well afford to take such steps as might be necessary for the purpose of extending the market for the consumption of fresh, dried and salted reindeer meat. If this were done, the supply is sufficient to meet all demands that would likely be made for fresh meat, and the reindeer industry would be thereby greatly stimulated. At present practically the only market found for fresh reindeer meat is at Nome, Iditarod, Ruby and a few other small mining camps scattered throughout the interior.

With reference to H. R. 9509, relating to marriages among the uncivilized native tribes of Alaska, I am transmitting herewith a letter from Rev. David Waggoner, for 17 years a missionary among the natives of Alaska, and who is still actively engaged in that work. It seems to me that Mr. Waggoner should be a competent authority upon this question, much better than I myself, and I, therefore, endorse in full his views with respect to the bill.

With assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Enc.

March 2, 1918

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Hon. R. F. Roth,  
United States Attorney,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Permit me to express my thanks for the information you so kindly furnished me by telegram concerning the decision of Judge Bunnell with regard to the eight-hour law.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1918

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Mr. W. R. Colvin,  
5633 1/2 California Ave.,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23d ultimo, in which you inquire if we have heard from the Quartermaster General with regard to refund of transportation due the members of the Alaska rifle team.

In reply I beg to advise that we have not yet heard from the Quartermaster General, but should hear from him in the near future. When taking the matter of refund up with the Quartermaster General, we requested that a check or warrant in payment of the amount due you be sent you in care of general delivery, Seattle, which was the address you left at this office before going to Seattle,

With reference to the draft, I beg to say that instructions are being issued today to the various local boards in the Territory, directing them to begin the mailing of questionnaires, and you may expect to receive a questionnaire blank from Local Board No. 3, Juneau, within the next two or three weeks. I am advising Mr. A. E. Maltby, Chairman of the Local Board, as to your present Seattle address, so that the questionnaire may be

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mailed to that address.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 4, 1918. O. B.

Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan.

Telegram received and at suggestion Fallister have  
authorized Dr. Daves to act at meeting of medical board tomorrow.

STRONG, Governor.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Secretary to Governor.

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March 4, 1918.

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Dr. L. P. Daves,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of telegraphic advice this date from Dr. B. L. Myers, of Ketchikan, President of the Alaska Board of Medical Examiners, that he will be unable to attend a meeting of that Board called for the 5th instant, and asking that I designate a substitute to act in his stead at the meeting.

At the suggestion of Dr. Pallister, Secretary of the Board, I hereby request you to act on the Board at the meeting called for the 5th instant, in place of Dr. Myers, and hereby authorize you to so act, and to perform all such acts and duties as are necessary and proper in connection with such meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 5, 1918.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the approved bond, oath of office, and fee of \$10, submitted by John T. Reed, Juneau, Alaska, in connection with his application for renewal of his notary commission, which expires on the 6th instant. The application is also enclosed.

Will you kindly have the renewal commission prepared for the Governor's signature, in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 4, 1918

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United States Civil Service Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your form letter in regard to the application of George Robbles, of Washington, D. C., for examination as an accountant, in which you ask for information relative to his qualifications, for the inspection and scrutiny of the Commission and the Department to which the applicant's name may be certified.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Robbles was employed as a stenographer and filing clerk in this office for a period of eleven months, from July 1, 1913, to May 30, 1914, and as such as he was found to be efficient. I know nothing, however, as to his experience as bookkeeper or accountant. I may add that his loyalty to the Government is unquestioned. He is also a young man of pleasing personality, excellent habits, and I believe that he would render good service in any position which he is capable of filling.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1918

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Mr. E. P. Wells,

Baker, Montana

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16, ultimo, in which you ask for information concerning the possibilities of the Aleutian Islands for sheep raising purposes. In reply to your specific inquiries I have to state that---

(1) The Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula have a climate characterized by comparatively moderate and limited range of temperature and less humidity than that of the Pacific coast to the east. The total precipitation is about 80 inches, which mostly falls as rains. A mean summer temperature of 50 to 55° and a mean annual temperature of 40° is indicated by the meager data at hand. The extremes of temperature recorded at Unalaska are 78° in July and 5° in January. The summers are characterized by fogs, alternating with severe southwesterly gales accompanied by rain. The climate of the Aleutian Islands is not unlike that of Scotland.

(2) There are said to be foxes on most of the islands, but I do not believe they are very plentiful. The brown bear, a fierce and destructive animal, is found on Kodiak Island. The islands are untimbered

(4) For the most part the islands are mountainous, the mountains, however, being generally low.

(5) I cannot advise you as to how long it would be necessary to feed livestock, but probably two to three months of the year.

For further information of the kind that you desire, I would suggest that you write Doctor C. C. Georgeson, Agronomist in Charge, Agricultural Experiment Stations, Sitka, Alaska.

I am enclosing herewith a number of pamphlets, which may be of some service to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 5, 1918

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Mr. Nels Anderson,  
Chairman, Board of Health,  
Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Sir:

This office has received, by reference from Judge Jennings, your affidavit of the 16th ultimo, and five bills accompanying the same, purporting to cover expenses incident to the scarlet fever cases in the Treadwell school district during the month of January last.

The bills submitted by you are not receipted to show payment, and it is assumed that they have not been paid. This being the case, vouchers should be made out to cover, each of which should be signed by the payee thereof, and the bills should then be returned to this office with the vouchers covering them. The vouchers should be made out and signed in duplicate, and blanks for this purpose are herewith enclosed.

With reference to the two bills of the Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Company, it is noted that one of these does not contain any detail, the items simply referring to merchandise in lump sum amounts. Furthermore, it appears that the first item on the bill in question was obtained on December 31, or prior thereto, which does not bring it within the period stated within your af-

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fidavitsas that during which the cases of scarlet fever were reported and which required isolation, treatment and fumigation. Unless the items were connected with this particular matter, some explanation should be made as to why the amount of \$3.20 should be included as part of the expense incident to the scarlet fever cases.

In preparing the vouchers, full detail from the bills should be entered thereon, and the payee in each case should sign on the line indicated by the words, "Sign here." No other signatures will be required on the vouchers.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 6, 1918. O. B. Ans.

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Bunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday Eric Johnson will be admitted to Pioneers Home.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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March 6, 1918

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Mrs. Gus E. Sjöberg,

Unga, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6, which I have read with great interest. I am sorry, indeed, that conditions are not good at Unga, and I am especially impressed with what you say with respect to the care of cattle, young and old, which are apparently permitted to die because of a lack of food and shelter. Have you not a United States commissioner and a deputy marshal at Unga who could enforce the law and compel these people owning cattle to properly care for them?

There are laws that might be invoked for this purpose and it is surely the duty of the local officers to enforce them.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

Mr. C. Goldstein, President,  
Juneau Commercial Association,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 21, in which you ask that, if it is not incompatible with the public interest, an appropriation be made from the Territorial treasury for the proper care and distribution of 300,000 brook trout eggs, now being propagated in this city. I have also received other requests for an appropriation for this purpose. As you are, I think, aware, there is no fund which specifically can be used for the purposes mentioned in your letter, but under the circumstances, I believe that I will be justified in making at least a small appropriation in order to tide you over, as it were, for the time being. I will, therefore, issue a voucher, payable to you, in the sum of \$200 for the work of caring for the above-mentioned trout eggs as an economic matter so that they may not be permitted to go to waste.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Dr. W. H. Chase,

Cordeva, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, with reference to the recently issued order relative to salmon fishing in the Copper River. This matter had been brought to my attention before, and I agree with you that this order is practically useless for the purpose for which it was intended; namely, the conservation of fish going up the river. I remember, when I visited Abercrombie Canyon, in 1915, the location of the cannery at that point. It is my deliberate opinion that a cannery should never have been permitted on the Copper River at any point whatsoever.

I would suggest that your Chamber of Commerce take up this matter direct with the United States Bureau of Fisheries, and certainly I shall endeavor to do everything that I can to assist you while I remain in office.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Mr. W. H. Warren,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, together with a copy of resolutions of protest against the proposed transportation of alien enemy fishermen from Puget Sound to Alaskan waters.

In reply I have to advise you that I have carefully read your letter and the accompanying resolutions, and I wish to express my sympathy with their object, and shall be glad to do anything that it may be possible for me to do to the end that the resolutions be given immediate effect.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Mr. David H. Christie, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Alaska Territorial Board of Pharmacy,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, with reference to matters connected with the pharmacy board. It is noted that Mr. W. H. Seeley, chairman of the board, has left the Territory and will probably not return; also that you received such property belonging to the board as was in Mr. Seeley's possession. You also ask if you can give Mr. Ryan a receipt for the books, papers and moneys that he turned over to you on October 22 last.

In reply I have to state that you may give a receipt for everything that you received from him, including such moneys as were turned over to you as former treasurer of the board.

As soon as possible, I shall take up the matter of appointing a successor to Mr. Seeley.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Mr. Peter Petrovsky,

Uyak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from the superintendent of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, I am in receipt of your letter of February 6, in which you ask if Peter F. Brown, formerly of Uyak, who died recently in St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau, left any property to the Pioneers' Home.

I am not advised as to this, but there is no record of it, so far as I am able to ascertain. It is possible that he may have disposed of his property while in the hospital, and it might be well for you to address the St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau, for the information which you seek.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 8, 1918

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The Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

There is herewith returned your bill No. 3138, dated January 22, 1918, covering supplies furnished to a search party in Broad Pass, in the matter of Joe Samson, the bill amounting to \$47.70. Your attention is called to the provisions of chapter 21, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, which authorized United States commissioners to send out searching parties for lost persons, and designates the form in which the expenses of a searching party are to be presented for payment. If the search party sent out to look for Joe Samson was duly authorized by the United States Commissioner, the bill in question will be paid when presented in due form, with a certificate from the commissioner, in conformity with the act above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 13, 1918.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved bond, oath of office, and check in the sum of \$10 endorsed to your order, received from J. R. Fitzgerald, of Kake, Alaska, who wishes a commission as a notary public.

Will you kindly have the commission in this case prepared for the Governor's signature, in due course, and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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March 13, 1918

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23,  
transmitting the applications for allowance of A. H. Williams,  
of Nome, Theodore Albrecht, of Nome; J. W. Phillips, of Ruby;  
O. C. Clemens of Rampart, and Matti Kauppila of Anchorage.

Your comments on these applications are noted and will be  
given due consideration when Mr. Shattuck and I hold the next  
meeting.

I have also received the applications of David Englund,  
of Anchorage, which was forwarded back with a physician's certifi-  
cate accompanying it, and of Joseph S. Stump, of Nome, and these  
will be considered and forwarded to you as soon as Mr. Shattuck  
and I can hold a meeting.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I have your letter of February 23, transmitting a letter from R. W. Heilig, United States Commissioner at Fairbanks, with reference to the case of one A. S. Blanchard, a beneficiary under chapter 64, Session Laws of 1915, who, Mr. Heilig states, has been sentenced by him to three months in jail for violating the liquor laws. It is noted that you recommend that Blanchard's allowance for the quarter ending June 30 next be canceled, and as this meets with the approval of both Mr. Shattuck and myself, you are instructed so to do.

Yours very truly,

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

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March 12, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, with reference to the bid of Haldo Burns, for cutting and delivering to the Home 600 cords of hemlock, 4 feet in length, at \$6 per cord, less stumpage. It is noted that it will probably be possible to get the stumpage free, thus reducing the price to \$5.75 delivered at the Home. You also state your opinion that it would be a matter of economy to accept his bid in view of the difficulty in securing coal and the necessity existing for its conservation; and also because of the further fact that the money so expended will be kept within the Territory.

I consulted with Mr. Shattuck and he coincides with the view expressed by yourself and Doctor Geergesen as well. I wired you today to accept Burns' bid, a confirmation copy of the telegram being enclosed herewith for your information.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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

Held at Juneau on February 12, 1918

At the meeting indicated above, trustees Strong, Georgeson and Shattuck were present.

The report of superintendent A. G. Shoup, showing receipts and expenditures of the Pioneers' Home, Sitka, for the year 1918, was read and accepted. Trustee Georgeson commended the report, and the work of superintendent Shoup of the Home, which he stated had been conducted in a manner not to be improved upon.

The allowance of John B. McPherson, of Douglas, was increased to \$12.50 per month to take effect April 1, 1918.

The application of John Johnson, of Afognak, for an allowance, was granted, viz., \$12.50 per month, to begin April 1, 1918.

The application of S. T. Aarsen, of Wasilla, was granted, the allowance being \$10 a month, to begin April 1, 1918.

Robert Stewart, of Petersburg, was also granted an allowance of \$12.50 per month, from April 1, 1918.

The application for an increase in allowance of John Johnson, of Petersburg, was allowed and he was granted the maximum of \$12.50 per month, beginning April 1, 1918.

Dr. Georgeson brought up the matter of the allowance now granted to A. H. Mays, of Raspert, stating that Mays had other means of support. No action was taken on the matter.

The matter of constructing a laundry and bath house for the use of the Home was referred to Doctor Georgeson to investigate and report upon.

Whereupon the Board adjourned, subject to call.

Chairman of the Board

Copy to  
Dr. C. C. Georgeson,  
Mr. A. G. Shoup,  
Mr. A. Shattuck

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Juneau, March 13, 1918. O. B.

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Mrs. A. G. Thompson,

Anchorage.

Reference your wire yesterday re sending warrant to you for one hundred fifty dollars for relief Allenbaugh family in mail on Alameda, with letter relative to matter.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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March 13, 1918.

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Mrs. A. G. Thompson,  
Chairman, Social Service Department,  
Anchorage Women's Club,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I enclose confirmation copy of my wire of this date in reply to yours, with reference to the matter of financial relief of the Allenbaugh family.

Territorial Treasury Warrant No. 4131, of this date, for \$150, duly endorsed to your order, is also enclosed, and in connection with this matter I have to request that you will see that a careful record is kept of disbursements from this sum, and an itemised report mailed to this office to cover, for filing with the voucher which has been issued for the amount, so that the records here may be complete.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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March 13, 1918

Mr. Arthur G. Thompson,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of January 28, reply to which has been delayed by reason of the vast accumulation of business in this office, due in part to the extensive hearings which were held on the matter of suspending the eight-hour law.

I have to thank you for the copy of the resolutions passed by your Igloo of Pioneers, and I wish to say that I agree thoroughly with the subject-matter of these resolutions. However, it is needless for me, at this time, to enter into a discussion of the many matters embraced therein, inasmuch as I shall soon have made my official farewell to the Territory. Nevertheless, I shall not lose my interest in the Territory, its people and its development, and shall do everything within my power, as a private citizen, to promote its best interests.

With very best wishes for the present happiness of yourself and your future success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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March 13, 1918

Mr. Charles L. Kemp,  
Secretary, Igloo No. 15, Pioneers of Alaska,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11, together with a copy of resolutions adopted by Igloo No. 15, touching the more extensive development of the Territory's resources and the removal of the many restrictions which now obtain.

I have to thank you for this and I wish to assure you and through you Igloo No. 15, that the subject-matter has my fullest endorsement. I may add parenthetically that, though I shall soon retire from office, nevertheless my interest in the Territory, its people and its development will not cease by reason of such retirement.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 13, 1918

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Mrs. A. G. Thompson,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I am forwarding to you, in today's mail, on the Alameda, a Territorial warrant for \$150, on account of relief of the Allenbaugh family.

I regret that in the multiplicity of business which had accumulated in my office, your letter was lost sight of.

I have no doubt that this amount will be supplemented, if necessary, by my successor.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Charles L. Kemp,  
Secretary Igloo No. 15, Pioneers of Alaska,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31, together with a copy of resolutions unanimously passed by your Igloo, protesting against the further suspension of the eight-hour law.

In reply I have to state that I have to thank you for these resolutions. Hearings were held upon the further suspension of the eight-hour law and a transcript thereof forwarded to Washington.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 21, with a letter from J. C. Dieringer, of Valdez, asking for pension application blanks.

In another letter I have advised you as to the cord wood proposition. I note that you and Doctor Georgeson conferred on the laundry question, and I suppose it will be held in abeyance until Doctor Georgeson can receive prices on laundry machinery. In any event I do not suppose that any of us now connected with the Home will have anything to do with the construction of this laundry, inasmuch as I expect to retire from office most any time, probably not later than April first next. While I am on this matter, I may say that I believe I intimated to you some months ago that I had little expectation of receiving a reappointment. Consequently when the Secretary wired me that he was about to send another appointment to the President, I was not surprised. The Secretary has been pounded on the back by Troy, Grigsby and Donohoe, who have spent weeks and months in Washington, doing nothing but the dirtiest kind of politics.

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However, I am glad, indeed, to retire, as I am very, very tired and worn out because of all this political turmoil and thirst for office and power. My work has been arduous especially since the beginning of this year and my health is by no means good. Therefore, I shall retire from office without any regret except that which I shall have for those good friends of mine who have been so loyal and true. I also anticipate that competent Territorial officers might be superseded by political hacks, whose party services will be recognized first and not efficiency or ability for the performance of their duties. The Lord knows where Alaska will land under the control of such a bunch of political highbinders. I cannot, however, conceive that they can keep their grip upon the Territory much longer.

As you know, Maloney is in the primary, contesting for the nomination against Sulzer, and I trust that Sitka may give a good account of itself in the primary election. Mr. Wickersham has no opposition and it seems to me that his friends should give Mr. Maloney a boost.

I suppose that your neighbor, McGrath, is looking every day toward the Home and felicitating himself upon the time when he shall occupy your place and, incidentally, give large orders for goods to himself. Well, in any event, I am glad that the Home has been such a success under your careful guidance, and I indulge in the prediction that after the end of five years, if the Bolsheviks

should control that long, there will be a much different story to tell.

I overlooked what you said about "Montana" Pete Farrall, but let him rage all he wants to and discharge him at any time you think it necessary, after conferring with Doctor Georgeson. I am sure that the other members of the Board will approve your action, as from what you say he is vile, vicious and arrogant.

I had an application from John Miller to be again admitted to the Home, but I told his friends that he would not be admitted in view of the former trouble which he created while an inmate. He still avers that he is suffering from the poison which was administered to him while in the Home. Without a doubt he is mentally unbalanced and Mrs. Kashevaroff told me yesterday that steps might be taken to send him to Morningside. He has been in the hospital for the past two or three weeks, a guest of the Territory.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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

March 14, 1918

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson;

In enumerating applications for pensions received from you, I note that I had overlooked that of William Shergan, of Sitka, Mr. Shattuck and myself will meet in a few days to consider the applications now on hand and this will be considered at the same time. I note what you say as to his physical condition. Personally, I may state that I believe he should be given an allowance of ten dollars a month.

Yours very truly,

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

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, with reference to the case of one Mrs. Kaushy, of Douglas, a patient in your hospital, who is suffering from advanced tuberculosis of the throat and lungs, making her case a very infectious one. You also state that you are anxious to keep her under treatment and isolation, and, inasmuch as her relatives are unable to further contribute to her support, you ask that the Territory render you assistance to the extent of \$2.50 a day.

In reply I have to state that such assistance will be rendered from the Territorial indigent fund until further notice.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Ernest H. Cherrington,  
General Manager,  
Anti-Saloon League of American,  
Westerville, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of January 23, in which you ask to be advised as to the results of the prohibition policy in Alaska, I have to state that the prohibitory law went into effect in this Territory on January 1, 1918, and though scarcely more than two months have elapsed, the decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness and all other crimes, and in pauperism, is almost marvelous to the observer. For instance, in the months of January and February of this year, in the city of Juneau, the capital of Alaska, the total number of arrests on all charges was one, as compared with 52 arrests for the first two months of the year 1917. Prior to January 1, 1918, the local police court fines practically paid the salary of the city clerk and magistrate. Since January 1, 1918, the revenues from fines have been only \$10, the amount of a fine imposed upon one individual who was arrested in January for drunkenness.

I believe a similar condition will be found in all other towns throughout the Territory. For instance, C. L. Vawter, United States Deputy Marshal at Tanana, a town on the Yukon River, in interior

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of Alaska, stated that there has been no drunkenness in that town since the prohibitory law went into effect, that he has not seen a person under the influence of liquor since that date and has heard of no complaints from others and that everyone appears to be obeying the law. He adds---

"I expect to see this jail empty of prisoners in the near future on account of the dry law; I believe that when all the liquor that may possibly have been cached away has been consumed, all Alaska jails will go out of business as far as having any prisoners is concerned.

"Since I have been in Alaska, nearly twenty years now, I believe that the cause of the confinement of 99 per cent of the prisoners who have served sentences in jail can be traced to intoxicating liquors.

"When no intoxicating liquor can be had there will be little use for Federal jails in Alaska."

It seems to me that this is as strong an endorsement as can be desired in the interest of the total elimination of the liquor traffic throughout the nation.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 15, 1918

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Mr. James L. McCloskey,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Effective March 16, 1918, you are appointed to the position of janitor of the Governor's offices at Juneau, vice C. C. Nichols, resigned. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$900 per annum, plus 10 per cent. increase of compensation, authorized by the 1918 appropriation bill.

Enclosed herewith you will find oath of office form in duplicate, which you will please arrange to execute before a proper officer on the 16th instant, filing both copies in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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March 15, 1918

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith letter of the sixth instant, addressed to this office by Mr. Herbert J. Menzie, of Decker & Menzie, attorneys and counsellors at law, 721 Powers Building, Rochester, N. Y., with enclosures therein mentioned.

Apparently the certificate desired in this case should be made by you rather than by the Governor. The matter is, therefore, referred to you for appropriate attention.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Major Wm. F. Snow,  
Medical Reserve Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 20, I  
have to advise you that in Alaska there are only general laws  
for the prevention of venereal diseases in force in this Terri-  
tory, no special legislation having as yet been enacted.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 15, 1918

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Madame Karua,  
209 1/2 Milan street,  
Shreveport, La.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, making further inquiries concerning the Alaska Gold Mining and Exploration Company, in which you state you are a shareholder. In my previous letter I advised you that while this company is of record in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, it has not paid its annual fees for some time. It is my opinion that the company is not a bona fide one by any manner of means. I know nothing of the president of the company, who, you state, is J. Wm. Bussey, but as Alaska is a country about 590,000 square miles in extent, it is quite possible that he may be located somewhere in the Territory, but it probably would be impossible to locate him.

I would suggest that you write to the United States Commissioner at Fairbanks, Alaska, for, if he is in the interior country, something might be known concerning him.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. David Strandberg,  
P. O. Box 75,  
Flat, Alaska

Dear Mr. Strandberg:

I have recently received your letter of January 9, which I have read with great interest. I note what you say with reference to the eight-hour law and the prediction which you make that, if enforced, it will work incalculable harm to the mining interests of your section.

As you may probably know, hearings on the matter of suspending the eight-hour law for the period of the war, were held at this office, beginning February 5 and ending February 21, and my findings therein have been submitted to Washington for the consideration of the Council of National Defense and the Secretary of the Interior, who will request its suspension, should it be deemed advisable. I, of course, do not know at this time what attitude the Council of National Defense will take and therefore I cannot anticipate their decision. I trust, however, in any event, that the eight-hour work day will not be as disastrous as you seem to think. Generally speaking, I may say that I am in favor of an eight-hour work day, of which I have been familiar as an employing printer, except for the last five years. It is a fact,

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however, that placer mining is a somewhat exceptional calling, especially as it may be prosecuted only during a portion of the year. I have received no complaints, however, from such camps as have been working under the eight-hour system. There are two of those, namely, Marshall and Dime Creek in the Koyuk district.

You will readily understand that it is an impossibility to please all parties or satisfy all interests, and, therefore, the only point that can be considered is "The greatest good to the greatest number." The reports reaching this office as to the shortage of the labor supply have been many and very conflicting, and it has been very difficult, indeed, to arrive at the truth of the matter. In any event, I trust that no serious results may come from the operation of the law, and I do not anticipate such. Furthermore, I am advised that the District Court for the Fourth judicial division has found the law invalid, and I suppose this decision will be followed throughout the Fourth judicial division, in which your district is situated. I have not heard of any appeal having been ordered.

I trust that your school is getting along nicely, and, as this is, in all probability, the last official opportunity I shall have to communicate with you, inasmuch as I expect to retire from office very shortly, I wish to thank you for the courtesy

and consideration which you have shown me at all times.

With very best wishes for your health and success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 15, 1918

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Dr. C. H. Crennan,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In response to your inquiry of February 19, I have to advise you that Alaska, not yet having attained the dignity and privileges of statehood, the Sheppard amendment to the Constitution will not be acted upon during 1918 or at any other session.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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# Signal Corps, United States Army. Telegram.

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Send the following message:

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Juneau, March 16, 1918. O. B.

Brenneman, US Marshal,

VALDEZ.

Replying yours even date you may expend not to exceed four hundred dollars for purpose mentioned, rendering vouchers approved by you.

STRONG, Governor.

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Secretary to the Governor.

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

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March 16, 1918

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Mr. Wm. F. Colton,  
721 McIntyre Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter, making inquiries as to the address of one George Hazzard, who you say was promoting a history of Alaska or, as called in his prospectus, "Statistical Annals of Alaska."

I do not know Mr. Hazzard's address, but I recall that he was in Alaska some three or four years ago, and I have not heard anything concerning him since that time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 16, 1918

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Miss Sadie E. Hall, Supt.,  
State School for the Blind,  
Vancouver, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 13th, with reference to the little girl, Resie Benino, now a pupil of that school. It is noted that her application bears the name of Mary E. Thacher, as President of the Board of Children's Guardians, First judicial division, Territory of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this matter is now under investigation, by the Board of Children's Guardians, Mrs. Thacher having left the Territory several months since, and it does not appear that the little girl was regularly committed to your school as provided by Territorial statute; that is, that a dependent child must be regularly committed by the judge of a juvenile court in Alaska. Why this very necessary formality was overlooked by Mrs. Thacher, I am unable to state. I am advised by her successor on the board, Mrs. Martha Kashevaroff, that she is now in communication with Mrs. Thacher and, as soon as this office is advised, the necessary steps will be taken to have the child regularly committed, so that an appropriation for her education may be made from the Territorial treasury. Manifestly, this can not be done until the law has been complied with. I may state, however, that

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there is no probability whatsoever but that the claim will be  
satisfactorily adjusted.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 16, 1918

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Mr. Hector C. Hebkirk,  
Adjutant, Salvation Army,  
P. O. Box 925,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Owing to a vast accumulation of official correspondence in this office, I have just received your letter of February 7, in which you ask if your local native officers, who are duly commissioned by your commissioner to carry on your work in the Native Corps, can perform marriages.

In reply I have to state that section 434, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides---

"Marriages may be solemnized by any minister or priest of any church or congregation in Alaska anywhere within his district, and by any judicial officer of Alaska anywhere within his jurisdiction; and commissioners as ex officio justices of the peace, are to be deemed judicial officers of Alaska within the meaning of this section."

It is my opinion, therefore, that native members of the Salvation Army are not authorized to solemnize marriages in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 18, 1918.

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Mr. H. A. Bauer,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th relative to appointment as a Notary Public, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to execute a bond, with one or more sureties, which bond must be approved by the Clerk of the District Court, Juneau. An oath of office is also necessary, the form for which is on the back of the bond blank. When the bond has been signed and properly executed by you and your surety or sureties, and the oath of office has been executed by you, send the bond to the Clerk at Juneau for approval, and request him to thereupon deliver it to this office. When sending the bond to the Clerk, be sure that there is affixed to it an internal revenue stamp of the value of 50 cents, if the surety is an individual, or if the surety is a surety company, then the stamps affixed should equal in value to one cent on every dollar or fraction thereof paid by you as premium on the bond. If you cannot obtain a revenue stamp in Sitka, you should remit to the Clerk the proper amount to cover same, and request him to affix the stamp to the bond and cancel it.

You should address a letter to this office asking for appointment as a notary, and remit the legal fee of ten dollars in the form of a postal money order payable to the "Governor of Alaska."

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Upon receipt by this office of your letter of application, with fee, and the approved bond from the Clerk of the District Court, the commission will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. A bond blank, with oath form on the back, is herewith enclosed.

March 18, 1918

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Mrs. Corinne Call,  
Russian Mission,  
Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16, in which you ask, "Are natives required to pay to have their marriage certificates recorded?" and "Are they obliged to get a marriage license?"

In reply I have to advise you that a law passed by the Territorial legislature in 1917 requires that all persons entering into a marriage contract must secure licenses from the United States commissioner before the marriage can be solemnized, and that the marriage certificate must be recorded, the commissioner and recorder charging certain fixed fees for the work.

For your further information, I have to advise you that a bill is now pending in Congress which has for its object the exception of civilized tribes or Indians who are now leading civilized lives, from the operation of the Territorial law.

I may add that, in remote villages where, as you say, the native does not know what money is and that he is generally in debt to the trader, a vexatious and difficult proposition has presented, but I have given you the law upon this matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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(copy in 14.1)

Juneau, March 18, 1918. O. B.

Clerk District Court, VALDEZ,

" " " FAIRBANKS,

" " " NOME.

Under Federal revenue law every bond of notary public and school treasurer must have affixed thereto documentary stamps of value of fifty cents if surety is an individual. In case a surety company executes bond value of documentary stamps affixed must represent one cent on each dollar or fraction thereof paid as premium on bond. Do not approve any bonds until necessary stamps have been affixed and cancelled.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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(copy in 14-1)

Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clerk, U. S. District Court,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to call your attention to the fact that, under the Federal revenue laws, every bond executed by a notary public or by a school treasurer must have affixed thereto documentary stamps of the value of 50 cents, if the surety on the bond is an individual, or, if a surety company executes the bond, then the stamps must be of a value equal to one cent on each dollar or fraction thereof paid as premium on the bond.

You are advised that no bond should be approved by you until the same has the necessary stamps affixed and duly cancelled.

All school boards are being advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, March 19, 1918. O. R.

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Daniel A. Jones,

NOME.

You have today been appointed a member of divisional road commission for second division to fill unexpired term of A. D. Petest who has removed from Territory. Please confer with road commissioner Wilson and execute oath office in duplicate and mail same here with your acceptance.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, March 19, 1918. O. B.

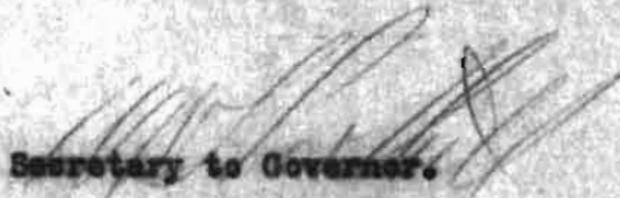
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John A. Wilson, Chairman Road Commission,

NOME.

Daniel A. Jones has today been appointed member second division road commission  
vice Potest. Have advised Jones by wire.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Mr. Daniel A. Jones,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of Chapter 25, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917; I hereby appoint you a member of the Divisional Road Commission for the Second Judicial Division of Alaska, vice A. D. Petset, who has removed from the Territory; the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until May 18, 1919, or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Section 4 of the Chapter referred to, provides, among other things, that the appointive members of the Divisional Road Commission "shall serve without pay or emolument, except that on official trips connected with road work, they shall be allowed their necessary traveling and living expenses."

You are being advised by telegraph of your appointment, and instructed to execute an oath of office in duplicate, which should be mailed to this office with your acceptance of the appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, Chairman of Territorial  
Board of Road Commissioners.

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March 19, 1918

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of March 15, conveying the news of the death of Samuel Berlin, an inmate of the Home, and also the fact that Mack Loper had been duly committed to Morningside.

With reference to the death of Berlin, I do not see how this could have been prevented unless he had been under constant surveillance, which manifestly was impossible.

By the way, your friend McGrath has not yet called to see me.

Yours very truly,

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

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