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July 8th - Monday - Clear.

Wagner and Prentice of the Salmon Creek Road House under arrest. Trial on Wednesday. I think the Assistant District Attorney is trying to throw us down on the case. It also seems that E.C. Berger whom I employed to make some special investigation may also have tipped my hand.

July 10 - Wednesday - Cloudy

Left Juneau at 5.30 P.M. with Mr. & Mrs. Chatterton bound for Sitka to look over the Pioneers' Home. Stopped at all the channel docks and did not get out of sight of the house until 9. Quite a crowd of Christian Scientists on board bound for Skagway to hear Mr. Mann & Dunn the lecturers. I had quite a talk with Mrs. Gunnison about her husband and perhaps cheered her up a little. Entertainment in the cabin after dinner and they called on me. I talked of what Alaska had done in the war and then took up a collection for Red Cross war work. Cleared $23.00.

July 11 - Thursday - Cloudy & some rain

Got to Skagway at 11 A.M. and for the hour and a half we were there was busy looking up old friends. Went in to see Stevenson at the bank and told him that we did not like the way he was making loans. Howard Curtis is among the outgoing passengers for Seattle on this boat the "Spokane". He gave me the testimony of his trial. It was shameful the way they persecuted him. Of course

he was completely ephemoralid. Roth afterward told him that his department was the best run one of the whole lot. Browne undoubtedly had cooked the whole thing up. Browne is trying to belittle all my work and discredit me entirely. I am going to make things hot for Browne.

July 20 - Saturday. Sitka Trip

The office has been so infernally busy since my return that I have been unable to make any timely Comments, it was not until today that I was enabled to dictate answers to my correspondence which had accumulated during my absence.

The trip to Sitka was a great success and I enjoyed every minute of the time. Mr Shattuck and investigated conditions at the home and found that everything was going along as well as could be expected. Of course there were some complaints from the inmates but some were condemned to death for murder have been known to Complain of their treatment. Mr McGrath is very anxious to be appointed Superintendent and brings a good many charges against Shrup but outside of a little political activity at the instance of Shrup we could find nothing against him. If I appoint another Superintendent it will naturally be for political reasons only. Personally I like Shrup and think he is doing the best he can. He is honest an ass and ass Republican and the people of Alaska believe in the good old Jeffersonian principles that to the victor belongs the spoils.

I found a picture of Peter the Great in the old Russian barracks and brought it home with me. It was a great find. I am now having it framed and repaired.

As there was no steamer connection at Sitka I wired for the Submarine Chaser #309 to come after me and had a splendid trip home. The weather was perfect. The Captain apologized for the length of time taken – 12 hours on account of the breaking down of his main circulating pump. We were glad to get home under any circumstances.

The raid on the Salmon Creek Road House resulted in a fine of $500.00 for Billy Prentice.

Another raid netted 2400 bottles mostly beer belonging to a barber named "Jew Annie." She drew $400.00

The effect of the naval patrol shows in the calm and placid attitude of the I.W.W. and other agitators.

I met Howard Curtis at Skagway on the way over to Sitka. He has been shamefully abused by Boone. I have just written Mr Ede demanding that Boone be fired. I suppose Ede will try to patch matters up. I doubt if I will accept any patching.

Last night we held a celebration in town over the great American victory on the West front in France. Our boys according to our meagre press dispatches moved right through the Hun and besides retaking Soissons rounded up over 1700 Dutchmen.

The painting of the mansion started

today, the side porch is finished and a fence around the yard has been commenced. The house will look like something before long. We also have a flag pole now and for the first time a flag floats above Government House.

Quigley back from home. Politics are in a mess there and the whole 2nd Division is in a turmoil. The Wickites are making a great noise and it is supposed that Wickersham will attempt a whirlwind campaign.

P.R. Bradley the new Food administrator seems to be making good. He has slightly advanced the price of salmon and has so organized the office of the Food Administration that it runs itself. Bradley only bothers himself with Fish.

We expect Mary Rolph here on the Alameda boat the 29th. Renée and I will leave her in charge of the babies and then hit for the other parts of Alaska.

July 29th - Monday - Another Hawaiian day.

Mary Rolph arrived on the Alameda on Saturday. She looks tired and worn. Notwithstanding Kate's and my protests she had Frank's ashes consigned to the sea. Garland dropped them about Cape Mendocino light on his first voyage with his new ship. I read over her letter yesterday. It was all very pitiful. Poor old Frank alone way off there in Honolulu.

We have managed to ignite one Republican piece of agitation.

I got the Secretary of Commerce to allow Canadian ships to accept fresh fish for delivery at American ports. The law is not changed but the penalties are waived. Now it seems that the Canadian lines do not wish to carry fresh fish on their passenger steamers.

Fred Pyne and wife are here. R. lives the Commissioner employ at Panama and is now here to take the examinations for appointment in the Engineer Corps.

Long Conference this afternoon with Henderson, the Commissioner of Education on School matters. He seems a capable young man.

The American - French offensive is still the focus of attention. The papers and bulletins are full of the splendid way in which our men are acquitting themselves but I am afraid we are doing a little too much crowing and that we are paying very high for the limited success obtained to date. The Germans are withdrawing in perfect order without excessive loss in either men or equipment. If I were only allowed to run this war I should put my main work in on the Italian front and go to Berlin via Vienna. Be that as it may people seem to have more confidence in Foch than in yours truly.

Painting of the house going on merrily. Today they started laying concrete walks at the house.

In the evening called a meeting of a few of the best element of democrats to discuss ways and means of conducting an

Effectin Campaign for Sulzer against Wickersham. Those present besides myself were Judge Jennings, Jno R. Winn. Wm Butt, W. W. Casey Jas. Connors, Marshall Sumner, John Troy, J + S. Hellenthal, J. M. Bell, H. P. Turner and Stroller White.

It was decided that Sulzer should have the following additional Planks.

1st Govt Assistance to gold mining
2nd Territorial Control of fisheries and game.
3rd Govt Operation of steamships and railroads during the period of the war with rates and Schedules which would allow of continued development
4th Proper Australian ballot law.

Among those few people a fund to start operation was raised amounting to $850. Quigg by Jennings and I had already given $350 so we have a starter.

No suitable Campaign manager can be found and Donohoe the Committeeman is away.

The Crowd smoked up six dollars worth of my best cigars and left at midnight.

Aug 4th Sunday –

Renée and I got off on the Steamer "Alaska" on our long looked forward to trip. Left Juneau about 2.15 P.M. Professor Parker and Dr Martin are on board going to the Westward. Great grief at leaving the kiddies. Room 33. Must get our table seats changed as there is a most horrible looking red dyed haired slut right across from me.

Aug 5 Monday - Cloudy.
All day in Skagway unloading railroad freight for Nenana. Went to Mrs Pullins for all our meals. Mrs Pullen as talkative and energetic as ever. Bought a very handsome painting of a head of a malamute dog. It is really worth while. Bought some indian dolls for the kiddies and a spoon for Mother Coudert. Oh yes and a pin for Emma. Renée wanted to buy two silver foxes at $200.00 per as a speculation but I was not enthusiastic. Foregathered with various politicians and discussed the outlook.
War news continues good. Germans retreating beyond the Vistle leaving 2 600,000 dead and 40,000 prisoners.

Aug 7th Arrived in Cordova. Saw Medley and Judge Bunnell who was on his way to hold court at Valdez for judge Brown.

Aug 8 - Left Cordova on the private car Kennecott. Others on board Col. McGuire editor of "Out door life" and a Mrs James from Keene and two others. Also Dr Martin of the Geological Survey. McGuire now completely over to our side of the Sulzer Game bill although he had previously been active on account of Dr Hornaday's propaganda. Arrived at Chitina about 6.30 after a wonderful day on the railroad.

Aug 14th
Arrived in Fairbanks on the 11th. Bobby Sheldon met us at Chitina and we got off on the 9th. Dr Martin only other member of the party. First day meiers Road House. 2nd day

a fine drive of 126 miles to Richardson and the 3rd day into Fairbanks at 3.45. Sutter the mayor, Bob Menzie and Claude Kelly met us near the 9 mile Road House and escorted us to town. The roads were the best I have ever seen them and we enjoyed the trip although Renée was getting a little tired toward the end. Sunday was the day we arrived.

Monday I wandered around Fairbanks and talked to many friends and acquaintances. We dined that night with Harry Pratt. The Curtis trial and Bonne regime are the greatest subject of conversation. If a man is fired they now speak of it as "frowned". Bonne's purchase orders are known as "scraps of paper". Everyone is very much disgusted with Bonne, Eder and the Commissioner.

Tuesday. I met the divisional Committee and talked politics and think I managed to get up a better feeling all around. People are discouraged and of course cannot see that it is Alaska's contribution to the war. Rumor and gossip are very rife and this winter it will be Hell. Bonne is trying to hide his stampede behind the district attorney and placing all the blame on him. My personal opinion of him is that he is scared of his job on account of his pernicious activities and has involved himself in so many lies that he does not know how to get out from under. Both the district attorney is now more after his scalp than he was after Curtis.

It is all a pretty muddle. On the street the saying is that Browne is trying to get rid of every Riggs man and will not employ anyone but a mason. That he is anything but sincere is evident.
The papers are just waiting an opportunity to break lose on Edes, the Commission and Browne. Probably me also although they profess great friendship to me personally.
Wickersham is going to make his campaign with an attack on the railroad as the principle item. We dined with District Attorney Roth.

Wednesday.
All morning at experimental farm.
Had the inspiration that there is enough wheat in the Sanana Valley to support a flour mill. Gave the story to Cashey of the citizen and he wrote it up but did not give me any credit for it. Dined with the Suters.

War Allies still advancing although slowly and German morale going fast. Col Senior of the Signal corps told me of how Pershing got pushed up in first place. He was sent down to make a report of Moro situation in Phillipines. Reported that the campaign must be continued. The colonel was then promoted. All the majors put on other duty. This left Pershing the senior captain. Orders were then given to wipe out the moros and Pershing did it. For this he was promoted from captain to brigadier general

As Dennis says. "It is a great thing to have a father-in-law provided one can make good afterward." Pershing may have been unduly promoted but he certainly has made good. Our men are putting the "pep" in the whole battle front.

Edes writes frantically that Bonnie is a much abused person and that he endorses everything he has done. The old man will stick up for everything connected with the old Southern Pacific even though he knows he is wrong. I am afraid the break has come at last. I have put up with a great deal of indignity at his hands but I have now quit.

Curtis goes to the front as a major.

Aug 18th Sunday.

We got away for Nenana on Woodlawn Abbey's boat chartered for the Land Office at 1.30 P.M.

Our stay in Fairbanks was most enjoyable. Last night the city gave us a municipal reception at the Masonic Temple at which there were about 200 people. I was called on for a few remarks and tried to cheer them up. Everything at Fairbanks is very dead. All called away by the war or by the war emergency work. We had a good trip down on the "Nita" arriving about 6.30. Went to the Southern Hotel. Looked up Mr W. A. Ryan, special assistant to the Secretary and had a long talk with him concerning the commissary situation

Aug 21st Wednesday

Under way again on the "Yukon" bound for Tanana and St Michael. Our old friend Capt Jack Green and pilot Newcomb.

Our stay in Nenana was pleasant and sad. It was hard to wander around what we had seen grow up from nothing and feel a stranger. Most of the primitive faces gone. Monday Renee and I wandered around and looked over all the old places and Renee was nearly in tears on account of the association of the place with the babes. We almost expected to see Emma and the babies appear at any minute. Monday night we had dinner with the Moses and Tuesday with the Halls.

Mr Browne the Engineer in Charge and Mrs Browne were much cordial and Tuesday we had a trip on the old and new lines. Lost Slough could not be controlled and Browne built a new line around it. To my mind he wasted 1½ miles of track already laid and ballasted and 5 miles of old grade besides losing a great deal of time. The extra cost I figure will amount to about $75,000.00

~~I hate~~

Investigation

I looked carefully into the alleged graft in the Commissary and came briefly to the following Conclusion.

I That Browne was filled up with all sorts of rumors concerning graft and stampeded. Realizing his mistake he tried to pass the buck to the district attorney who had also stampeded and sent a hysterical telegram

to the attorney-General.

II Filled up with the complete idea of graft Browne came to Nevada and having stampeted fired everyone right and left on every rumor brought to him. Hagen the marshall who also stampedes passed all the rumors over to Browne. Browne fired men without assigning cause and they in turn invented stories on others, who were in turn fired.

III Browne asked the district attorney to recommend auditors and investigators. Roth ~~[illegible]~~ telephoned Judge Bunnell who recommended W. F. Whiteley and Joe Heacock. These two discovered an item of meat transfer which looked as though Curtis had sold meat to Waechter Bros. Curtis had resigned or ban fired, paid off and gone. Roth had him brought back under arrest. At the hearing before the Commissioner Curtis was exonerated. Browne evidently wanted to convict Curtis as he refused to testify until set poenaed and paid his witness fees and refused to allow the books to be brought into court until threatened with court proceedings.

IV While he did not personally wish to discredit my administration, his actions did actually do so.

V Whiteley evidently had set out to "get" somebody particularly Curtis possibly me as I had refused to appoint him

Territorial Treasurer.

VI All actions were taken at the instance of Browne. who when he found that he had pulled down a hornets nest on his ears resorted to almost anything to clear himself and hold his job, camouflaged and passed the buck and got himself more and more involved until he is nearly crazy.

VII Whitley is in all probability knocking down in a small way. The particular case King at the Tavern restaurant where he ran a tab for $55.00 and then got "Dutch" Rodriguith the proprietor to sign a voucher for $85.00. A warrant is out for his arrest in case he should try to leave the Country.

VIII Browne is a poor manager of men and is absolutely no executive. He has probably held small construction and locating jobs but never been a manager of a big project.

IX Ryan is absolutely fair and impartial and I think he will sift matters to the bottom

X Browne I think is both an honest man and a consummate damn fool. I do not think that he is a good engineer.

Aug 25th Sunday - In Tanana

Left Nenana on ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday and arrived here ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday. Another cordial reception. Our money is not good here for ~~money~~ meals or lodgings. Miss Rambeau came down with us from Nenana and is here at the mission. We are really resting and loafing. The first night we were here I gave a free movie talk at the mission house and ~~the next day~~ Friday I was booked for two. One at the barracks and the other at our reception which was given in the post gym. Wickersham is here and gave a speech last night. His attack is personal entirely. We jumped him for being a Republican because I worked for 1½ years under a Republican administration. He has no care and I think will be thrown out entirely.

Aug 31st - Saturday - At Old Hamilton, Afternoon mouth of the Yukon.

We left Tanana Sunday night the 25th. after the Alaska got in from the upper river. We dined at Dr Leonard's at the post and then all went to the picture. Have to sleep through 3½ hours of "Intolerance." Our boat at ½ and away. Our stay in Tanana was made very pleasant. We called at the mission and I had quite a talk with my old enemy Archdeacon Stuck Concerning the natives. The natives are a great problem - lazy, diseased and easy prey for the degenerate whites.

While in Tanana I made two speeches. One the first night we got in at the picture show and the other on ~~Sat~~ Friday

night when they gave us a reception and dance. Jimmie the Wick and I had quite a talk and we both acted as though we admired each other intensely.

On the way down river we found that the famous #11 room had been assigned to us on the packet "Sarah". It had all been decorated with American flags and pictures of the president set in a miniature life preserver — "Our life preserver", flowers and napkins twisted into all sorts of weird shapes.

At Ruby I met my old friend of Dawson days, Henry Wallace and talked politics. Renie met all the women.

At Nulato, more politics to offset Wick. At Holy Cross we met Bishop Delmont and the fathers and sisters. The twisted the flag as we rounded the point and came down to meet us. At the school the sisters had arranged exercises for our benefit which were remarkable for Indians, and most creditable. We were presented a beautiful little pair of moccasins for Lisette and a bouquet of flowers. I made the children a little speech — then away again. At Holy Cross we picked up the Mother Superior of the Ursaline nuns and three other nuns. The mother is establishing schools — a fine old character, crippled by an accident but interested in everything. They are now headed for the Koyuruk to put in a mission.

We are picking up passengers now all the time bound for the outside

From the Keoykuk, they come from Mulato. Holy Cross, Ruby, the Iditarod, Marshall, the Country will be depopulated. All called to war work or driven from the Country on account of the great demand for labor outside or because the prices of living and working have so advanced that they cannot keep the mines going.

We stopped at the Cannery on the Andreafsky river and put off wood. Renée got into a native Kyak and was greatly thrilled. Not so much thrilled however when about an hour later I picked a Cootie off of her neck. There was a wild yell and she started to disrobe in public. I bought a very good ivory three pronged duck spear at Andreafsky.

The wind blowing a hurricane today and we are tied up at Old Hamilton. – Nothing but a little trading post and some Esquimeaux huts. I bought a good spear. Renée bought some candy and distributed it to the little Esquimeaux. They look very quaint in their parkis also very dirty.

One of our fellow passengers is Lt. Col. Senior of the signal corps in charge of all the army wireless and cables in Alaska. A most pleasant man.

Every thing on the "Sarah" is excellant. Good food, good service and good crew. Capt Lancaster puts himself out to be agreeable.

One of our most interesting stops was at Russian mission. The church had unexpected treasures in it. One of the paintings of some old saint was a gem. All the paintings were good and some of the Rass work very handsome.

After leaving Russian mission we sat in the pilot house and listened to Chris Betsch relate his experiences of many years in the North. Chris is now a prosperous trader and well liked.

Mountain Village where we stopped last night contained a surprise in store for the Government school teacher and old acquaintance of mine — Cobb. One time foot ball player at Harvard, huge fights and adventures. Now reared up through the influence of his wife.

We have seen a great deal on this trip and enjoyed it all.

The bulletins we get at the various stations along the line are most encouraging. The allies are advancing with regularity and the German morale seems to be going. We anxiously await the next bulletin which will be at St Michael.

Last night a dance. There is also a very good violinist on board named Deine. I danced with all the women on board except the "lady" teacher from Midland who was recently fined $250.00 for rebellion.

I forgot to mention that we picked up our dog "Boto" at Nenana. While he had not seen us for a year, he was delighted to see us and remembered us right away. He is now on the large field with Tones and Peace.

Today Renée has a little Cold and is taking Urotropin. The house was too much for her.

Sept 1st Sunday - Stephens Point.

Four weeks today on our journey. All night at Old Fort Hamilton on account of wind. Funny little Esquimo village and trading post. Bought a small hunting spear with ivory teeth from a native. Renée and I bought 50 cents worth of candy and donated to all the queer little kids. Dance in the evening.

Today 1st the month of the nine last high winds came up so anchored to the lee of Stephens Point at St Michael Island.

Patriotic speech in the evening. Star Spangled Banner and America. Renée with bad cold.

Some very nice Ursaline sisters on board with their Mother Superior, a fine old woman crippled but still energetic. She is establishing schools for natives. One sister a sister Angela is particularly interesting. She was a Miss Sinclair of Cincinnati Ohio.

A Miss Davids also on board who writes for the N.Y. American. A bunch of deaf boys for St Michael and the usual lot of people leaving the country. Mrs Stubbs the wife of the Commissioner on the Kuskokwim has not seen another white woman for some years.

Sept 5th - St Michael

We got into St Michael on Monday the 2nd after spending the night back of Stephens Point. No sooner were we in the harbor of St Michael in the morning than a gale sprang up and we had to take shelter across the bay. The little harbor boat belonging to the post came out and took us off. That night the soldiers gave a party at the movie house in our honor and I had to make a speech. Tuesday the Esquimo gave a dance for us at the Kazim which was interesting if not particularly entertaining. The dances show the influence of Orientalism. The setting was picturesque, the black background of the kazim, the men on the shelves & the women and children on the floor. The roof opening was fringed with walking faces. In the center of the floor the half naked dancers sweated and stank while the old men at one end of the room pounded on their tom toms and made weird and awful noises at the top of their voices. The old chief and I exchanged a few polite nothings through the medium of an interpreter at the end of the show. I presented my tea and candy and we departed, glad to get out once more into the open air. In the evening a smoker given by the Pioneers. More speeches. These Alaskans certainly like to be talked at. It is not necessary to say anything. The more obscure your speech, the greater the impression made.

Waiting for the "Arctic" to get us from here. In the mean while we are waiting here more or less patiently, buying Indian curios and baskets to while away the time.

Renée is getting over her cold and I have caught it and have a dandy.

Co. B. 14th infantry is here or having caught up with it. Their transport has not yet arrived. Dick Ward, Case, Meagher, Douse, Pierson, and thirty or forty other Nenana boys in it. They are still living on the barge in which they came down river and are heartily sick of it. Renée rustled up a room at the A.G.'s in which they can eat and write letters. Arctic in and we left at 5.30 P.M.

September 9th Monday - home

We spent Thursday night the 5th in great discomfort the "Arctic" is a little tub about 40 feet over all, dirty and with absolutely no place to sit. In all there were 14 passengers all men except Renée and Miss David who came over with us. Fortunately the night was good so we slept out on deck in some Army sheets Col. Dennis brought with him. It got pretty rough just before we anchored for the darkest hours in Golovin Bay. My cold was very bad so I was very uncomfortable and really quite ill. We arrived in Nome at about 5.30 P.M. The launch Governor with a reception committee put out to meet us and take us ashore. The mayor, Bishop Rowe, Father Post, Rev Shank, Chief deputy Miller and a lot of others. Rooms had been engaged at the Golden Gate Hotel. Whistles blew and there was quite an excitement. The first person I met was the ~~Sk~~ "Scurvy Kid" from Nenana. Nearly the whole population was at the dock.

That evening we had dinner with Mayor Somers, Judge Holtzheimer and their wives, Mrs Lindeberg, Mrs Stevenson, Col Lenoir Miss Davids and some others. We took baths and went to bed early. Saturday I knocked around and met the people and had quite a long talk with Judge Holtzheimer. Marshall Jordan has raised Cain here and the whole camp is divided into opposing factions. The Jordan bunch is the dirtiest bunch I have run against in Alaska they will. They tried to frame poor old Holtzheimer badly because he would not be dictated to. One of the plants was to have him dance with a certain woman who was to smack his face in the middle of the ball room and then say he had insulted her. Fortunately he did not ask her. While Sinisser was here making his investigation they discovered the district attorney earns dropping from the room above. Munday or Mundy the district attorney immediately resigned. Glad to say that Jordan is now away, probably in Washington. We dined that night at the Holtzheimers and then went to a public reception and dance. Of course I had to make another speech.

Sunday we looked over the life saving station, and in the evening went to hear Bishop Rowe. He made a very strong talk and I liked his sermon although I cannot quite bring myself to take him as entirely sincere. After church we spent a most interesting two hours at

Dr Newman's office viewing his Collection of Esquimo relics the use of which he explained as he went along. He had some splendid specimens. He gave Renée a beautiful ivory toss doll from St Lawrence Island.

Today we did chores in the morning and dined at the Somers. Immediately after dinner I left to meet a Committee from the Striking Miners' Union. Before dinner I forgot to mention we went out to the Pioneer Mining Plant on the 3rd Beach line and saw their operations. We all nearly blew away and it was very cold.

At the Committee meeting Mr R P. Bonham a government Conciliator was present. The strike is to enforce a general eight hour law prohibiting anyone from working more than eight hours The strike is mainly directed against the Pioneer Mining Co. The men are of the very worst type of I.W.W. agitators. No appeal can be made to decency or patriotism. They simply want to destroy any existing regime of law and order. I must say however that they were very decent to us and said they appreciated my interest in the welfare of the Community at large.

A hot bath and to bed. That is Renée's bath was hot but mine only luke warm.

We will be glad to get out from here. One never can know when one is going to be stuck in the back.

Our advance on the Western front seems to be slackening. Germans back to 1917 line.

Sept 11th Wednesday.
Lovely day. Met with the Divisional Committee in the morning and discussed politics and appointments. I think I managed to get a little more harmony. In the afternoon we went out on board Steffanson's exploring ship the "Polar Bear". Just down from a three year's trip to the Arctic. It was very interesting. We went off with the life saving crew. Renée was particularly smitten with a puppy ~~[illegible]~~ born on board the mother being a Victoria land husky. Miss Davids went off with us and had the time of her life.

In the evening a large dinner party at Jafet Lindeburgs. Got home about 1 a.m.

Politics here are in the worst possible shape. Marshall Jordan, a thug of the worst type is trying to ride the Court and the Court objects. Holtzheimer the judge is a clean judge but argumentation and not very politic. District Attorney Sinser was sent up from Juneau to investigate and is now in Washington. The local district attorney Mundy was caught eavesdropping on Sinser and Holtzheimer and resigned. The Wickersham men seized the opportunity to wider all breaches and got possession of the Maloney supporters. The whole town is partisan one way or the other and no one ~~[illegible]~~ knows where

they "are ah". The Jordan gang seem to have the best of it.

Last night a smoker given by the Sulzer Club at the Log Cabin Club. About fifty present. I declared my principles of democracy. The Wickersham ~~Rep~~ Democrats like Daly were all absent.

Today the Industrial Worker actually came out with a friendly article. Luncheon for dinner, 21 present. Got home at 4 a.m. Sept 12th.

Got tickets, bought photos, and gathered up various junk at shops.

All here seem impressed with the idea of forming an Historical Society. Dr Newman of the Bolshiviki is particularly impressed and he is quite a wonder as far as the enquiries are concerned. I have promised to publish his book.

In afternoon went in auto to see the territorial road. O. D. Cochrane drove us out in his car. John Wilson and Dan Jones of the road Commission along with us. Pretty cold.

Tonights paper tells of the great offensive by the American army in France around St Mihiel — Great news. Our men know how to fight.

After dinner at Modini's café we went to a meeting of the Loyal Legion which has gotten into the hands of the enemy and made them a patriotic address and in terms of patriotism told them where they got off — namely as an unofficial patriotic order.

Sept. 13 - Friday -

Frawley and Daly came in to see me this morning. They want the support of the democratic organization but do not want to come out with a pronouncement for Sulzer. They say they will vote for Sulzer but want a place on the committee without doing anything for the organization. I told them that I would try to bring about harmony.

In the evening there was a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce. About 67 or 68 present. I made my usual speech about trying to help in commercial development and spoke of my publicity schemes.

Bishop Rowe made an effective speech on keeping ourselves in moral shape etc. We broke up at 1. A.M. All very much bored. Great American victory at St Mihiel.

Sept 14 - Saturday.

In morning interviewed Kegstad and Frey about marshallship. I promised to do what I could.

Next the Ass't Commissioner of Health regarding the health of the division. Next Judge Holtzheimer on politics in general. - John Wilson on roads.

Feeling rather worn out. Renée and I went to see Dr Neumann who made us members of the Keenock Society, and gave us the badge. - An eagle carved on old ivory. He offered his collection to the Territory for $25,000. I hope to be able to buy it. It will be a great add for us

In the evening the Mon & Mrs Hubbard gave

a dance at the Eni Club which was very pleasant. The Eni Club is the famous log cabin club built by Albert Fink and is a work of art, unique in every way. At 12 o'clock seven or eight esquimos in their parkis came in and danced.

Sept 17th - Tuesday.

Bad storm on. All the mosquito fleet have fled for the shelter of Sledge Island. The "Victoria" is storm bound at St Michael and there is no telling when we will get away. We had dinner with chief deputy A. B. Miller. Miller tried to tell me how much Marshal Jordan loves me. After dinner we called on Father Post the catholic missionary who deluged us with gifts.

Yesterday afternoon we were at Lew Shield's the Bureau of Education man who showed us reindeer and esquimo slides & gave us presents — Renee a knife beautifully carved and me a walrus head. We now have more junk than we know what to do with.

I seem to have caused quite a change of heart in home. Dr Newman tells me that he now intends to vote for Sulzer and W. J. Rowe has switched his allegiance. Home used to be very much opposed to me but they seem to have swung around. I would not be at all surprised if we carried the division.

I wired the attorney general asking permission for Rolt to campaign in the first and third and now I am in receipt of a telegram from Tom O'Connor

Utah Quigley is to campaign in the fourth. Sulzer is in Alaska and will make particular effort in the first and third.

We are all much thrilled over the great American victory at St Mihiel. Germany trying another peace offensive.

September 18th - Wednesday.

In A.M. Daly & Polk of the Council of Defense doing nothing but talk. I appointed five new members for home and 5 for Haycock. In afternoon saw Hugh O'Neill and while writing letters in judge's office got way laid by McGann and Holtzheimer and talked politics. In meanwhile Renee waiting for me to take her out to tea. Very much peaved when I came back. Dinner at the Lindsays. No news today of the Victoria.

Sept 19 - Thursday

Went by dogsleds to head of Annie Creek on the Seward Peninsula Railroad. Polk and Crowley along. They pointed out the great advantage the acquisition of the railroad would be to the territory. I cannot see it that way. The salvage of the ry is possibly $300.00 per mile and it is offered at $2500.00 per mile so naturally I am suspicious. The rails are 30 lb laid on 4x6 ties on the tundra without any road bed. It would cost $1500.00 per mile to even run an auto car over the line and the line is 82 miles long home to Sheldon. Dinner with Bishop Rowe & W. J. Rowe. Wound up at Dr Fowler's for a very stupid evening. Victoria in late.

Sept 20 - Friday.

At last got away on the McClain at about 8 P.M. Room #27. Crowded list. Practically everyone is leaving Nome who can get away. There will not be 400 people left for the winter. Quite a crowd down to see us off.

Sept 21 - Saturday

Bad storm. Fortunately at our backs but the old tub very rocky. neither Renée nor I sick however. Not many at meals.

Some political situation bad. Judge and marshall clashing. The marshall undoubtedly trying to "get" the judge and the judge running around and talking about it to everybody who will take the time to listen to him. All of the marshall's office turning against Seltzer and doing all in their power for Wickersham. Nome is the worst little hotbed of intrigue I have seen in the territory and that is saying a whole lot

Sept 24 - Wednesday - Thursday.

Got into Port Moller last night and had to lie there until this morning until the "Valdez" cleaned up the salmon pack when we took on the cannery crew. An old timer died on board last night and at sundown today he was given a burial at sea. We all gathered on the after boat deck, while Father Polan intoned the catholic burial service, the flag was half mast and the ship's bell tolled. We all sang "Nearer my god to thee" and then the first officer tilted the the slide and the poor piece of clay

splashed down to his last camping ground.
We then went to the captain's cabin and heard tales of wrecks and battles with the sea.

Sept 25th - Wednesday.
A perfect day. We called at ~~Marz~~ Marzavoi(?) Bay for the crew of another cannery and passed Westward out of the Shumagin Islands to get to open water on our way to Seward. The volcano in plain sight all of the afternoon. One of the most perfect sights I have ever seen. The hill was smoking and the scenery was marvelous. The volcano is a perfect cone. Mrs Berger and I hope the law and took some pictures of the mountains.
At night we had a little party in Dr Arnold's room with real coffee.

Sept 29th - Sunday.
Arrived Seward Sept 27th at 11 P.M.
The Victoria was not expected in until about 12 so only a few met us at the station. We were dinner to the Seward Hotel.
(28th) Next day seeing every one. Review of Home Guards at 7.15 opening of 4th Liberty Loan Drive at the movies at 8.30. Reception and speech at A.B. Hall at 9.30.
29th This morning a meeting of the Council of National Defense at 10.30. Dr Roving, Father Vanderpool re hospital at 1.30. Dinner at Dam Graef's at 4.
Recice has had cold. Seward is a town of sore heads. All wanting pap and pork, even the hospital wants to get

a subsidy.

We were to have left on the railroad for Anchorage tonight but a land slide at Mile 84 blocked the game, so we are back in the hotel glad of being alone.

Another flood this year has pile gravel up in Lowell Creek so it seems that it will be impossible to hold it on top of the hill much longer. The people of Seward want the territory or the government to do something for them.

A telegram from Cramer says that Juneau is having a flood and that he and the Finnegans have been obliged to move in the mansion. Reports indicate that there has been a great loss of property in the Casey-Slattuck addition.

Alaska is starting the Liberty Loan drive well. The Alaska Packers have taken the entire quota which gives me an opportunity to draw attention to the fact that we are now mighty glad to pass the buck to the Corporations and say that we must equal this from private sources or withdraw opposition to the Companies.

Weir the engineer in charge here is leaving shortly for the army. He has had all he can stand of it.

Wickersham has just left here. Always speaks of me as "Little Tommy Riggs". People seem to take this as quite a joke, because I am not so very little after all.

Sept 30 - Monday -

The Weirs and I left Seward at 8:30 for Anchorage over the railroad - the first through train between Seward and Anchorage.

By dint of hard work Weir had cribbed all the wash outs and called up Anchorage for orders off his division. Going had shot a coyote hole for ballast and crossed the track at 84 and was in doubt about getting a clear track but Weir ridiculed him into putting a shovel in and working his extra gang overtime. We made good time to mile 52 and were then held up by derailment of tender and a box car turned by a spread rail on some old ties.

Mr & Mrs Edes, Going, Judge David and a Mr McCormick met us at 84. Mr McCormick was sent up by the Secretary to investigate traffic possibilities. We arrived in Anchorage at 7.30 and were met by the home guard who escorted the rig to the Edes. I made them a short speech. Later Shoemaker came and got me to talk over various matters. We discussed everything from roads to politics until 1:30 a.m.

Mr Edes and I nearly came to blows over Browne at Nenana.

Oct 1st - Tuesday.

We could get nothing much on steamers from Seward except that the Admiral Ashley and the Admiral Farragut would probably be in tomorrow, consequently I shoved us to get away about 8 A.M. We got back to Seward about

5.30. The Weiss had dinner with us. It seemed that the Schley was the only sure boat to get in so we took passage on her. Room 22. Before getting on board Renée & I went to the movies. After the movies John Roman came in looking for the wine inspector's job but I had to turn him down on account of lack of technical knowledge.
Then Dr Baughman brought in "Bobs" and talked game. Renée & I went in a moment to see Mrs James and got on board the boat about 11. A number of people down to see us off. Perhaps I have not mentioned heretofore that "Bobs" is our Llewellan setter we had left in Nevada and picked up this year.
To bed tired and sleepy.

Oct 2nd Wednesday.
Got up late. Got to La Touche at 2 P.M. Stannard the Guggenheim manager met us and took us out to his home where we met Mrs Stannard a bride of a few months and a Mrs Pressley. S. suggested that we stay out for dinner and that I make a thirty hour speech at the movies, then ~~catch~~ catch the ship at Savanilla Bay. We did this thing. Renée says I made a very good speech. We came out in a wobbly little boat which nearly made us sick... and turned in about 1 A.M. 80
Tried again

Oct 3rd Thursday -

On next stop Valdez. Tom Donohoe and others at the dock to meet us on our arrival. Luncheon at the Donohoe and a reception at Eagle Hall which was well attended. Another speech on the general condition of the territory. Dinner at Long Dimond's and then to the movies where I made another speech on the Liberty Loan. Dr Selinman drove us down to the boat right after the show as Renée was feeling badly and we were both glad to turn in. "Bobo" ran all over town and came to my speech at the reception and talked a little limerick, he discussed Renée and curled up at her feet and snored.

Oct 4th Friday

Stayed in bed late. First stop Fidalgo way to take on ore, next stop Bay to take on Salmon, Cordova at about 9. P. M. Went up town for a few hours to talk business and politics

Oct 5th. Saturday. Got away from Cordova about 5. A. M. Arrived at ~~Yakutat~~ about Yakutat at 8 P. M.

Oct 6. ~~Monday~~ Sunday. Arrived home at Juneau about 3. P. M. rain heavy, the kids, Cramer and others down to meet us. All well and happy. Glad to get home.

Oct 7. ~~Tuesday~~ Monday

Hard day at office

Oct 8 - ~~Tuesday~~ Tuesday.
Hard busy day at office

Oct 9 - Wednesday.
Started writing report. Cramer had gotten up as much of it as he could but I had to fill in the gaps. Folta still away. Disturbing reports concerning Spanish influenza. Issued quarantine orders governing the landing of passengers, fumigation etc. At request of the negro population of Juneau, instructed the marshall to prohibit the showing of the film "Birth of a Nation". Grateful lot of darkies.
Issued proclamation for "Liberty Day"

Oct 12. Saturday
Liberty day and a holiday but Cramer and I worked all day on the report. We gave a little dinner at night - Judge and Mrs Jennings, Mr & Mrs Troy, Fenton & Nancy. After dinner to the movies to see a thrilling war picture, ~~then~~ where I gave a few minute speech on the subject of the Liberty Loan, kept to a party for the submarine chaser boys and another speech. At the dance we had the drawing of the master numbers of the boys who became 21 during the year. Renée drew the first number which was 8. I drew the rest. At last home and to bed. Troy received a telegram stating that the Germans had accepted Wilson's conditions for peace. None of us have much faith that anything will come of it at present.

October 17 - Thursday -

My 45th birthday. Celebrated it by finally finishing my report and getting it in the mail to leave in the morning on the "Alaska". now comes about a million letters and the rest of the reports for the Secretary's report.

It at last looks as though the Germans were licked. Rumors which seem to be well substantiated are that the kaiser has abdicated and taken his toys to Holland. Can it be that the war is really going to end?

I have taught "Boots" a new trick. When I say "Would you like to bite the kaiser"? he barks which means "yes"!

October 25 A howling snow storm. The Princess Sophia went on the rocks in a snow storm at Berner's Bay day before yesterday with 258 passengers on board they are still there.

I have recently put the Juneau under quarantine and have appointed Dr Sloane Quarantine officer. We are trying very hard to keep Spanish Influenza out of Alaska. We have about ten sailors in hospitals here, one or two at Ketchikan, 17 at home, and one or two at Cordova but no bad cases.

The "Alaska" got on the rocks at Swanson Bay and is out of commission at Seattle so we have very few boats on the run and about 800 at Skagway trying to get away.

Cramer was going to get away on the

Sophia but now is up in the air once more.

Wickersham campaigning at Ketchikan and to the South. He seems to have laid off of me with his vile insinuations and abuse. Ed Russel is with him. Russell is running for Senator and has absolutely no sense of decency or morality. His latest is to get out a libel on Britt who is also running for Senator signing it Secretary Alaska Defense Society.

Captain Finnegan moved out today as his officers got too cold. I have shut off his rooms and will have storm doors put on so perhaps we will be able to exist throughout the winter.

Not very good news from home. Mother's mind seems to be gradually failing. I fear I shall never see her again.

Had a long talk with mayor Valentine today. All the old man needs is a little flattery and he comes around to your way of thinking.

No news war developments but Germans gradually getting the worst of it.

Had me on the witness stand today in a liquor case. Wanted me to identify the Burns man I had here making investigations.

Sulzer due here tomorrow on the "Impeachment".

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Do you know grandmother passed away peacefully grandfather is truly wonderful and seems to be quite strong aunt kate shows the strain quite perpeticbly cannot seem to be of much assistance but will do everything in my power Ann haight has evidently helped a lot if I can be of any help to you in any way wire me care

aunt nannie

Tom Cox

Statement Capt. J. Miller - King & Winge

Oct 24 around wreck 6.20 P.M.
Lights out 8.30 "

Oct 25 Blowing N.W.
Lying by all night. Only boat in sight.

Oct 25 Lay by all morning, anchored 1.45 P.M. under Benjamin Island, Cedar lying by. Sporte Cedar capt said Sophia reported absolutely no danger.

Oct 26 - 8 a.m. up anchor Cedar 7.50
Blowing & snowing N.W. wind.
9.10 arrived at wreck.
Nothing left but one mast out of water.
Last message from Sophia 5.30 P.M. 25th reported boat pounding. Fair indication Cedar got under way immediately & proceeded to wreck owing to snow & wind could not find it. I agreed to follow him out & relieve him. But 40 minutes later he returned feeling way through snow. Said to capt any chance of finding boat & he said "no" taking a chance of losing my own life. I said not much chance for me to try to find wreck if you can not do so. He said no use to try. I have been around these rocks so many years I can almost smell them out.
Both lay to until 8 a.m. on 26th.
~~Decided~~
9.30 left wreck to look for survivors. proceeded to S. side Shethe Island.
11.30 sighted life boat on bearing. sent 3. dories ashore 3 men each dory.
Came back 1 body no life around.
Still blowing hard N.W. & snowing & worked along shore about 4 miles on West side Shethe Island.
2.05 P.M. dory came aboard with other two bodies & engineer said short of oil & would have to go in for oil. Left for Juneau. 6.20 P.M. arrived Juneau.

Elsinore	5	
King & Winge	30	
Sitka	19	
Monaghan	20	
Six Sisters	5	
Small boat	5	
25 K & W.	4	
Sitka	6	
Cedar on shore	5	99

Oct 27

Left Juneau on King + Winge at 5 a.m. Had breakfast at house before leaving. Picked up first body in Young Bay at 8 a.m by 10 we had picked up 30. Other boats cruising around all picking up bodies, Astakth, Monaghan, Signal and a small gas boat. Hailed Signal at 9.30 she reported 14 bodies. All bodies unrecognizable on account of oil. All men so far and one boy of about 14.

Transferred to Cedar at 2. P.M. Capt Dibrell on board and capt Tedkette in command. They have five bodies on shore. King and Winge returned to Juneau after putting me aboard as it is too rough to land boats.

Captain Dibrell is all broken up and shows the strain he has been under. He told me his story.

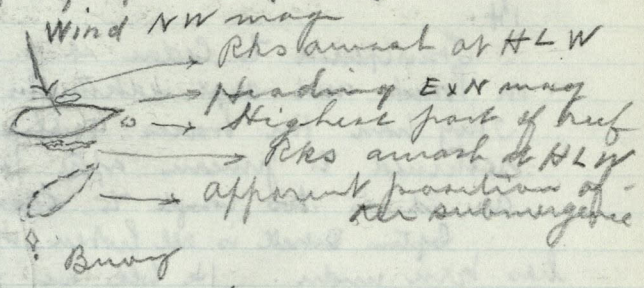
Oct 24 The Cedar arrived on the scene of the wreck at 8 P.M the Sophia having gone on at 3.10 a.m. The Sophia was lying as though in a cradle on the highest point of the reef. A strong N.W. wind was blowing and waves were breaking on the reef and under the stern. He radioed and asked Capt Locke if they should attempt to take off passengers. Capt Locke answered that the Sophia was perfectly safe and to wait until the weather moderated. The Sophia was not taking water and was seemingly solidly fastened. There was no panic among the passengers. They stood by all until 10.30 (next day tried to anchor to the lee of the wreck but the anchors would not hold) At 8 P.M the lights on the Sophia went out but Capt Locke said that the main steam throttle was broken and all was O.K. Capt Dibrell then asked if he should stand by all night or go anchor. Capt L. answered to go anchor. The King + Winge also stood by.

Oct 25th the storm increased. Capt Locke did not wish to attempt to land passengers. In any event it is hardly possible that many could have been saved at that time. He said to go to anchor. Steam was up again and lights going. The King + Winge also took shelter and anchored about 4.50 P.M message from Sophia that she was pounding badly and foundering on the reef. Cedar

anchored 1.30

immediately got under way but could not find the wreck. The storm was a gale and snow so thick that Captain could not see the nose of his boat. Had to return to anchor.

At daylight on the 28th made way to wreck. The Cyphia had been shifted entirely on the reef and nothing but the foremast showed. Immediately began to look for signs of survivors but saw nothing. Found raft with five bodies but no sign of life. 268 passengers and 75 of crew gone.



#1 Position of wreck when on reefs Oct 27th
#2 " " " when foundered. " 26

Today I account for 99 bodies found probably 50 more have been picked up.

All bodies found have on life preservers and are floating in streaks of oil from this I deduce that when the ship went over she broke the oil tanks and at the same time the passengers were swept overboard. I do not think that the bodies came from the life boats.

It is only the life preserver which keep the bodies from sinking. We only picked up two men who were floating on their backs all were face down. Most of the faces are calm and quiet with eyes and mouth closed. A negro showed fear and one white man. These were terrible. The bodies are unrecognizable as all are covered with oil from head to foot. The first one to come on board affected me but later the sight made little impression there were too many of them.

The Ring & Wings put one hundred bodies when bodies were covered. The fishermen would pick up two or three bodies and tie them in the sling nets we would then hoist them on board with the winch. At first we tried to lay them out seperately but later used to coil them up. We picked up one officer and

the Elsinor transferred another.

After transferring to the Cedar, he picked up his hook and returned to the South side of Shelter Island as it was too stormy to land a boat. All the other small boats anchored near us.

I am confident that the King & Winge and the Cedar have done all that could have been done. It might have been possible to take off passengers on the 24th but Capt Locke refused as everything seemed perfectly safe. If the attempt had been made there would probably have been loss of life

Oct 28

Statement Mr Miller Wireless operator.

Oct 25 - 4.50 P.M. S.O.S call said ship foundering and water coming into his room. Calls very faint because he was using his batteries. 5.20 Last call saying to come quick. No more after that.

Up anchor at 7 A.M. went to light near head of Shelter Island. Capt Orbell and I landed. Sent off to Amy 5 bodies 4 women and one man. Broken life raft on the beach. I picked up a life ring of the Sophia. There were also some trunks. Walked along the beach to the north and boat picked us up and carried us around point at head of island. In Cove we ran into 10 dead, among them five little children - Ghastly. Poor little tots, another woman separated from the rest had ravens on her. There were 10 or 12 trunks on the beach. Had bodies all placed on the Amy with orders to return to Juneau. We kept on walking around the island about a mile down from the point on the East side in a little cove found another man of about 50 years. After that no more signs. Walked back to where the last man was found and were picked up by boat. "Monaghan" arrived at 12 with Morton on board. Told him to make some reassignments of boats.

Telegram from Garfield saying that yesterday 160 bodies had been brought in. He had one body which I had transferred to the Amy making 16 and they were to pick up another from the beach making 17. Total we know of 177 Drift seems to be down toward Young Bay. Two

boats working in there. Sent word to put the Osprey in at Point Retreat.
Light out at Pointree rock had to go in there to relight, arrived there about 3.30 P.M. Vanderbilt Reef in sight with mast of Sophia. Word in that Alice just arrived Juneau and that Jefferson bringing embalmers from Ketchikan.
Snowed hard all morning. About a foot of snow along back. At noon started to clear up. Rain showers at 3.
Set light and went into Sentinel Island Light. Capt Dibrell ashore. Snowing lightly
Records of lighthouse show that it was snowing hard when Princess Sophia went ashore and very thick
Pilot House Log of Cedar

Oct 24

8 P.M standing by Princess Sophia
10.45 Anchored Benjamin Island.

Oct 25

4 a.m Left anchorage
4.35 Half speed.
× 10.20 Hoor anchor 2nd Time
12 Hoor to standing by
1.40 Anchored Benjamin Id.
5.10 Last message Princess Sophia
5.21 Hoor anchor
6.05 Turned back
6.33 Anchored Benjamin Id,

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8.30 Off Vanderbilt Reef

× Anchor dropped twice first time evidently not noted 1st time in 20 fathoms 2nd time in 34 fathoms but anchor would not hold.
Mr Hanigan Mr Martin
1st & 2nd Officers of Cedar say that only time it would have been possible to have gotten off passengers was early in the morning 25 and then there would have been undoubted loss of life

Light House Record Sentinel Island

Oct 23 - Wind fresh N. Seas
" 24 - Princess Sophia struck Vanderbilt reef in Seas Storm.
" 25 - Wind north gale Seas.
" 26 - " " " to fresh Seas.

23 - Fog 8 A.M. to Midnight
24 " Midnight to 6 A.M.
25 " Noon to
26 " 10.30 A.M.

Officers say that Capt Locke showed no lack of judgement and did what any level headed sea faring man would have done.

High Tide on 25 5.47 Clock Time

Ebb Tide runs S on Vanderbilt Reef and on for South Shelter Island then swings toward Point Retreat. Ebb Tide from Point Hilda runs northwesterly direction to Point Retreat. Then flood tide runs South to Young Bay. where Tides meet.

Anchored about 5.30 back of Lincoln Island. Hard rain

Asked Captain Leadbetter why he left wreck on the afternoon of Oct 25. Replied that he had been up most of night and early morning and needed some rest. He asked Capt Locke if it was all right to anchor and Locke replied that it was. Made arrangements to call Sophia at 4.30. Was trying to get Sophia when S.O.S. call came at 5.10. Immediately started out but could not find his way out on returning he came in on his course about mile South of where he thought he was. It is doubtful if Capt Locke realized that he was in danger until high tide when Wind and water both were putting him on the reef.

Oct 26.

11. a.m. Left Lincoln Island about 11 A.M. made Eldred Rock light house and landed supplies. Wire from Garfield saying that Eleanore had brought in 30 bodies and some fishermen 5. No report from other boats. This accounts for 185 bodies. Radio from Judge Jennings asking me to search cabins on Sentinel Island to satisfy strange premonition. Princess Alice on way with supplies for Cedar. What they are not known. Went ashore at Eldred Rock. Log of light keeper checks up with log at Sentinel Island. Hard gale and thick snow night of 25-26. 43 hours continuous service of siren. Light keeper reported Princess Sophia passed night of 28th but could not communicate. Time last thought is about midnight.

3 P.M. About noon Princess Alice sent some freight aboard and some papers. Long account of Princess Wreck.

3. 1.30 P.M. Went in close to wreck and got some pictures

3. P.M. At head of Shelter Island saw Army Signalled her. He came along side and said that Morton was ashore. Morton came off. He had three bodies Sitka has seen more. Boats still patrolling. This seems to account for 197 bodies

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two bodies & engineer said school
& would have to go in for oil.
Juneau. 6.20 P.M. arrived Juneau.

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Wreck of the Princess Sophia

On the evening of 25th the Princess Sophia foundered with all on board. Mr Willis came into my office about 9.30 a.m. the next day, white as a sheet and gave me the meagre information as contained in a ~~telegram~~ wireless from Captain Leadbetter of the Lighthouse tender "Cedar" which had been standing by. I immediately went to the office of the C.P.S.S.Co but it was closed. I then went to the office of the Collector of Customs where I found Lowle the agent. Mr Pugh the Collector of Customs had been aboard and was lost. So far as known there were no survivors. I offered my services to direct the search in the field which was accepted. I planned to go on the launch "Lone Fisherman" but her clutch was out of order. I then arranged to go on the steamer "New England" but there were three suspicious cases of influenza on board. I had to give up going until the next day when when the "King and Winge" would be going out. That evening we met in the office of the Collector and arranged a patrol of small craft to search every nook and cranny for bodies.

The "Estabrook" and "Peterson" had reported that on the 24th it would have been possible to take off passengers but that Capt Locke of the Sophia refused to let them go thinking that they were safer on board. The night of the 25th a furious storm arose and it was at high tide during this storm

that the Sophia was driven on the reef and sunk.

I started out in the King and Wings at 5. a.m. At 8 off Young Bay we found almost 400 boats picking up bodies. I was bound for the Cedar having radioed the Captain that I was on the way. We passed almost bodies which the other boats would pick up but then running into so many of them I decided that we had better turn to also for fear that some might drift away or that the other little craft might not be able accomodate all the bodies. By 10 o'clock we had ~~taken~~ picked up 30.

From here on I simply ~~copy from my notes~~ put in the notes made while on the work.

The sights were pitiful particularly the poor little children.

I returned on the Cedar about 8.30 on the night of the 29th.

November 2nd

A very appreciative telegram today from Mr D. O. Coleman vice president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Mr Cudahay their claim agent also expressed his appreciation. I went to the morgue today. all those poor silent bodies stretched out and the embalmers from all the town working on the corpses. There are 179 recovered so far. I do not think there will be very many more found as the recent storms have scattered them far and wide.

Politics are now ripe Wickersham on the night of the 30th attempted to hold a political meeting in defiance of the regulations against gatherings, but it was broken up by the Chief of Police. They are a dirty lot. Sulzer passed through here on the Northwestern and will go to Ketchikan to stay until after Election. I will be relieved when it is all over.

The influenza is making strides. 100 cases among the whites in Ketchikan and about the same number among the natives. The Steamship Companies made the venture charge that we were not allowing sick people to leave hospital

attention in Alaska and published a copy of a telegram they sent me with a lot of wild statements and accusations.

The war is all going our way now and I really think peace will be with us this year.

Peace!!!

Monday Nov 11th. This day the armistice was signed between the Allies and the Central powers. The military decision has gone against the Huns and he is whining like any other whipped cur. While he was on top he laughed at any protest against cruelty and oppression, but now he wants any consideration shown his feelings. The news came in this morning. Owing to the influenza epidemic there could be no public gatherings but I had all the whistles blown and the bells rung. The small boys made lots of noise.

On the 5th were held the elections. Nothing decisive yet but it looks as though Wickersham is elected. Awful thought. He is a crook of the first water and would be in jail if he had his just deserts. And to think we may have to put up with him

for another two years. Sulzer on the other hand is clean and honorable although not brilliant. I have never heard of such a mud slinging campaign.

The President got out a notice to the voters of the U.S. that he hoped democrats would be returned to Congress as a token of support of his conduct of the war. I think this was a great mistake as it gave the Republicans a great opening and now that Congress is Republican he naturally has antagonized all of them.

I thought that when peace was declared that I was going to feel immensely elated, but strange to relate I am looking at the trouble which are to come in labor and social unrest. It is going to be Hell here in Alaska when all restriction measures are removed.

The Influenza situation is terrific. 300 cases and a dozen deaths at Kodiak and Seldovia and no doctor at either place. I wired Blue Surgeon General for doctors and he came right back with notice that he was sending doctors and supplies on the naval Collier "Brutus". Pretty good work. 300 cases at home 11 deaths among whites and 100 among the natives.

Nov 14th

Influenza still keeping up its pace. 126 deaths among natives at Nome and 12 whites. Hydaburg 250 natives sick 8 deaths. Kodiak 28 deaths among whites. Klekhikan 280 cases 8 deaths. Juneau 150 cases 4 deaths. Other native villages getting it. Renée has just telephoned me that Lisette has a temperature of 103½. She came in from play complaining of feeling cold. She ate dinner and still complained. Her head felt hot and her mother then took her temperature. Trying to get Dr Sloane but without success.

Dr Kinkaid of the Public Health Service was to have left Seattle day before yesterday on Burton, naval collier, but owing to some slip up and no telling when it will get away.

After going home found Lisette better from having gone down to 101. Dr Sloane thinks it is only a cold and not "flu"

Trying to get cannery tender to take doctor on to Kodiak. but there seems to be some difficulty.

Nov 24 - Sunday

A shock this morning when a telegram arrived from Kate saying that mother had had a stroke and was very ill. Her last sentence " Have wired many Alki come at once if possible". is indefinite if a period is meant after "Alki" then it means for me to come. We decided to go the whole family so now we are packing up and will leave on the "Spokane"

tomorrow.

Influenza somewhat better around Alaska. When the naval ships finally decide to get started everything will probably be all well. The "Admiral Watson" dropped off influenza at Yakutat so they have it badly there now. I finally got the Tender "America" to go from Kodiak to Seward to get Captain Eugene Palmer. She has been gone from there five days and has not showed up at Seward. Either put into some little bay on account of storm or foundered.

Dr Kunkel is at last at Ketchikan with his doctors and nurses but no more word from him.

Last night Lisette said to me when I reproved her "Here cut that out Dr Keene says I am a good girl".

Nothing new in the war. Germans are evacuating according to the terms of the armistice and looting as they go.

We (Sulzer, Jennings, Donohoe + I) endorsed John W. Troy for the job of collector of customs to take the place of John T. Pugh who was drowned in the wreck of the Princess Sophia.

Nov 25 - Monday -

Another telegram from Kate. I fear I shall be too late. Mother and Father all within six months. Dear Mother has been slipping away faster than we thought. A hectic day at the office. So many last things to attend to, and now the added trouble - Small pox at Seward. Three cases of passengers from the Northwestern. Will disastrous news cease.

Got on board the Spokane at 10 P.M. but she did not get away until early Tuesday morning at about 5 a.m.

November 26 - Tuesday.

All day at Taku loading salmon from the Libby, McNeill & Libby plant. Hard S.W. gale blowing. Very rough getting in. Winch right overhead. Renee and Emma and the babies in 24 and 25 with bathroom between and I am in 23. Rotten noise.

Nov 28 - Thursday - Thanksgiving

Got to Ketchikan last night at 11 P.M. Dr Story, Judge Mahoney & Deputy Sharpe on board to see me. The "Burtess" arrived there yesterday - 18 days getting there from Seattle. Oh the boasted efficiency of the navy. The doctors left yesterday on the Cedar. Of course too late to be of any help in the epidemic as it is practically all over now.

Nov 30th. Arrived in Seattle at 10.30 a.m. Mr & Mrs Dole met us. We went to the Washington Hotel and found a Telegram from Kate saying that dear Mother had passed away on Monday last. Nov 20 No suffering for which I am grateful. Left at 6.25 N.P. drawing room and lower.

~~Dec 3~~ Arrived in Chicago at 9.20 P.M. Went to Congress Hotel but could get no room. None at the Auditorium. Telephoned to the Blackstone and just managed to get two rooms and bath. Renée and I went around to Congress Hotel and had a bite. Met Harry Higinbotham there with a friend of his named Frank Smith a mechanical engineer who is an engineer. They say they have a wonderful dry concentrating machine

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Dec 4th - Wednesday -

Left Chicago on Manhattan Limited at 10.30 A.M. ... $17.00 for the rooms and the damn rooms wouldn't cool off and we overlooked the Illinois Central tracks where the trains were popping all night. It costs money to travel these days.

Dec 5 Thursday.

Got to Washington a little after nine. Took taxi up home immediately. Kate met us down stairs. Father was sick in bed with the old bladder trouble. Talked with Father for a while and then doctor came in and washed him out. After lunch Kate and went first to Washington Loan and Trust to talk about mothers estate. Then to Speare's where mother lay. I saw her. She looked wonderfully beautiful. A slight flush on her cheeks and a sweet expression as though thinking thoughts of love. She wore Renée's gift of a little lace cap, lace gathered around her and on her breast two orchids.

That night just at bed time Father had a bad chill. He shook all over. Kate got hot water bags and we placed them around him and before long he quieted down and went to sleep. I came down later and found Kate lying on the sofa in the library so as to be at hand in case Father should want anything. I sent her to bed and stayed there. I had to help him up once or twice but in the main

he was very comfortable.

Renée developed a cold on the last day on the train - A bad one.

Oct 6 - Friday.

Around the house most of the morning, then down town. To the Regis bank where I had a chat with Mrs Glover who had not heard of Mother's death. Then to the Trust Co and after having a morning towel put on my one coat went back to the undertakers. I took Mother a couple of orchids and gave them to Mother from Yvette and Tompy. Ada the maid says that Tompy was the last word she spoke. As me, I went to the Crematory and now all that is left of our mother on this earth is just a handful of ashes.

When I got back to the home Jack Bellinger was there with Renée. He looked well in his uniform and very manly. He was most interesting. Spoke of all the fighting he had been in from Champagne Sector to Verdun, of being gassed, of how insulting the English soldiers are to the Americans and how the american doughboys are not impressed by the arrogance of the Prussian captured officers. They talk with a way such if they don't get in line and when an officer is captured they fall on them themselves stripping them of buttons, iron crosses and everything else of value. I can imagine it all how the Prussians might try to impress a doughboy from Kansas or Alaska.

Father and Renée both up for supper although Father went to bed early.

December 13th - Friday.

Renée and I got back from New York last night. We left here on Monday. I left Renée in New York. With mother's ashes I kept on to Albany where Jim Cox met me. I stopped at the Ten Eyck. Early Tuesday Jim and I took the early morning train to Sidney. An auto from there to Gilbertsville. Katharine Franke had made all arrangements for the interment and we went directly to the cemetary to Grandfather Gilbert's lot. Mr Peters the episcopal clergyman read the service. Beside Kate and Miss Franke there were Fitch Gilbert, Hamilton Harris & his wife, John Wright, Mary Thompson, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Peters. We laid the dear ashes on the north side of the monument. The day was beautiful. It is a beautiful spot.
After the service we went back to the Franke's for luncheon then back to Sidney for the 3.05 train then to Albany where I caught the Empire State Limited and got to New York at 10.10. Renée had been stopping at the Davison's apartment. She went to the Netherland for two nights and then back to Washington. While in N.Y. I tried to talk the board of Presbyterian missions into giving the training the Sheldon Jackson museum at Sitka. I do not get beyond with what result.

Today back to the office getting ready to really go to work. Tomorrow my busy day

Today the president landed in France with a wonderful reception. Something tells me that the fourteen terms of peace will be used as a basis for peace discussions only and that when the peace terms are really laid down that it will be found that the fourteen terms were simply a polite preface to the book. The British would stand for anything as long as war seemed indeterminate but now that Germany is absolutely beaten the English are going to demand everything which Germany can possibly give in the next hundred years.

December 25th Christmas Day.

I have been absolutely too busy to write anything. It has been a case of run from department to office and back again.

I had a very interesting visit to Secretary Redfield who feels very badly about the wreck of the Sophia. All of his ships now are to be equipped with life saving apparatus. At Redfield's request I called on Senator Shirley in the interest of Alaskan appropriations but failed to get a very sympathetic hearing. Shirley evidently dislikes Redfield intensely.

Advices from Alaska disclose the fact that the influenza has played the deuce in horrible shape. About 800 deaths in the vicinity of Nome alone. I have now nearly 150 orphan inquiries on my hands and no money with which to care for them.

I got Senator Jones of Wash to introduce a joint resolution in the Senate appropriating $200,000 for relief but up to date it is only as far as the Committee. I hope for a hearing before long. It is useless to try to do anything in the House as the Committee on Contests has reported to the house in favor of Wickersham and he will probably be seated early in January. It seems though that his tenure of office will be short lived as Sulzer leads now in the territory by 36 votes.

In an interview with Secretary Lane I got called down for not giving the Interior Department my full recognition in my speeches throughout the territory last summer. It seems that the Secretary had one of my speeches taken down as well as one of Wicks, but then Lane seems to think that he should always put hay in a person's ear to keep him from getting too conceited. Lane is rather pessimistic about Alaskan affairs.

Renie and I attended the Conference of the Governors at Annapolis and were most cordially received. Governor Harrington of Maryland was much cordial. In fact more so to us than to any of the others, being born in Maryland I think may have had something to do with it. I extended and invitation to the governors to meet in Alaska and it was agreed to do so. I spoke to Secretary Lane about getting a ship for them to meet on and he

immediately called for Daniels. Daniels said "yes" we could have a ship. Now if 50 % of the governors will join in going the Alaska trip will go through.

The next thing was to get a permanent naval ship for Juneau to assist all governmental endeavor. I got Redfield and Lane to join in a joint letter to Daniels making the request. Admiral Crowtz our old friend from Alaska is now Acting Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and promised his assistance. He took me out to see Daniels and explained how it might be done. Daniel was non committal but Crowtz said it would go through.

I called on Surgeon-General Blue re. influenza. His appropriation of $1,000,00 is exhausted so he cannot help Alaska, except in salaries of surgeons. The Red Cross appropriation is gone also. So we are up against it. However I got a lot of vouchers from Blue and am going to pass the buck to him as far as possible if I do not get Congressional relief.

The War Department has placed a car at my disposal as long as I am here which is a great help as I have a great deal of running around to do.

I called on Provost Marshall Crowder and got a very nice

Compliment from him regarding the way we handled the draft in Alaska. He is going to print Finnegan's report in full.

Dr Nelson of the Biological Survey and I have been looking over some of the regulations regarding game. I showed him a draft of a report to the Secretary of Agriculture. He did not like it as being too critical of the department and said that he would not publish it unless recommended. I told him that unless he published it that I would give publicity to the fact that he had suppressed it for fear of the criticism it would bring on his department. Sheldon is right with me in everything except brown bear. He insists that brown bear should be protected to bring sportsmen to Alaska who may become interested in the country.

On the whole my official actions have been productive of good results but I should have about two months here as speedy action is very hard to obtain.

Last night the kiddies had a little Christmas tree. My little cousin Freddie Haight whose father has rented our house 1731 21st St was the only other child. They had a frantique time. Last night the kids hung up their stockings in Father's room and today bright and early were down to see what Santa Claus had done for them. I have never seen so many toys.

Walter Buchanan has his fourth girl. He wanted a boy very badly.

Father grieves continually over mother's loss. It is pitiful to see him sitting all day long in his big chair dozing away. He is kind and loving and hates to think of our going away. I doubt if he can stand it much longer. Kate is a wonder and is the main stay of the family. Mother's estate is not in good shape. The income from the coal mines is discontinued and there is not enough from the rest to keep going. We help both and are allowing $200 per month starting Oct 1st.

Ted Conduit was down the other day. Renée and I dined with him. He was in France when the last drive started. Foch told him that the French were beaten. There were only 600,000 Frenchmen left in the line. The British had less. Then came our troops and turned the tide of battle. Clemenceau wrote out a message to the president in his own hand asking him to appeal to the French people to stand firm in case the Germans took Paris. Ted sent it to the president but was practically told to mind his own business and that all communications must come through official channels. It seems as though Clemenceau does not trust our ambassador Sharpe.

George Grigsby our attorney general has tried his tax case before the Supreme court and I think has won it. I am told that he conducted it in a masterly manner. The taxing power of the territory practically hinges on this suit. Grigsby is now trying to find some way by which I can stay in Washington a short time longer. I am really due in Juneau before January 1st to act as chairman of the Canvassing Board.

Dec 28th

The excitement of the day was a trip in an airplane or rather two trips. Lieut Clifford Moore (Jing) an Alaskan aviator and formally one of my old boundary boys made arrangements to take Sulzer, Grigsby and me up from Bolling field. We went out in my War department car. The Colonel in Command first sent me up in a big Hanland bombing plane equipped with Liberty motors. Major Asher was the pilot. We were gone about 20 minutes and climbed to 7000 feet. We sailed out over Washington which looked like a toy map or picture puzzle. We climbed up through the clouds and got into the sunshine. It was wonderful. Jing took up Sulzer and Grigsby. Then he wanted to take me up. So off we went. At 5000 feet without any warning he started to do stunts. These loop the loops, Zooming, side slips and spirals. It was a little too much for the

first trip so when the motor was shut off I leaned out and said "Home James" and we finally came back to earth much to my comfort. I my thought it was all a huge joke. We came back to lunch at the capital and then I went to the Food Administration to see a Mr Jon Swan regarding dehydrating plants as I want to get the territory to put up such a plant so as to make our products marketable.

Dec 29th

Today was spent in the War Department - Adjutant General endeavoring to get Abraham released from service, Chief of Engineers on roads then public roads bureau and later the Forestry Service. I ran across young Mahaffey in the Engineer Office. He is now a Colonel, also saw my old friend Harry Taylor now a Brigadier General. Talked a while with General Black the Chief of Engineers and then took Mahaffey up to the Metropolitan Club for luncheon. Charley (Colonel) McHenry joined us. The most interesting person I have met in the military establishment is General Crowder the provost marshall general. I think his work with the selective draft was splendid. Gregg by says I do not have to get back to Juneau before January 31st so I will stay here and work up some of my errands.

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January 11th 1919

It has been a pretty full month so far. Sulzer was unseated in Congress and Wickersham sworn in. Sulzer made a masterly defense and on motion to recommit to the Committee the vote stood 187-130 with two members of the Committee voting to recommit. When the motion was lost of course the committee report went through 224-67. Sulzer and I sat in the gallery and saw Wick sworn in.

Senator Jones of Washington introduced a joint resolution for me for $200,000 for relief of influenza in Alaska. The Committee cut it down to $100,000 in which manner it passed the Senate. I expect to be called by Shirley in the House at almost any minute.

Today Dr Hamilton of the Bureau of Education and I called on the Red Cross in the endeavor to get $ 35,000 from them. Wadsworth of War Council had turned me down cold. He has lands and cinemas in Alaska, I suppose. Today I have about 450 children to take care of. At Cordova they are yelling for funds to maintain a quarantine against passengers going to Fairbanks. I authorized Connie to go ahead the best he could

Yesterday afternoon I went up to New York to a dinner of the Boone and Crockett Club. Mather the director of the Park Service joined me. Secretary Lane was also on board on his way to the Americanization dinner. Had a nice talk with the Secretary. The men at the Club treated me with great

Consideration and even Madison Grant who has been opposing me told me he would help me on game laws.
Changed clothes at Fred Conderts. Fred Alice and Alexis all fear fen. Fred could only talk in a whisper. Back on the midnight
Renée and I were in Senator Jones office the other day when in waltzed John Ballaine. He ~~tried~~ tried to greet me like a long lost brother but I refused to shake hands with him.
Called on old Judge Huston chairman of the Committee on territories and had a nice chat with him. Also Senator Chamberlain who is very much worried about his son George who is reported to have become a dope fiend
Today a luncheon at the Metropolitan Club in honor of Steffasson the arctic explorer. General Greeley was most complimentary about my report.
At 4 an engagement with Rossiter of the Shipping Board and Praeger the 2nd Ass't P. M. General in an endeavor to untangle the chaotic mail conditions in Alaska.
Picked up Renée and Lisette at the Swedish ministers and brought them home. Ekengren was as polite as ever but he is boche through and through. He complained to me of the attitude of Alaska in endeavoring to get ~~away~~ rid of the Swede Slacken. Said "Why you need the labor". "Yes" said I "but we do not want disloyal labor".

Jan 27th - Monday.

Quite a time now since I have had the opportunity to write anything in this little old book, briefly:-

Left Washington Jan 17th and took Renee and the children to Morristown Lunah Morristown N. J.

18th - Left for the West

19th - Stand over one night in Chicago

20 - Came West with Sulzer from Chicago arriving in Seattle on the 24th

26th Left Seattle 9 a. m on Alameda.

Before leaving Washington I was called before the House Committee on Appropriations and gave testimony in regard to the influenza situation in Alaska. Mr Sissons was chairman of a sub-Committee. He was cordial but not particularly enthusiastic about taking care of our Esquimeans in a territory whose delegate has no vote in Congress. In fact even the loss of the Princess Sophia with 343 persons on board did not seem to interest Sherley. He asked me how many people we had in Alaska and when I told him said "Hell, we have more people than that in one of my wards in Louisville". I am glad that he is defeated even though he is a democrat. The Red Cross was rather loath too to afford us any relief - no hass band stuff. I told Secretary Lane who immediately got Wadsworth on the telephone and said "See here Wadsworth old man you have got to come through with this money, these are our own people". If it had not been for Lane we would not have gotten it.

In Seattle I called on Chas. D. Stimpson who is district manager for the Red Cross who evidently also wanted to put me off. Raised all sorts of difficulties but finally compromised by letting the Behrends Bank act as disbursing agent. Stimpson finally said "We'll let you have it but you must give us all the credit you can". This is just the attitude of all the "patriots". They do not want to do anything which does not advertise the individual, and a dying Esquimo means little unless the individual is recognized as a public benefactor — with other peoples' money.

On the train from New York to Chicago I ran into Secretary Houston of the Agriculture. I talked to him for an hour about Alaska and managed to get a little show of interest particularly in regard to restocking Alaska with musk oxen. I really think we will be able to pull off something Constructive along these lines.

A great strike among the ship yards is on in Seattle and Tacoma approximately 50,000 men are out. A minority of 10% Reds are bluffing the other 90%. This ship is crowded with returning laborers of the better element. One man Jack Heath from Fairbanks says that the whole labor situation is one vast graft. For instance when he went to work the foreman came to him and said "What in H — l do you mean by working like that slow up, slow up". For three days this foreman kept him in the hold of a ship doing nothing but

smoke cigarettes but drawing his pay. Another time he finished a job too soon and the foreman made him tear out the whole job. He is disgusted. Burns from Nevada is another. They all seem to think however that the Ship builders are conniving with the labor leaders to make the construction as expensive as possible as they are paid 10% on the cost for their share and naturally if a ship costs a great deal their profits are larger.

Sulzer and I share the same room. At the table are me + Mrs Jack Hellenthal, Captain Parks, & Miss McKenzie, Sulzer and self. Quite a pleasant party.

I was in Tacoma Saturday. The Commercial Club gave me a luncheon. Governor Histon came up from Olympia. At night Charlie Hanley gave a little dinner of some of my old friends. It was very pleasant.

Jan 29 -

Arrived home at 6 P. M. We had a fierce storm last night and could not go out past Cape Decision so turned back at daybreak and came through Wrangell Narrows.

Jan 30 -

Mighty lonely here without the family. "Bob" nearly ate me up at the dock last night. A lot of trouble at the office. Commissioner Benton threw us all down I find by only giving a man $200 who

had a well established stile and about 90 gal. of hooch all ready for the market.

Called a preliminary meeting of the canvassing board, made plans for counting votes and Continued until 7th 0th at 10. a.m.

The House of representatives turned down the jones resolution appropriating $100.000.00 for relief in Alaska on account of influenza.

Notice came from Stimpson that the Red Cross had allotted $25,000.00 but it is so hedged in with restrictions that I doubt if it will do us any good. The money must not be used for any authorization given but only for future destitution, all vouchers must be approved by local chapters, then by Hawksworth of the Bureau of Education and myself and finally B. M. Behrends may pay it. I am such an organization. If the officials of the organization can get themselves in the limelight all well and good but they do not want to give to an obscure community of suffering Esquimo and dying children. All the red cross people want is a little self glorification on others peoples' money. Alaska stands first in Red Cross work of all the States and Territories and now they do not want to give us a portion of what we turned in to them cheerfully and willingly. I am strongly tempted to tell them all to Go to Hell.

Feb 5th

Held 2nd meeting of canvassing board, the first one being held merely for the purpose of organizing. Today started the canvas of votes of the last election. John Rudgaard and John Marshall elected themselves guardians of the rights of Wickersham and wrote what I consider an insulting letter to the board regarding the method the board should follow in counting ballots — Practically said "We hope you are going to cook your

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Col Lemoir the head of the Alaska telegraph system is stopping with me while waiting for a steamer South.

Feb 8 -

Working on the canvassing board. Little change in the net result. This afternoon at 4.30 a big conference with the chief Indians of Angoon. I think the idea was merely to make a social call, but their excuse was the asking for a "Skookum paper" a letter commending them for incorporating and Indian village and acting under authority granted them by the legislature in enforcing progressive ordinances. The "judge" stopped after the conference and gave me a brief history of their laws. Wife beating and the beating of kids seem to be their

Resetting sins. They toted their old tribal chief along – Andanaot – who made the usual roundabout Indian speech. the judge Eli Katanook is very intelligent, in fact all of them are superior natives.

Tom Donahoe in town after the scalp of Shoup and Smith. I guess he will get Shoup as he put Harry Morton up to getting after the job and there is no doubt but that Morton is a good man and I think honest.

Feb 21st Friday.

The canvassing board is to meet again today after a short but stormy session on Wednesday. The attorney-general gave in his opinion that the boards activities were confined to checking up the returns of the judges of election. Davidson who is secretly against Sulzer made a great roar and wanted two days in which to digest the opinion. In other words he wants time to consult Rustgard and Marshall who are Wickersham's attorneys. To date Wick is three votes gainer on account of action taken by the board in the matter of ~~[illegible]~~ counting votes rejected by the judges. R. & M. have protested Forty Mile and a number of other Sulzer precincts while Hellenthal and Winn have protested a number of Wickersham precincts. It is all a grand scramble.

Old Moses who wants to be chief of the Thinkets in place of Anaklahash is annoying every one by trying to

pull off a potlatch in defiance of the quarantine order against native gatherings. I had to issue orders for his arrest if he started anything. A U. of Penna. native came down from Haines to see me and explained that Moses having made his boast of giving a potlatch is now bound by tribal law to come through.

Skagway today partially lifted the influenza quarantine. Thank heaven there is no known flu now in the Territory

Wickersham continues to hold up all democratic nominations in the senate. Bunnell, Roth. Troy and lastly poor old district attorney Sumner. The very Soul of Honor.

Bart Shane dined with me last night and we talked on interesting subjects until about eleven.

March 2 - Sunday.

Tomorrow the legislature will meet and then the fun will commence. The drone "Democratic" delegation is going to try to throw all the monkey wrenches they can into the machinery. They are absolutely dominated by Wickersham and his henchman Russell.

Owing to the quarantine all the 2nd div. returns are not yet in but we have given the legislature their certificate of elections on telegraphic advice from the clerk of the Court. In the 3rd we did the same thing except that Murray and Patterson are running so closely that we do not dare with the British Boy

precincts still out. Patterson is 8 votes ahead but that can be wiped out from the missing returns.

It now looks as though Sulzer will be elected by the narrow plurality of 13 votes which is too close for comfort when it is taken into consideration that Wickersham is undoubtedly going to contest the election. His attorneys are watching all the proceedings like hawks while Sulzer men are conspicuous by their absence.

The "Princess Sophia" hearings were held here last week and I entertained Justice Morrison at the house. He is a most agreeable and cultivated man. I gave two dinners for him. At one I only had in the two Hellenthals and Judge Winn but at the second I invited all the visitors and our own officials. Covers for 14.

Rene should be in San Francisco today. Lots of calls from the various legislatures. John Moon being the only one in town who has not shown up.

Burt Shane has been in several times and dined once with me. I like him. He thinks my Bureau of Mines idea is all right. I hope it goes through although we are terribly cramped for funds.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Pioneers' Home yesterday it was decided to replace Shoup with Harry Morton. The move is political only. Shoup is doing an

well as anyone but he is most distasteful to the party and will have to go.

March 3rd

Great excitement. Legislature convened. Senate two members sky - Ronan and Sutherland. House elected E. J. (Stroller) White Speaker and Harry Morton clerk.

Harry Morton has been after the job of Superintendent of the Pioneers' Home and also wanted to be clerk of the house. I got wind of the fact that Marshall was after the clerkship so I hurriedly called a meeting of the board of the Home and we accepted Morton's application and then to bump Marshall sent him after the clerkship. He got it.

It looks as though Frawley from Nome would get the presidency of the Senate which would be a great mistake. We wanted Ronan but he can't get here before the end of the week.

March 4th

Senate and House sent committees to notify me of their organization. Sent my first message stating that I would deliver my message to a joint session on Wednesday the 5th at 2. P.M.

March 5

Delivered my message at 2. P.M. Big Crowd. It seemed to go pretty well. I got quite a number of compliments for pointing out needed legislation specifically instead of in a general way. Sutherland, my enemy,

made a motion thanking me for coming and drawing attention to the clear message.

March 6th

Gave a dinner to the legislature. All there except Ronan who was delayed in Seattle. Had some fake telegrams come in for each member but they did'nt seem to grasp the point very well. In fact most of them are rather lacking in humor. I did not hear one single bright remark during the whole dinner. After dinner Phil Bradley came on from Douglas and operated his little movie machine on my films and slides. This seemed to interest the law makers a little more. The smartest men in the crowd are Jim Daly from Hume and Ernest Collins from Fox, the latter a republican. Daly is a Wickersham man and in consequence only nominally a democrat, however there they are pulling the wool over the eyes of all the rest. The House woke up to the fact finally that the non tax paying division had four men on the Ways and Means, the republicans a majority on the Printing and the Fisheries. Poor old "Strollin" White finally comes too after the damage is all done.

Congress of the United States finally woke up in a row without passing the Deficiency bill and the Sundry Civil bill. My influenza bill is in the deficiency bill

March 8th-

Just a few legislatin calls today. "Bots" seems like a very sick dog. I suspect that someone he has been talking to has fed him a little poison. Newspaper tonight mentions the fact that J. L. McPherson of the Alaska Bureau is assisting Secy Lane on Alaska Railroad matters owing to the illness of Mr Edes. I got a wire today from Edes stating that he would give transportatin to our engineers so I expect that they have finally gotten the old man. However if they are going to put Mack in they are only jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. He would make a better Fallon.

March 9

The "Princess Mary" arrived at 2 a.m. Went to dock with auto and went on board with customs officer. Renée up and Emma dressing kiddies. Went ashore in about half an hour and home again. All hands glad to be reunited. Babies rather apathetic about seeing their father but friendly.

March 19-

Josette has been sick for about four days with a low fever. Doctor says stomach and the poor little tot has been fed castor oil and anything else disagreeable until there is a hollow where her stomach ought to be. Renée is very much worried.

Last night we had the reception for the legislature. It was quite successful

even the Bolshovike seemed to have a good time. Dan Sutherland staid until the very last. We gave them lots to eat and had good music for dancing. In the den there were smokes and the men made the best of it.

Today we canvassed the Bristol Bay precincts. Nakuek had no official ballots and voted the primary ~~votes~~ democratic workers ballots straight. Chogginung had unofficial ballots also.

Long call from Senator Hess. Who wants to introduce a banking law to protect all depositors. It may be all right. Snowing hard today after ten days of clear weather.

March 22.

Today signed my first bill making it a law. It was merely to advance the payment of school expenses from March 31st to June 30th so as to cover the School year. Lisette better with almost normal temperature.

March 25th.

More influenza. This time it is at Skagway. On the 23rd it broke out with 40 cases yesterday 50 cases and one death. The only doctor in town is down with it. I sent Dr Johnson from Sitka who has just been released from the Army up there with two nurses and the next day sent two more. I put the whole matter up to the legislature and told them I would not assume

any more authority single handed as the strain was too great. They promptly told me to go ahead and do the best I can and gave me a thousand dollars with which to do it. So far the the Republican Bolsheviki have been pretty decent but I am told that Dan Sutherland is going to turn loose on me tomorrow on account of the Publicity Bureau. Lisette's temperature has been normal all day today so I think she will probably now be all right. Now upstairs and get dressed for a damned card party.

March 31st.

The whole country is talking of Wickersham's open letter to Secretary Lane in which he abuses Lane and me unmercifully on account of alleged railroad mismanagement. Like the cur that he is he accuses Lane of acting illegally. She is wild and wants to bring a suit against him for libel. Wickersham's letter is one of the greatest tissues of absolute lies I have ever read. So far it has worked against him and hurt him greatly. Neither has his attack on me seemed to help him very much. He is now in town. I suppose to see what he can do in the way of a contest in case Sulzer gets the certificate of election.

The other legislative excitement is my message to the legislature urging a $50,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of taking over the transportation of the Territory so that we may have decent rates and schedules.

I have also written a letter to Senator Price showing how I have been working on the scheme since last November. It is Price who introduced the bill to carry the measure into effect. My message went in on the 26th.

On the 27th. Sutherland read certain telegrams on political subjects which I had sent and paid for out of the emergency fund. I had been paying for all office contingent expenses out of the emergency fund since the federal fund played out. Cramer should have picked them up in preparing the vouchers but he slipped a cog. It is fine campaign material for the Wichs.

Sutherland is senator for the 4th Division but has not been there for two years and a half but draws his milage just the same with great regularity, so just to see how I slipped a letter to the Chairman of the Finance Committee asking the Senate to certify to me that the various mileage charges should be paid. There will be something stirring before long.

April 2nd

Today. Renie's day at home. Hastily Wichites in to call. My day was made up of Road bill Conference, Banking Board and School Board. I think Heaven the legislature is half over. I will be thankful when they pack their grips and depart for home. Today Scotty Allen and Bogan broke

away from the Bolshevik machine led by Collins and Daly and voted with the regulars on the Publicity Bureau bill which had been introduced by Sutherland to abolish the Bureau. Scully seems to have come over to my side as does old Senator Sundback.

Yesterday was city election. The Valentine gang were defeated. The new administration has some pretty good men on it and I hope will run the city efficiently. Renée did not really want to vote as Wicks Charges against her of illegal voting seems to have gotten her goat.

April 13- Palm Sunday.

The great excitement of the legislature now is my shipping measure. I think it will pass and we will either do the Territory a great deal of good or go broke.

Last night the democrats tried to hold a get together meeting at Casey's house and I was invited but of course Daly was there and I was silenced as anything I might say would of course go right to the enemy. There has also been a great deal of excitement in regard to the retention of Shoup as Superintendent of the Pioneers' Home. The Board had determined to replace Shoup with Harry Horton for political reasons. This came to Shoup's ears. He came to my office and said that the legislature wanted to put a resolution through asking the board to retain him

and asked me if I had any objection. I told him I had no objection and thought of course the legislature would turn him down, but strange to relate it passed the House and is now in the Senate. I reappointed Smith to the treasurership which has also caused a howl in certain quarters.

Chin the Cook leaves today to start a Chinese restaurant in Seattle. Mrs Dole of the Eng. Com. has secured me a good cook at eighty five per but she cannot get here for a week or two so Emma is to do the cooking ad interim and Renée will wear herself out with the kiddies.

After much debate the governors have decided that they cannot hold their annual conference in Alaska. Only 18 could be found to commit so it will be held this year in Salt Lake and next year in Alaska.

Naval patrol in port the "Richmond" and two sub chasers. I returned the call of the Commanding Officer and received my salute of seventeen guns. I felt quite important. I took Capt Finnegan representing my staff and invited Major Waugh & officers of the Alaska Road Commission and the president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. They are to patrol Alaskan waters. Their orders are "Until the close of navigation."

funny how little is known of Alaska even in official circles.

My old engineer F. D. Hayden, now an engineering instructor at the University of Washington has come out in a long letter to the Seattle P. I. under date of April 7th denying all of Wickersham's charges. Pretty good letter too.

April 15th -

Home returns in at last. They had gone to Seattle and then North on the Jefferson. Called meeting of canvassing board for tomorrow. Joslin in town. Hearing of transportation Commission committee. Joslin and Carl Sling of Ketchikan hope committee. Neither seemed to favor the project on account of tendency to scare away capital although both admitted that the rates were too high and that another competing line might make money. Ivy received a telegram from Fox the Commissioner at Craig stating that Delegate Sulzer is very ill. Wired Sulzer to come here and that I would send patrol boat after him.

April 16 -

Wireless called me up at 2 a.m. message from Ketchikan that Sulzer had died en route from Sulzer to Ketchikan as a result of obstruction of the bowels. Canvassing board met at 10 a.m. and canvassed home returns showing Sulzer to have been elected by 33 votes. Awaiting instruction from Atty-General as to what to do

kept. Wrote proclamation regards placing
flags at half mast for three days.
Everyone shocked by news of Sulzer's death.
I was very fond of him. He was a clean
manly man. Mrs Sulzer in
deep distress.

Jennings, Troy, Griggsby, Stroller White and I
met at the house in the evening to determine
the best way to handle the delegate vacancy.
We picked on Griggsby to sacrifice himself.
Jennings was rather stubborn about wanting his
way in getting some of the legislation to
wire Burns the territorial committeeman to hold
a convention here in person and appoint
the democratic legislators as proxies. I held
out for having Donohoe have Burns call
the convention so that it would all come
from that end. I carried the day. So
I framed up a wire to Donohoe which
was to be signed by the "Empire".
My name was suggested to run but I
declined on account of having to face a
contest which Griggsby would be much
better fitted to conduct. It seems that
there are other Richmonds in the field.
mainly judge Bunnell. I now propose
to give Sulzer the certificate of election
so that Mrs Sulzer can get his salary
and call an election 30 days from
May 3rd

April 4th Sunday - Easter.

Very tired - Yesterday I delivered an
eulogy on Chas. A. Sulzer before the Senate
and House. It seemed to be well
received.

Donohoe came on from Valdez and last night a few met here to discuss plans. Gruening is our pick of candidate. I positively do not want it. To go through the mire of an Alaskan political campaign does not appeal to me. Wickersham is also in town as full of venom as ever. His attack on Secretary Lane has hurt him immensely.

Dr Sloane came in and gave me the once over. My right side has been hurting me for a week or ten days. Of course Renke thought I was headed right in Sulzer's direction. Sloane found my blood pressure all right 130. Heart regular and lungs sound as a top. So it came down to the two ribs I fractured four years ago.

In the mail today is an interesting souvenir of the war. A piece of German shrapnel hammered out on a German forge in the Argonne by one of our Alaskan boys into a paper cutter. We who stayed home will never know the Hell those men went through. The donor is Private Crowe of the 27th Engineers.

I am getting the Victory loan drive started and hope that we can raise our quota.

April 27 - Sunday

Still tired. No cook yet and Renée in bed with inflamatory rheumatism. The poor girl has had it for nearly a week now and is about worn out.

Politically the situation is anything but

Satisfactory. Sulzer's death makes it necessary to call a special election and as yet we have no strong candidate. I have been asked to run but do not want it. Quigley is my choice as he will undoubtedly run into a contest with Wickersham and he is best fitted to conduct the contest. Senator Hess is spoken of and every member of the legislature is secretly hoping that the delegate mantle will fall on his shoulders. They all have dim visions of themselves making speeches to crowded halls of Congress. I propose to call an election for June 3rd as present and of course there is an awful howl from those who want to run the whole thing. My editor friend in Fairbanks W. J. Thompson is particularly bitter and calls me "Proclamation Tom".

I dropped into the legislature this morning and talked like a Dutch uncle to some of the legislators. Told them that they had treated me rottenly and that they were doing every thing possible to handicap my office by cutting down the appropriations for its support.

Tom Donohoe is here and seems very friendly even if I did appoint Smith to Territorial Treasurer. However I guess that he does not appear of me as a party man.

Thank the Lord the legislature will be over in a few days.

April 3rd Saturday

At last the legislature is over. Of course they did not get through with any of the important bills until the last moment. I staid up until ~~the very last~~ about 5.30 a.m and signed the revenue bills and as they were still scrapping I turned in for a few hours and got back about 9. Adjournment was at 12. I signed the transportation bill before turning in. When I got back there was an absolute deadlock over the appropriations for the Agricultural College and School of Mines and the Publicity Bureau. I asked White if he could hold his men pat and he said he could. I then went up to the Senate and told the Conference Committee that the House was very obstinate and absolutely refused to budge. Price and Britt weakened but Heckman said he would hold out. I told Heckman that I had shown him a great deal of courtesy and I expected him to show me some. The Committee was called together again and soon came down and offered a compromise. Collins who had traded the College for the Bureau refused the offer. The free conference accepted the Bureau appropriation and then went back to the College. It failed of passage, but the Bureau was saved although only with $15,000.

Yesterday was also convention day. Griggsby was nominated on the first ballot. Noon and Hess receiving complimentary votes.

Donohoe ran the convention very nicely and created a good deal of good feeling. We put Pennington in the chair and had Price make the nominating speech. It is was anything to get rid of Wickersham. Last night I went to bed at nine and slept through to eight.

A new nurse on the scene Emma in the kitchen. The nurse is a teacher out of a job and a very nice girl.

Renie better.

I was idly marking on a piece of paper a short time ago in a sleepy way and wrote down the date "December 16 - 1942. Then it suddenly flashed into my mind "Why that is the date of my death." It will be interesting to my decendants if they ever read this chronicle to see if my hunch comes true

May 6th.

Rollin had cold. Staid in the house almost all day, except a short time this morning when I went to the office for the purpose of calling a meeting of the Shipping board. We agreed to have Maurice Seeley for a short time anyhow to look into the matter in Seattle. Great excitement in anti administration circles because I vetoed the antedating bill. Tony Nordale came around to the house in the afternoon to try to talk me out of some money from the emergency fund for insurance etc for the Agricultural College and School of Mines. I told him that I would have been glad

to do so but for the attack that Hess made on me for expenditures from the fund on account of the Hatchery in Juneau. I told him to present the facts to the regents which he promised to do. I can see Mrs Hess pulling her husbands hair as she is a very active member of the Board. Stanley of Nome is going direct to Washington to prefer charges against me.

May 11th-

At a meeting of the Shipping Board we retained Maurice Seeley of Alaska and Seattle to represent us before the Shipping Board in Washington. It is our intention to try remedial action on rates before taking any steps toward starting a territorial Steamship line.

Grigsby away campaigning. He wired me from Petersburg to send him the voters list. I hear he has track of gross irregularities in voting. We have got to get all the evidence we can as Wick is going to contest the Soldier vote.

I appointed Dr J. O. Keane temporary Commissioner of Health so as to remove any hope from the breast of Dr DeVigne. Mrs Smith the wife of the treasurer has been trying to force the DeVignes down our throats. Mrs Smith cannot be trusted out of sight. She has been very active trying to get a most pernicious bill through the legislature allowing the employee of any Company to chose his own doctor at Company expense. All

in the interest of her blood De Vigne.

May 24. Saturday.

Just returned from an eight day trip to Windfall Harbor on Admiralty Island where we went after bear but were too early as none of the bear seem to have left their dens. It was a quiet venture that went along. I commandeered the liquor agent Jack McDonald and his boat and asked Cheney to go along. Then Rustgaard horned in and wanted to go so I took him. Cheney is a sore democrat and Rustgaard is a confirmed Wickershamite and even his attorney. We dropped politics almost entirely. Windfall Harbor is one of the most beautiful spots I have ever seen, about half way up Seymour Canal. We camped at Bert Maycock's cabin on Windfall Island and made trips out from there. Maycock and his partner did not get back from Juneau until the day before we left so we had things all our own way. We did not even see a bear back but we had a beautiful boat and I was mighty glad to be away from the office. To tell the truth I was pretty seedy and needed a change badly. The only excitement we had was returning from the Glass Peninsula where we went to hunt one day. A storm came up and the waves were pretty bad for our little craft.

The dory broke away past Mc Berg Island reef and I turned back to get her. We picked her in but in slowing down the engine I stalled her and it took a long while to get it started again. In the mean while we were drifting on the reef. We rigged the sail but the boat answered the helm very badly so it was a great relief when the engine started again.

Got home yesterday about 7.30 after a twelve hour run and found the boy quite sick with a high fever. Stomach again. Renie with a tooth ache. It is a very poor day nowadays when none are in the home can't be sick. To day Jimmie Kellie and I forced Renie to the dentists. He will treat the tooth for a time and if that fails pull it.

June 2 - Monday -

Had a ~~one~~ letter from John Ronan on Saturday stating that the new silver camp on Portland Canal is a wonder. 450 tons shipped from the Bush mine brought $272,000. I had agreed with Ronan before he left here for Stewart that if he struck anything good that I could get the capital. I immediately sent him $100 and wired Fred Condert that I thought there was a good opportunity and would need $100,000 and probably $25,000 more to tie up options. Today a wire " Semple and I will honor drafts authorized by you for $25,000 and undertake to supply balance of capital when needed. send

me preliminary reports as soon as available".
I then wired Ronan "Arranged for necessary capitas if prospects will stand investigation."
Renée is much excited. I have told Ronan if necessary to draw on me for $500.00.

Dan Sutherland the Bolsheviki senator is much worried. He represents the 4th Div but has'nt been there for two years. He drew his milage just the same but because the Empire roasted him he asked for a ruling. I made a request on the Comptroller who turned him down. Now he wants another ruling. He is the man who attacked me for spending $3 of territorial funds on political telegrams. He is now advertising in the Dispatch a series of articles exposing the Democratic machine. We have sweet politics in Alaska.

June 3rd Tuesday

Today election day to fill the vacancy made by the death of Delegate Chas. A. Sulzer. Renée, Emma and I voted after luncheon.

Stormy meeting this a.m. of the Board of Road Commissioners. Secretary Davidson is a regular bull in a china shop. Major Waugh of the Alaska Road Commission nearly took his togs and went home. D. was almost insulting. What we are trying to do is to get as many roads as possible out of the various funds as possible and Waugh and I had practically arranged for certain proportions. The Secretary certainly made a great mistake when he reappointed Davidson Surveyor-General

June 5th.

The daily disaster consisted of a tumble of Giselle from a stool in Behrend's store. Result earache and temperature of 101. Jot and his toils had nothing on us.

Quigley back from the West and laid up in the hospital with a carbuncle. Election returns show him to be safely elected over the labor candidate Jones.

Wickersham tried some more of his underhand tricks in Valdez. With Capt Tansh that out of respect to Sulzer he did not want to make a scandal and asked him to instruct the soldiers under him to quietly make affidavit that they had voted for Sulzer so that he could be seated without a contest. He can think of more underhand tricks than any man I have ever heard of.

Had a talk with Jim Connors re his Red Top mine in the Iditarod district. It sounds good to me and I may take a flyer on it. Fred Lindert and I may own a mine the first thing we know. Fred Bradley of the Treadwell is going to make an examination of it. I want to get there first.

June 15th

The canvassing board has met and Quigley was given the certificate of election. He is now on his way to Washington.

The Fish Commission has met and we are going to have a little experimental hatchery and to do some stream cleaning work.

The family disaster is that Renie badly cut her hand in retrieving my razor from Buddy so that her little right hand finger will probably be stiff. It started to show a little chance of getting ~~~~ normal and then she made a grab at him and broke the rest of the tendons. Lisette in playing with Buddy on the old Russian cannon by the office fell off the escort and sprained her arm badly. The doctor simply lives at the house.

I have been after bear again with the same result, so I sat down and wrote a bear hunting article which will make people think I am the original himself when they read "All Outdoors".

June 25th

Last ~~Sat~~ Thursday Rustgaard came in and delivered a letter at the instance of Wickersham asking for certain information from the canvassing board. At first I saw nothing particular in them and said I would call a meeting of the board for their consideration but then it struck me that Wick was trying to get a statement before Congress supported by what he would claim to be a "Confession" from the board and then prevent Grigsby from being seated. Grigsby was due in Washington on Tuesday. So I was suddenly seized with the desire of getting a bear before the end of the season. So Tolta and I got out that afternoon on the game warden's launch

and the funny part of it all is that I got a bear. We went to Port Frederick, arriving there about 1.30 P.M. the next day. At the head of the bay we saw two bear on the beach. Folta and I made a sneak on them but we found that one had crossed a little light and was only about 150 yards away. We got within 100 yards and then I shot him. He ran up the bank and into the woods. We tracked him by blood and at a little opening I shot him again. Folta also shot. About a 100 yards further on Folta shot him again but he was all in, & I claimed him. A nice fair sized grizzly. On the way back we stopped in at Hoonah and I brought home some fine baskets.

I tried to call a meeting of the canvassing board today and had told Troy to be too busy to come but it was not necessary as Davidson was out fishing. I am trying to stave off giving Rustgaard any information until Griggs by is slated.

Lisette evidently hurt her arm pretty badly as she cannot straighten it yet.

June 28th

The Allied powers and the Germans signed the peace treaty today about 3. P.M. Now comes the ratification of the terms by the seperate governments.

A major and Mrs Hamilton were here

today. Mrs Hamilton was in a convent school at Petrograd at the outbreak of the war and was rescued by her husband from some Uhlans. Her sister was shot by a German officer. All of her family, mother, two brothers and four sisters have disappeared.

June 29th

Wickersham's brief in the contest out in the Dispatch today. A horrible bunch of calumnies and lies. He pays particular attention to me as chairman of the canvassing board.

July 7th -

Renée and I went to Wrangell for the 4th. We went down on the Fisheries boat the Nunre and were very comfortable. Arrived at Wrangell at 11.30 a.m after a 20 hour run from Juneau. Quite a committee to meet us with the Indian band. This was the 3rd. That night a ball at Red Man's Hall. Next day of course it rained so the open air exercises had to be abandoned. The speaking was in the playshed. I made the address of the day and let into Bolshevism and I.W.W.s for the afternoon a ball game between Petersburg and Wrangell which only lasted 8½ innings and then it rained. I pitched the first ball. Score 2 - 1 in favor of Petersburg.

A telegram from Judge Wickersham while at W. ~~Spo~~ asking for help at little Port Walter. I.W.W. has chased it

the superintendent and bookkeeper. At Big Port Walter the F.W.W. tried to shoot the fish buyer. The only patrol boat in S.E. Alaska laid up for repairs. At Port Althrop the cannery is nearly out of business because the pirates are robbing all the traps. The Diana seems to be the pirate par excellance. The other night a regular battle with the pirate more than 200 shots being fired. On the 20th of June I wired the Secretary for more boat and authority to appoint deputies but no answer as yet. Wired again yesterday. Unless something is done soon there are liable to be riots and bloodshed.

Grigsby is seated as delegate. Congress made no move to take up Wickersham's resolution and he was unanimously seated on the certificate. Wickersham charges every office holder in Alaska with being crooked. How that man loves me.

July 24-

Fred Corbett and Alys arrived on the 20th and have been enjoying themselves hugely. Yesterday we went to Taku glacier on the yacht of David Whitcomb of Seattle. Today they go through the Gastineau Mine. Yesterday we all went down to Taku glacier on David Whitcomb's yacht the Missawit. The day was a little overcast but beautiful. Tonight we had the Whitcombs and Tom Andrews from the Vicksburg to dinner.

July 27.

Wild excitement day here yesterday on account of a wire from John Ronan at Stewart saying that he could get a very good bunch of claims for $6000.00 Cash. I wired to go ahead if they met with his approval. Nothing more from him so far. Fred laid up with bad cold. I went fishing in the Salmon Creek dam with Shane. Willis and Jackson. Caught all the trout we wanted.

Five fish pirates now in jail. The defense is that there is a conspiracy of packers to drive the honest fishermen away from the seining grounds.

Quigley won second heat over Wichersham where Wich had a resolution introduced to put off the taking of evidence so as to put Quigley into the middle of winter to take him.

July 31.

Great excitement today. Wire from Ronan that he had closed on the mines and was checking against his account for $6,500. Fred immediately went to bank and deposited the amount. Then I made arrangements to get the "Dixie" and proceed to the scene of the trouble. Fred joins me all the time I want and declares himself in on the deal. I am safe to take the matter up as the mine is in B.C. Jim Cox and Wide around here as

29th. She is a nice pretty little thing.
I sent them through the Alaska Juneau mine yesterday and today to the Mendenhall glacier.

A ball at the home last night for the officers of the naval patrol and their wives. The "marblehead" left in the morning without saying good bye or anything. — Most discourteous — especially as the ball was more or less an official one. It made us rather short of men as we had depended upon the young officers.

Today I took up the case of two young boys only 14, who are in jail on robbery charge. I expect to get them released in charge of the Board of Children's Guardians until their trial. I had the marshal bring them up and told them that I would flay them alive if they did not behave themselves. Old Denison gave them a kind paternal talk.

Dispatches state that a Congressional Committee is on the way to investigate the and that perhaps Secretary Lane will be in the party. Wallowell will anyhow.

Aug 10th. Fred Conduit and I returned from a ten day jaunt to Portland Canal the scene of the latest mining excitement. We chartered the launch "Dixie" which we made our home. I did most of the cooking. Fred most of the loafing. We lay out on deck almost all day, took sea water splash baths and enjoyed ourselves hugely. We stopped

Renée and I are going West with them on the Alameda so I am pretty busy getting my desk cleaned up.

Aug 27th. On steamer "Admiral Watson" en route Juneau via Kenai, Shumma Bay, Sand Harbor, Kodiak, Port Graham and Seward. We are now off Afognak Island.

Mr Hallowell, the assistant to the Secretary, Col. G. T. Slade, Col. Means, Mrs Means & children and Mr Hallowell came along on the Alameda on Sunday the 24th (?) and Renée, the Condits and I packed up and trailed. Just before leaving Thalgaard at the instance of Wickersham served me with a copy of the House resolution in the case of Wickersham versus Graves by and a letter demanding that I send the election records immediately to Washington. Of course I was going to give up the entire trip just to help Wick out. Wick was also aboard and went as far as Valdez where he is trying to get evidence in his contest.

Renée and I were very much pleased with both the Hallowells. He is earnest and agreeable, before joining the Secy he was on of Hoover's dollar a year men. Means is much the same as ever and can't cheer up to save his life. Col. Slade, a vice president of the Northern Pacific Ry, formally in charge of operations of railroads in France and Means' boss is along to report on the engineering end. Caroline member of the party is Gamble the

accountant. Gruble told me that Brown in Nenana had undoubtedly stampeded and that the relocation of the line was absolutely unwarranted.

N. wanted me to go through Broad Pass with him to Fairbanks but I was not able to get away for that length of time owing to Davidson's death and to the necessity of getting my report in.

With the exception of Means the party was a very congenial one. We had lots of fun. Fred was fine and waked them all up.

Our first stop was Cordova. All went up in Corser's private car to the glacier except Bowman and I. I forgot to state that Alfred H. Brooks of the Geological Survey was also one of the party. I got N. to talk with George Hazelett while I talked politics with Tom Donohoe.

Valdez was reached in the night and at La Touche we all ~~walked~~ were taken through the mill except Renée and me. We walked out to the glory hole and enjoyed the sunshine.

At Cordova we met Fred Bradley who had been making a trip through the interior and was on his way back to Juneau.

At Seward we had a conference with the Chamber of Commerce. Fred made a talky speech which got them all in a good humor. He said all we need in Alaska is "dirt, and transportation which pretty nearly covers the bill."

The next day Mr. & Mrs Weir took us

in the car Seward to mile 52 where we transferred to a speeder as they were enlarging the tunnels. At mile 56 we transferred to the A.1. Gerig and Hansen meeting us. We arrived in Anchorage at 8.30 and as the Alameda was in port the Conduits and Renée who were returning on her had to leave immediately. I took them out to the steamer and said good bye. I was genuinely sorry to see the C's go. They fitted into our cosmos very nicely.

~~The following day~~ That night we had the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce where we all made speeches and sundry we went up to Eska and Chickaloon. We went through the coal mines and I was much pleased to see the development at Eska.

The railroad situation is precarious. All of the authorization of $35,000,000 has been spent or obligated and unless a further asked for authorization of $17,000,000 is forth coming the project must shut down which would be disasterous to the country.

I like the way H. is taking hold of matters. He has a good grasp of affairs.

My enemies Charlie Herron and Wilton Ward of the Anchorage Times were very cordial. We guyed each other and the Times printed a very nice editorial about me. Herron showed me a wire from Valdez. Wich in examining a woman made some

insulting remarks and after the hearings her husband took a fall out of "Fighting Jim" and knocked out a tooth. Good for the boy.

The H. party had dinner Monday at the Matanuska experimental farm, all the ~~pro~~ menu being home grown. The party with the exception of Col Slade went on to end of steel en route to Fairbanks. We came back to Anchorage on a speeder and caught the "Admiral ~~Evans~~ Watson" out and are now on our way home in a round about way. The ship is crowded.

I should have mentioned ex-governor Comer of Alabama who was an Alameda passenger. He got off at Cordova and is going to the White River country. He is evidently very rich and a profiteer. His son said they owned four cotton mills, the last one cost a million and a half dollars and paid for itself in a year. We also had a number of sportsmen and movie men. The party all had to pose several times.

The ship is crowded with cannery crews that are grutting early on account of the short fish run.

Col Slade and I have stateroom H which includes a half interest in a bath room.

Aug
~~Sept~~ 29

Kodiak yesterday very early in the morning. Karl Armstrong the deputy marshal took us in tow and showed us the sights and introduced us to all the prominent citizens. We saw the cannery, the experimental farm, the Russian church and the village. I was surprized to see how neat and clean were the houses of the Russian half breeds. The Coast Survey ship "Surveyor" was in port as I wanted Col. Slade to have lunch on board with my old friend Frank Hardy in Command. Hardy was delighted to see us. His wife, mother-in-law and two kids were there also. They are camped on the island across from Kodiak. Hardy was Executive officer on the transport ~~Sp~~ Martha Washington during the war. We dined on fried chicken at Armstrongs. Mr & Mrs Erskine and Alva Eames the P.O. inspector being the other guests. A very pleasant evening.

The church is a good example of Russian church architecture but has not the handsome things in it as are found at Sitka. Kodiak is the oldest Russian town in Alaska having been founded in 1793.

Today in the morning we knocked around town and talked to the inhabitants. Said good bye to all and left at 6 P.M. amid the blowing of whistles. The U.S.S. "Hancock" in the outer harbor.

Kodiak is beautiful and I enjoyed my visit. S. writing a voluminous report to the Secretary.

~~Aug~~ Sept 1st Monday.

Arrived about 9. a.m in Valdez. A wonderfully beautiful day. Yesterday we were at Seward. Quite a trip around the country. After leaving Kodiak we went first to Port Chatham, Port Graham and then Seward and LaTouche. Every bath on the steamer sold and people being turned away. Today Col. Slade and I walked around town and saw all the prominent people. In afternoon Tony Dimond took us out the trail. The Keystone canyon road is washed out and no one has money to repair it. All Valdez is very much interested in Wick's fight and his taking of depositions of the signal corps boys. He had two on the stand and they swore that they voted for him so he gave up calling any more saying that there was a conspiracy against him.

Mrs & Miss Grover of St Paul are on board. An older Miss Grover was the first wife of E. C. Barnard my old boss on the 49th boundary. There are also two of the nurses who were at Mushagak during the 'flu epidemic. Miss Morris and Miss Conley. They had a hard time with all the poor little orphans.

~~Aug~~ Sept 3rd

Still wonderful weather. Both Mt St Elias and Mt Fairweather in sight all the morning and most of the afternoon. Sea like glass.

Sept
Aug 4th

Arrived home at 2. a.m. Found Renée a little seedy after a rather disagreeable trip on the Alameda. Babies well

Sept
Aug 7th

Glorious weather all the time. Have been working like a Trojan to get desk cleared up and my report under way. It seems as though everybody in the world wants to see me all at once. Letters from Kate regarding the Delaware and Hudson property make it look as though Phil Sallmstall is trying to put one over on the heirs. I don't like it.

Sept
Aug 20th

Here I am at Ketchikan waiting for a steamer to come along and take me home. The Alaska is expected tomorrow with Gridley on board. Of course every one will say that I came down here to meet him. Hallowell came in from the Wrangell day before yesterday. I wired him to stop on but he is pressed for time but sent me a radio asking me to come as far as Ketchikan with him. The Alameda, his ship got to Juneau about 1 a.m. so Mrs Hallowell who was stopping with us and I piled on down. The next day (Friday) H. Brooks and I sat in Brooks and my stateroom and talked all day long. H. has a great many good ideas and accepts suggestions but like most cheechakos

knows a little more about the country than we old timers. He is a very fine fellow however and by all means the best representative the department has ever sent up. I think some good will result from his trip.

Mrs H. got to Juneau about ten days ago while her Husband was on his trip across Broad Pass. She is just as nice as he is. They evidently have quite a little money so they can afford to take a jolt at almost nothing. We are very sorry to part company.

On the 12th. Renie, Mrs. H. Flory & the priest service and I started for Sitka. We had a very rough trip on the "Jahn" down Chatham Strait and the Girls got badly tossed about. The waves at times went right over the pilot house. The girls were game though and wanted to keep on. Sunday in Sitka was simply a wonderful day and we saw everything there was to see. We even went to church at the old Russian church where the priest said the service in Russian and an interpreter translated it into Thlinket. We then saw all the wonderful church treasures.

I have been just as busy as possible in getting up my report but it will not be out before Oct 1st. I was ordered to get it in only by Sept 15th

Sept 27.

Got my report finished and in the mails yesterday just as a wire came in from Assistant Secretary Hopkins demanding to know where it was.

Renie still ill and I am quite worried about her. She has not gotten over the shaking up she got on the "Tahn" on our trip to Sitka. Doctor does'nt really seem to know what the matter is, thinks it acute indigestion. Poor girl is very tired and has a great deal of pain.

Yesterday the northwestern came in. I had a little glimpse of Mrs Cashey the wife of the editor of the Citizen at Fairbanks. Ed Walcott the Coast Stenographer on board but got left. The steamer pulled out 15 minutes early and was ordered back after she had gone about 20 miles. Ed in the mean while had gone walking and got left again.

Came up from Ketchikan on the Alaska.. Griggs by on board. I was glad to hear of his fight in Congress against Winthrop. Yesterday Wick came in town. I am beginning to believe that he is mentally unbalanced. What a blessing it will be when he finally gets fired from Alaska politics life.

Court very busy. They have convicted one man of murder and have several more to try. We are getting good action on the bootleggers and illicit

distillers. Some of the stills are marvels of ingenuity.

Oct 4

Renie getting better and is up and around. Mr Flory of the Forest Service is also an invalid at the house. He was quite ill at the hospital for a while after returning from Sitka so Renie insisted that he come to us. For a time he ran quite a temperature but is better now although pretty weak.

Grigsby has gone to Ketchikan in the interest of his contest. He brought out some pretty good testimony here. Wick is trying to have the Indian vote thrown out and now it has been shown that Wick and his creature John B. Marshall endeavored to get certain natives working for him at the elections. That's an awfully crooked knock.

We are all very much worried about the president's condition. What a calamity it would be to the country if he should die.

Kate writes that father was very ill for a time with the old trouble but got over it. 88 years is pretty well along for senile sickness. What would we do if Kate were not in Washington to look after matters.

Oct 21st. Renée seemingly herself again although she complains of a pain in her chest somewhat.

Nothing much of moment to record except that Arvid Franzen, the deposed Secretary of the Alaska Labor Union is trying to get some of his enemies. He took from the files a lot of letters which are very incriminating to some of the members and which show their affiliation with the I.W.W. B.R. Sawyer the Secretary is being tried for Sedition at Ketchikan so I immediately forwarded them to the district attorney. One of the letters is signed "Yours for the red dawn". Jack Sutherland's letter details his planting of I.W.W. workers in the Alaska Juneau and and the Kennecott mines. We evidently have a fine lot here in Alaska. They are to pull off a general strike as soon as the time is right. I had the two Bradleys here and went over the matter with them pretty thoroughly. The new officers of the union in trying to get possession of the papers had a mix up with Franzen and in the mix up Mrs Franzen shot a man in the toe. Franzen was arrested and is now on bail. I got Bradley to enable the bail for him. Today Franzen brought me the minutes of the union which show the A. J. to be planted

Oct 23rd

John Troy called me up about six o'clock to tell me that he had just received a telegram from Ketchikan stating that Ass't U.S. Attorney Sten Ragan had been shot and killed by a man named Pat Shanahan. It was first supposed that it was the work of I.W.W. in connection with the Sawyer I.W.W and Thacker case that Ragan was prosecuting. This however proved not to be established. The man seems to have been somewhat unbalanced and had made threats in the past against federal officials.

Oct 24th. Everybody around on the murder of Ragan. Nothing more on it than related yesterday. Mrs Simon the wife of the District Attorney came around to the house last night, very much worried for fear that it might be aimed at her husband who is now with the Court at Ketchikan but I think I allayed her ~~some~~ fears. I hope the I.W.W. are back of the murder as then we would have an opportunity of ridding the Country of them through vigilante methods. I certainly would not stop any such action if I could possibly shut my eyes to it.

Oct 25. Beautiful weather. Renée and kids off on auto ride with Mrs Sloane. Lisette has bad cough. Renée pretty well now. Mail in and very busy

Oct 30th

Very much upset in the office. I got an allotment from the Treasury department to have this old office building repaired and the carpenters and painters are in here thick as thieves, putting on kaum board and painting. My room is now practically all finished and is greatly improved. Looks light and clean even if not fancy. The babies both have bad colds. I have been working for the past two days at the house but it is pretty hard to do anything there with all the interruptions. Tried to take out some more life insurance but got turned down on account of the little epithelioma that I got cut out about four years ago. I have got to find some other way to save.

Nov 2nd

Two days in the house account of bad cold and some temperature 101 2/5 so Dr Sloane whom Renée insisted on inflicting on me kept me in bed Saturday (yesterday) Today I had to get up as I had called a meeting of some of the representatives here to discuss I.W.Wism and other radicals. Present were Behrends, Casey, Cramer, Murphy, 2 Hellenthals, Reck, Bradley, Burton, Mayor Gray, Faulkner, Troy, Dr Sloane, Clark, Winn, White and Sommers. After considerable discussion in which the gravity of the situation was brought out it was decided to form a "league to enforce Law". I appointed a committee consisting of Reck, Burton and Murphy to

draw up a declaration of principles and submit it to a meeting to meet at the home on Tuesday. Everyone except Behrends realizes that a minority of reds are controlling all the labor unions in the Country and are endeavoring to demoralize industry in Alaska. It is also thought that Sam Ragan, U.S. Ass't district attorney was murdered as a result of the I.W.W. working upon the deranged mind of the assassain Shanahan. Ketchikan is absolutely in the hands of the radicals and the strike is still held at the Alaska juneau. It is a critical time. Judge Winn and Casey are in favor of lynching one or two and while I feel that such action would go far toward restoring order in the community still I cannot countenance any violence. I hope I have started something which will help the federal authorities.

Nov 4th

Another meeting. Decided to call the organization "Americans." Governor to be president. Secy-treasurer to be appointed. Finances to be raised by subscription. We raised $3.75.

Nov 6th L.L. Harding hired as secy-treas at $175 per month. Goes at work. Has suggestion for name - The Rattlers - Dean Christian back with a longer face than ever. Finally broke in on me while they may

Nov 9th. Went on ducking trip yesterday in Santa Rita with Billy Dickeson, Billy Taylor the Candy man and Art Weston an ex-A.E.F. Soldier. Blinding snow storm. Big sea in Lynn Canal and two gasoline tanks got loose in hold. Had to put into Auk Cove where we straightened things around. Weather calmed down about 3.30 made Eagle River, but too dark to do any shooting on the flats. Next day hunted round the Slough in about a foot of snow but no ducks there. Went up to Eagle River flats, but it was bright and clear and the few ducks were flying high. Killed a lot of snipe and came home on the bus.

Nov 15.

Last night had a meeting of the executive committee of the Americans at the house. Membership growing and a good deal of enthusiasm manifested. Talked over ways of getting rid of the I.W.W.s and Bolsheviks and I appointed a committee consisting of Winn, Hellenthal and Folsom to devise ways of legal harassment. Canfield and I are to see Shields the immigration inspector at Ketchikan.

Left for Seattle on the Princess Mary at 9.30 a.m. to attend fisheries hearing on the 20th and to take up matters at Shipping Board. Murphy going too. Rene has rather a bad cold and I do not like to leave her.

Made a speech at American Legion hall roasting I.W.W. The Legion is pretty well armed on account of the Ketchikan murders.

Nov 16. Arrived Ketchikan early in the morning. Saw Judge Jennings and Sinnser. Gave Sinnser information that B. R. Sawyer the I.W.W. agitator was registered at Kenai and is listed as a disorder. Sharpe the deputy marshall immediately rearrested him. He had been turned loose from the charge of non registration for lack of evidence. I had already given Steve Ragan the murdered assistant district attorney the information but he had made notes in short hand that no one could read so they had been working in the dark. Patterning after us Ketchikan at an outflow meeting organized the 100 per cent Americans. Bob Heckman came through in great shape and gave me several compliments. Bob after playing politics with the bad element got badly strung. They pulled a strike on him the very first one. Now of course he is all with us and down on his old play mates. Left Ketchikan at 2. P.M.

Nov 17. Prince Rupert. Went ashore with Murphy and walked up town. Constant game of black jack in smoking room.

Nov 18 - Vancouver at 8. P.M. Went up town with Garfield and ran across Clothier of Hyder who tells me that Ronan is finding good prospects on the Pittsmont. Also had a talk with Cap 4 Nicholson of the Grand Trunk who wants to get into the Alaska trade pretty strong. Admiral Jellicoe in Vancouver with the flagship New Zealand. Had a glimpse of him going to a ball. Took hat at 11 for Seattle.

Nov 19.

Arrived in Seattle at 7.30 a.m. Got room at the Frye. Place filled with Alaskans. Saw Lechey and Wheeler. Lunch with Lechey. Conference with O'Malley, Bell Bower and Christoffers of Bureau of Fisheries. Played innocent regarding secret instructions given by Bureau to allow Commercial fishing in Chilcot, Chilcat and relaxation of limits in Yukon. They hit and said that they did not have enough money to stop patrol. Saw Hanley of Alaska fisheries and arranged with him for meeting with Canneymen to discuss prevention of fish piracy. Asked Mary and Frank to have dinner with us. Mary looking very badly. She went home after dinner and Frank and I went to a movie. Saw the German pictures of the sinking of merchantmen by Sub-marines, so we came out saw bulletin that the Senate had refused to pass treaty and had adjourned. This seems to refuse to be true. Telegram from Cramer of suspected case of small pox at Kake. Left of course passing the buck again. Wired Cramer to have Sloane send Dr Kirby down there and that we would arrange for payment afterward.

Dec 2nd

All during my stay in Seattle I had absolutely had no time to write herein. As soon as it became known that I was in town there was a constant rush. I had dinner with Mike Wheeler twice and he had dinner once with me. Otherwise I bought my dinners and few lunches. I would get up every day at 7.30 and it was generally 1 a.m. before I would crawl into bed worn out. Nov 20 was the first fisheries hearing for Bristol Bay. I opened the hearings with a short speech urging that all get together to preserve the fisheries after which Conrad spoke of being in entire sympathy and then began to grab for special privileges. The fishermen wanted all traps abolished and the canners wanted all streams closed except those on which they themselves were fishing. Southeastern Alaska was taken up on the 21st. Garfield started something by bringing to the attention of the meeting the secret opening of the Chilkat and Chilcat. Otto Burkhardt then wanted to know why he too had not been notified. For a while it looked like civil war. The chairman Bower was badly scared. A lot of men made long winded speeches about what ought to be done, especially the lawyers who know little about fish but think they must somehow earn their retainers.

I got Bower and O'malley of the Bureau of fisheries together and told them that I had all the goods on the Commissioner of fisheries on the secret

river openings. At first they were inclined to deny it until I pulled the copies of letters written by Dr Smith to P. E. Harris of the Harris Packing Co and to Walker, then they became good dogs. I made them admit that Ball had been kept off of the Copper River on account of his row with Hadley who had been packing bad fish. I had already asked Ball flat footedly why he had not gone on the Copper River and he confessed that the Commissioner had instructed him not to. Bower passed the buck to Dr Smith. The fisheries men are badly scared for they know that the Bureau had absolutely no right to open any streams and particularly to keep the opening order quiet for the benefit of particular concerns. Bower tried to say that the Bureau did not want control of the fisheries until I quoted Dr Smith's letter saying that the Alexander bill had been carefully considered by the Bureau and defended by their agent. Zapp told me that Bower had come to him for suggestions as to how to protect the Commissioner in his bad mess and that Zapp had shown him a copy of the opening order written to Harris Packing Co. That had seemed to relieve Bower who said "Why of course the matter has been given wide publicity". I told Zapp to follow the matter up as we had a powerful club in the matter whenever we wanted to use it.

Harris seemed very much surprised when told him that he had been pretty smooth and denied knowing that the opening had been kept quiet until I showed him a copy of a letter to the Harris Packing Co of which he is president and the one to Walker, then he smiled a fat smile and walked away.

The day before I left I saw Bower and advised closing all streams in Southeastern Alaska. He read me his recommendation to Smith which practically does this except that he dodges the question as to what constitutes the mouth of a stream — low tide or high tide. I can't help but feel that there are three concerns that have a great deal of influence namely Libby, McNeil and Libby, P. E. Harris and Carlisle Packing Co. I recommended to Bower that the Yukon question be carefully investigated next year before making any drastic recommendations on unreliable information. All evidence is very conflicting and I do not believe that less than 500,000 fish taken last year in and outside the Yukon will seriously affect the natives.

A committee of canners and I discussed the advisability of turning over the conduct of the fisheries to the Territory. They are afraid of us, so we compromised on drafting a law which provides that for four years a committee of two canners and two Alaskans, the four to select a fifth should take charge after which the Ty should run the

fisheries under a similar agreement. Warren the president of the Association of Pacific Fisheries and a very strong man is to head the committee to draft the law. He appointed O'Malley of the Bureau and Prof. Cobb of the University of Washington to draft the law and I appointed Garfield and Beegle of the territorial commission to represent me for Alaska. Beegle is already in Seattle and Garfield will go back about the middle of December then I will join in the final race on in January on my way East.

Another meeting took up the piracy question. I told them to back up my Constabulary scheme, more cutters, detachments of soldiers to watch traps and power for the governor to appoint wardens without pay, the charges to be assessed against the packers. I had to sit up until two o'clock after things had quieted down to formulate the plan in a letter.

I made three speeches in Seattle oh - the Chamber of Commerce luncheon where I spoke with Gov. Hartt of Washington, on the Arctic Club on Alaska nights and to the Alaska Bureau. All three on the I.W.W. and other reds. They tell me that I bolstered Hartt up who has been pretty weak. He made a fine speech.

I had dinner one night with Seeley, Dr. & Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Sulzer at the Arctic Club, with Galen Frye of Boise

and Lopp. with al Zipf. Thanksgiving with Mary and Frank at Alki and on Saturday the 29 David Whitcomb gave a widow and widower party at the Boulevard Inn where we danced until 1. Sunday I left for home. Oh yes I also had dinner with the Manning's at the golf Club and with Dr and Mrs Parry at the University Club.

A letter from Renée saying the babies have whooping cough. I am afraid she is doing too much.

Ran in to Scott Calhoun who owns a half interest in one of our claims the "Anaconda". He is floating the 49 extension and wanted us in on the deal but I said "no". I offered to sell our one half interest for $3000.00 Cash and $20,000 on deferred payments which he accepted.

After the fisheries came the shipping board. They have come to my idea that the people of Alaska are paying for free transportation of Kennecott ore. Seemann has gotten some very valuable data on which we can base our policy. Saw Boyle and Haines of the two steamship companies and got on with them very nicely. The Alaskan Engineering Commission and the Companies had gotten tangled again but I think that I laid the way to get them together again. I do not want any governmental transportation until the government is ready to perform all service. Means only sees his own needs and not the needs of the future of the railroad or of the people of Alaska.

Ketchikan today. The "Americans" have done fine work. About eight reds have left town. Sawyer has been taken to

Fort Lawton as a deserter, Hall gone to Juneau for safe keeping in jail and several others under arrest. The ferment is spreading all over the territory. For the present I think we have the best of them.

Fine voyage so far. Have room 26 on Alameda by myself which is one of the best rooms on the ship. No snow in Ketchikan which would probably surprise some of our eastern friends.

Dec 3rd

Arrived home at 9. a.m. Renée and Lisette and Bobs at the dock to welcome me. Mighty glad to be home again. Harry St George up for luncheon. At office in afternoon reading mail of which there is a great accumulation.

Dec 4 (Sunday)

Dodged church today although Dean Chastian called yesterday. Cramer would'nt let him in. Wrote my Sunday letter to father. After church Renée and I took the kids out coasting. In the afternoon we addressed about 500 Christmas cards which are quite snappy.

Governor's House
Juneau Alaska
Governor and Mrs Thomas Riggs Jr
Send Christmas Greetings
and best wishes for the new year
from
The land of Santa Claus.

Weather perfect. Tonight a wonderful glow all around the horizon. It looked as though the whole world were on fire.

Have been very busy since my return and have not half cleared up my desk.

Smallpox at Petersburg and Wake and Petersburg refuses to pay her bills. Rustgaard says that the territory must pay. Of course he only wants a job.

Dec 21st Sunday.

Babies both wildly excited on the Coming of Christmas and hold lengthy Conversation up the chimney with Santa Claus. Whenever they are naughty. I call up Santa on the phone and try to explain it away. Tommy begs me not to tell him. I got a lot of toys in Seattle but we have had to fill in here. Toys from Helen's and Behrends and candy from Billy Taylor's.

Smallpox is becoming quite a menace. Up till yesterday there had been 52 cases reported. The Surgeon general has allowed me to appoint assistants where needed, so I have appointed Dr Carrick of Wrangell and Dr Kirby. Petersburg seems now to be clear.

The shame of Wisconsin was republished yesterday. Victor Berger the disloyal Congressman had not been allowed to take his seat but he was reelected from Milwaukee. Congress is doing nothing except play politics and letting the country go to the devil. Secretary Lane has announced his intention to retire from the Cabinet. This is a blow to us.

My report is out and receiving favorable criticism

Dec 24-

Office closed today but I had to do a little work just the same. Dr Kirby down with small pox at Kake. Under authority of Surgeon-General Blue appointed Kirby, Smith of Wrangell and Sloane at $200.00 per month and subsistence. Smith sent out to Kake and surrounding country. Got Fisheries boat Anklett for his use. 37 cases at Kake.

Great afternoon for the kids. A Christmas tree here and about 30 youngsters, most of them seemed to have whooping cough. They enjoyed themselves though and ate lots of candy and ice cream. Fenton - Santa Claus

After dinner I went to the Christmas tree of the natives. It was very creditable. All the kids were clean and happy. They had their own Santa Claus.

Renée off to midnight mass with the Sunsein

Dec 25

Christmas and Tommy's 4th birthday. While Renée was at mass I was up most of the time with them as they were both coughing their heads off. Buddy put his lunch besides. Renée came in after two and we got very little sleep. Great time in the morning with their stockings and later with their presents. There were quantities. I suppose the giver's of presents have some ulterior purpose. It generally works out that way.

Surprised myself and everybody else by going to Church. Dear Christian preaches everything in religion which is contrary to my own belief, so I enjoy going to Church. I think he is a little insane on the question of the church. He would have shone in the days of the Inquisition. He had his church hung with great big signs like a cafeteria but instead of putting forth the price of ham and eggs, urged everybody to give up their all to the Church. Music fairly good.

In afternoon Bishop Grimmet and Father Rocati called. Jerry Murphy the Attorney-general for dinner.

Telegram from Fred Crudent and Mrs St George.

Kate sent Rennie a bottle of Roche's Embrocation for whooping cough. I gave some to Jack Sund and the Stewarts. They swear by it and their kids' lives.

I nearly rubbed Tommy's chest off with it last night.

Everyone usually sent something down to Spring to Edwin. Dear Christina, Spring Hemp in Virginia which is Indiana to way from Indiana, is I suppose Spring Chapel I think it is Hello Wesner on the question of the Chinese. He smiled from where on the steps of the superintendent. He had his church band out again by playing with a capella but in near by putting out the grass I have cut days, August and had it dyed up their well it for church. Thanks pretty good. the afternoon Stanley Edmund and Hollin Nichols called. Jenny knocking the calling spinach up dinner. Afterwards, Jim Ann Cowart and Ann to Cheyne.

Rob Sent Denis - Hello I Rob's Sunbeam Up studying Engl. I you Jane to Fish about Sat the Albert. They Burke it back Elvin Rich' Life Reading Walter Tommy's Chest If will it Sat Supt.