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Jan 1

Celebrated New Years day by giving a reception at the house. Everybody seemed to have a very good time. We had Dyer's orchestra for dancing, the quartet sang and Mt Cramer and Miss Riles played and sang.

There was kissing under the mistletoe and ice cream, cake and coffee. Lega Kashevarof staid with the kids. They staid up until 10.30. Lisette hated the [horns?] and confided in me that when she grows up that she will not allow a horn in her house.

Lisette and I had dinner at the Gastineau.

The little girl was very much excited at the prospect of going down town for supper. Al Walsh of the Iditarod rounded me up there on his way south on the Alaska and talked roads to me and threatened all [ents?] of land slides for the republicans unless we produced.

Renée absolutely exhausted. On account of too much coffee neither of us slept very much.

Big mail in on the Watson. Nice letter from Gov. Coolidge of Mass. complimenting me on Americanism.

Jan 2 – Friday

Rain all day. The flume of the Alaska-Juneau broke out and the water carved a slide on lower Front Street about seven houses swept down the hill. Rumors are very conflicting but seven were taken to the hospital and it is said that two are dead.

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The slide started about 11 a.m. I went down and everything was a terrible mess. The firemen took charge and did good work at [?] Came home about 12 and found that Renée and Florence Cramer had gone to the hospital to help out the sisters. Lee, the Janitor, suggested coffee for the workers so I started him out with thermos bottles and kept him at it all day. Went down to Thane and got Jackson to put all the men he could spare at cleaning the wreckage. Rain still pouring down.

Renée stopped at the office for me on the way from the hospital. She and Florence took care of a ward. She says the men were badly battered up. Three men still reported missing.

A letter from Hallowell says that Hoover may be a candidate for the presidency. I hope so.

A very important happening was Lisette's loss of a tooth. The first of the baby ones to go.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday

Admiral Watson came in a little after 5 p.m. Went on board and then found that the crew had knocked off for an hour for supper although there was not five minutes work of loading baggage to be done. Got away at 6 and went to Treadwell to take on [soup?]

Renée article on our trip to home last year in two Sunday Times Dec 21<sup>st</sup> + 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Jan 12.

Lay at Treadwell until 5 a.m.

Snowing and foggy and cold. Either stifling or freezing at night. We have [?] + the bathroom in between. Lisette not feeling very well this morning – [Castoria?]. Tommy in to everything.

A letter from Hallowell seems to indicate that the Lane faction of the administration would like to see Hoover the democratic candidate for the presidency. Hoover had never expressed his policies.

[Stamard?] of the Kennecott Co writes that the radicals are planning a general strike when the fishing season opens. I believe that the radical question lads only declared an armistice and that we shall have war all over the country in the summer.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Arrived in Seattle at 5.30 p.m.

Leekey and S[eamus?] met us at the dock.

Washington Hotel in the presidential suite. Dinner with Alaska Bureau + speech.

Jan 16 So noisy at the Washington. We moved to the [Terry?]

Jan 17 So dirty at the Terry and no dinner for the kiddies moved back to the Washington but to the 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Speech at Washington Institute of newspaper men.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Have been very busy with all sorts of things. A sub-committee of the fisheries committee are drafting a bill. Garfield and Beegle

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fell for putting all license fees into a fund for the protection of the fisheries. The Bureau although it says it does not want control wants it all in their hands. The [canners?] although they say they want to protect the fish are fighting for special privilege. I had to redraw practically all the main features of the bill and am standing pat on the proposition of not [?] the power of the legislature. The shipping board has gotten together practically all of its data. On shipments at the expense of the small shipper is very plainly shown. Dinner one night at the E[?], dinner at Raineer club for General Peishing. Lunch with Alaska Bureau. Dinner tonight at public dinner for Peishing. Am pretty tired. Got tickets for home on Sunday. Kids at Mary's for the night.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Left for Washington on the 9.45 Milwaukee train. Leekey, Seamus and McPherson along too.

at last we reached an agreement on the fisheries bill. The Ly to get her share of the menu equal to what she is now receiving and the entire control in four years. I had quite a hard fight on the finance part but finally won out.

Renée was quite sick the last two days of the journey. The kids were good but their little animal

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spirits could not be controlled toward the latter part of the journey. Arrived home the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Hollowell met us at the station as did C[arsin?] Williams. Father and Kate at the house. [?] quite ill as a result of [?]ing Lizzie [home?].

Delighted to get into a real bed and have a real bath. Kate has arranged everything very nicely for us.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Got down to the office and had a chat with Hollowell who had arranged a little luncheon with Secretary Lane in his office. Just four of us, the secretary, Dr Roland [?] Smith of St John's church Hollowell and myself. The secretary was in a very pleasant mood. Says he will back my [constabulary?] bill and do all he can to help. He is to resign as soon as he can see the president. He told us that he had been obliged to sell all his Liberty bonds and was running blind at the rate of \$600.00 per month. Had a talk in p.m with a Capt Drayton who is engineering an army airplane flight to Alaska. Stopped on way home for a cocktail with Hollowell.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Dictated letters. Lunch at Hollowells with Col. Slade just back from Europe. He says that the French are very bitter

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against the president for promising them the league of nations and then not being able to control his own people to put it out. They feel as though they had been imposed upon and have been deprived of their military advantage.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Today is my sister Kate's birthday. Renée and I gave her a nice pair of white silk stockings. Renée not much better, cold still hangs on.

Called at the White House today and saw [Luminety?] in the interest of a Puget Sound man to succeed Page on the shipping board. Shackelford and Blacklock are both out for the job and have created a deadlock. I asked [Luminety?] to wire [Dunmhiller?] the collector of Customs to get together with Tillow the Republican [start?] committeeman and agree on a candidate. I said he would speak to the president in the morning. I wonder if he will really speak to the president or merely refer the matter to Payne of the shipping board.

Today it is sleeting and blowing. Hallowell is in Boston. Have just written my constabulary bill and given it to the stenographer.

Telephoned Griggsby who tells me that Wickersham's brief is in and that he claims that the special election is [?] and that the canvassing board should be criminally prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary for five years for

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issuing a fraudulent certificate. [Pictures?] at Under[?] + Under[?].

Feb 6 –

Snow – I was to go to Baltimore today but feared the storm might delay the trains preventing me from going to the Tuckerman dinner.

Called on Mr [Corry?] chairman of the Committee on Territories of the House. He was cordial but [inacible?] He plans to throw the Forestry Service out of Alaska. Asked me why we insist upon sending Wickersham to Congress. Said that if Wick is seated that we can not expect a single thing from his committee for Alaska.

Went in with Hallowell to call upon the secretary regarding the Constabulary bill. He does not see much chance to pass it but will endorse it. The secretary relaxed for a moment and talked delightfully on literature and minor matters said "No devine power could make Ian Bryan a good executive."

Father quite ill night before last. Temp 103.4 and a chill. I sat up with him until 2.30 when he seemed normal again.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

Call from [Seamus?]. Bank and to try on clothes. \$100.00 for a plain business suit. Interesting luncheon with Dr Nelson chief of the Biological Survey where we discussed game and my game report. He wanted me to change some of my radical language. I compromised with him.

Saw Graves of the Forestry Bureau and had

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a long talk with him and with Greeley on the subject of roads and pulp industry. Graves is willing to give us the greatest amount of cooperation possible and in this [overrules?] the Portland office. HE also will recommend that the Territory gets all the proceeds from the forests [?] operating expenses for the benefit of roads and schools.

Kate's tea. A regular tea. That's all. Renée and I to dinner at the [Chas Sheldon?] in Georgetown. Nelson and Hollowell the other guests. Interesting game discussion.

Security Jane's resignation effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Hollowell will leave also. I feel as though the bottom has dropped out of Alaskan affairs.

Feb 9

Worked at office until 1 p.m. got home and found that Father had had another chill. He seems very weak and frail. I do not think he can stand many more of them.

Dined at the Hallowells. Senator and Mrs. Henderson of Nevada (Dem), Col Slade and ourselves. Very interesting. Secy Lane handed in his resignation through Dr Grayson and would not let it go through Luminety. Slade back from France is crazy for the League of Nations. Everybody dissatisfied with the president's stand and I think both parties would be glad to see him step aside in favor of Marshall

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It is now four months since he has seen [Lansing?]. What is the mystery regarding the presidents' illness.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

All tangled up with the Public Land States Highway association. We have had Lane, Meredith, Gram and Hernandez of [?].all advising us. I had to really sort of take charge and get them down to [?]. They want more Federal-aid money and don't stand the slightest chance to get it. I was on the resolutions committee and got in a resolution giving Alaska the benefit of all public roads acts.

Last night dinner with Senator Pittman at the Willard in honor of the Vice-President and Mrs Marshall. I sat next to Mrs Underwood and Mrs Buckinridge Long. After dinner the V. P. was quite funny. Said "Congress does not represent the sentiment of the people. It represents the sentiment of Congress." He lit into Bryan and La Follette pretty hard.

Judge John Barton Payne Chairman of the shipping Board has been selected to succeed Secy Lane. I am sorry it was not a Western man.

Griggsby sick with the flu.

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Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday.

Lunch with Mr + Mrs Leekey, S[ermus?] and Renée at the Cosmos Club. After lunch made a call on Judge Payne with L + H. Struck me as rather a forceful man.

Ball at night at Wardman Park Inn given by the Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs [Gontz?]. About 900 there. Saw several friends. In one of the dances where partners were changed I drew a young girl who asked me where I came from and what I did. I told her that I am Governor of Alaska whereupon she laughed loudly in disbelief.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

Appeared before senate committee on Post Offices and post roads. I asked that Alaska be given the opportunity to co-operate on road appropriations. I made the statement that if all the people of the U.S. paid taxes in proportion to people of Alaska that there would be an annual revenue of \$20,000,000,000,000 which made a great impression.

Called on Griggsby and [Lister?] Jones. Leekey and S[eamus?] saw Payne at the shipping board and he blew up. Didn't like our scheme at all.

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Feb 17.

Renée and I came up to New York and are stopping at the F. R. C.'s They were expected back from the Adirondaks but are evidently delayed by the storm. The streets of N. Y are a sight, piled high in snow.

Was guest of honor at the Camp Fire Club Potlatch. Ernest Seton [Throwpaper?] or vice [man?] was the shawman. The dinner was a great success. Seton had arranged the big banquet room of the Pennsylvania Hotel like a Haida House with the picture sheets of all the past presidents and of self. Mine is a gem. I brought it home with me. I talked along the line of de[?]tization of government and letting Alaska handle her own game problem.

John Burnham gave me a pamphlet written by Homaday wasting me and urging new game laws for Alaska. The man is crazy.

Renée dined with Eloise [Russell?] got home about 12. Saw many old friends.

Feb 18

Had luncheon with the Conservation Committee of the Camp Fire Club. [They] agreed to all my contentions even to the elimination of the brown bear. They repudiated Homaday's ideas as expressed in his pamphlet and stated that they would go on record in this regard.

Renée aunt Mrs Pane Fuller died last night at Wykoff. She was the last of the old Condert family. Dr Carrell + wife [?] [dressing?]

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Feb 19

Down town on our mining [?] lunch with Godley at University Club. Dinner with Miss Mayo and Miss Newell at 375 Park Ave in interest of my Constabulary bill. Mayor Adams the superintendent of the P[luma?] State Polars was there. Renée very much peeved when I got home.

Feb 20

Lunch with John Burnham, Godley, Dan A[Iricinube?], Belmore B[?] and others at University Club. Dinner at Marion's.

Feb 21 Aunt [Lionie?]'s funeral at Wykoff. A very dismal performance. Renée nearly passed away in the subway.

Feb 22 Returned to Washington.

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Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Secretary Lane held a last luncheon party in his office all the bureau chiefs were present. As representing the other side of the country I was assigned to the job of the table [?] by Joe Cotter and Steve Mather. He called upon each of us for a few words. To me he said "If you owned Alaska what would you do with it." I said "Throw out the forestry turn the lands back into the public domain, give leases on pulp wood acceptable to private enterprises, give a bonus on gold, build feeder wagon roads, reestablish musk oxen, and give the fisheries to the people. Then divide the territory. Build up the northern end by federal appropriation and let the southern part shift for itself.

Dr Claxton made a very long winded speech which bored every one.

Secretary Lane spoke briefly. He said that he was leaving his office because he must, that he never expected to have work again that so appealed to him. He spoke of the momentous years he had been through in the department and how each man had been loyal to him and the country. He urged the same loyalty to his successor and especially to the country. His speech was the same eloquent simple speech he always make.

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In the morning I had to go to see the Com. of Immigration about R.G. Henry who was ordered deported from Skagway for evading the head tax. A perfectly good loyal man. I got the order rescinded. I hope in time.

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Today we gave Secy Lane a silver service. The presentation was made at his apartment. Mr Vogel sang the Ass't Secy made a little gem of a presentation speech and the Secy replied. He wound up by saying "I am now a very lonely man" and then sobbed and tears stood in his eyes. We all had a lump in the throat. Lane leaves the cabinet regretted by all.

Dined with Isabella Wells at Randchers Dinner given in honor of Baron and Mrs Cartill the Belgian Ambassador. Afterward a small dance. I sat between the wife of the Chilean ambassador and the she Cuban, neither or whom spoke very much English. We left early.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Secy Lane left a photo at my office while I was out. It reads "To Gov. Thomas Riggs, Jr. In appreciation of his fine public service from his friend Franklin K. Lane.

Dined at Marshall Land house. Richard Oney invited me to lunch with him at the capital.

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March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lunched with Olney. Sat next to Uncle Joe Cannon who seemed to take quite a little interest in Alaska. Also met Winslow, Miller, Ward and other members of Congress.

Leekey and Grigsby locked horns over talking to Wickersham and I had hard work pacifying Grigsby. Finally got it accomplished. Grigsby introduced our tonnage tax bill. We then went over to the Senate and called senator Chamberlain out and got him to introduce our bill in the senate. Met Henderson. He and Chamberlain took me in on to the floor of the senate. It seems that Governors are allowed there. Borah and Hitchcock were having an interesting [?] over the League of Nations.

March 4.

Expected all day to be called before the appropriation Committee. Nothing happened. At 2.30 Grigsby, Reagan and I called upon the Attorney General in the interest of Y[?]g Strond who is sentenced to hang for the murder of a guard at Leavenworth. Palmer was thoroughly familiar with the case and would not intervene. I really don't blame him. We only got in to see him by Reagan's telling his clerk that I am to head the delegation from Alaska at the next [commition?].

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Sam and Mrs Gray at the new Willard.

Got Judge Bunnell ordered down here in [defense] of his [confirmation?]. Palmer was glad to do that much for us.

Read Grigsby's brief on the delegate contest. It is a bind.

Mears is here and just as cordial as he can possibly be. He asked me point blank if I was for or against him and I told him I was for the railroad and was not going to cast any [rocks?].

March 5

Had an all day call from Maurice [Lechecy?]. Our bill is introduced in both the House and the Senate and we are now trying to get hearings on the subject. at 3. Hallowell, Mears and I went to see Admiral [Courtz?] re naval [Craling?] Station and [offering] up naval [cral?] in the Matanuska. Also took up the question of naval patrol for coming summer. Got promise 3 Coast guard ships, 1 Eagle boat + 2 s[?] chasers, best the Admiral could do. Called on Ass't Secy R[?] and put in a knock against John Ballarina who wants to handle matters for the navy.

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March 6

Interview with Vogelsang and Tallman re regulations for oil leases in Alaska. Great stampede on there. Conference with Dr Smith of Bureau of Fisheries re new Fish bill. O'malley on way East we are to take it up there.

March 7

Renée and I called at the [Fieling huuseus?] Senators Hall, Henderson, A[?] there. [7?] is to make a luncheon date for me with the new secretary Payne. He is a good friend.

March 11

Got back from New York on the midnight. Went up there in response to a telegram from Paul Fuller who is working on the [line?] stores idea. Saw J. C. Penny Co. 254 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. They were interested but I do not think they want to leave the states proper. Lunched with Fred and Paul. Fred had just gotten back from Lake Placid the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Staid the night before with [Alys?] who came in about 11.30 from the opera. Last night had dinner with [Falcon foslin?] and went to the play. - The Gold Diggers. Funny and well acted. Caught the midnight train. Found that they had shifted the hearings on Alaska insane, game and liquor to yesterday without [leaving?] me.

Emma off on her vacation. Renée caring for the children.

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March 13

Went to see Col. Pilshny of Engineers with Grigsby re road estimates. Found that Gen'l Taylor an old friend of mine was in command of that division. Then saw Col. Curtis re new radios in Alaska particularly Hyder.

March 15 –

The new secretary John Barton Payne took office and we were all introduced. He made a little address which briefly stated was going to do away with red tape and allow any body to come in to see him whenever they wanted to.

March 17

Hallowell and I had a long talk with the new secretary on the subject of Alaska. He seemed to take a keen and intelligent interest in Alaska and asked many questions. He wanted to know what could be done now and was rather disappointed that there was no executive action possible.

Went over to Baltimore and had lunch with [Mac Pope?]. Saw John Pleasants + Dick Worthington. [?] is to write Wight in Seattle that we must have \$50 per lot per month rent.

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March 18.

Stopped on way to office at S[?] office. He is the lawyer who is trying to collect the rent due us from Miss Paddon who has occupied 1803 Com. Ave for three months without paying rent. I told him that she must pay her rent and that we could have the minor repairs made she asks for but would not stand for having the money put in escrow pending such repairs. If she did not agree to it, then to go ahead with the eviction.

Conference at the Bureau of Fisheries with Dr Smith, Brown and O'malley. The Bureau is to go over the price and offer amendments. I refused to let the territory be the goat and suffer from lack of revenue. O'Malley is a bad one.

March 19.

Secretary Payne sent for me to ask me about John Ballarine who had been giving him an ear full about me and the Alaskan Engineering Commission. He interrupted me a good deal and had a good many irrelevant comments to make. Not very satisfactory. At the end said "now what are we going to do for Alaska?" I told him we must have legislation but he did not seem to think that legislation was necessary and that we must move of our own accord. [Van?] Manning was there.

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March 21 Sunday

Lester Jones, Sup't of Coast and Geodetic Survey gave a dinner in my honor at the Cosmos Club. There were almost twenty senators and representatives present. I made a short address which seemed to take very well. Afterward moving pr[?] in the auditorium of wild life, by Dr Finley.

Renée and I got a blub taxi in p.m. and paid about ten calls.

March 22

Long interview both this morning and afternoon with Secretary Payne and Senators and Leekey. P. was at times absolutely insulting. In fact he is one of the most disagreeable men I have ever met. He practically called Leekey a liar and told [Semmes?] he did not know what he was talking about. Interrupted and put in irrelevant questions all the time.

March 25

Had picture taken with Secy. Told him to swear at me and look natural. Hearings started before Senate Commerce Committee as Shipping board bill. I opened and was followed by Senators Wickersham there. Dinner with Major and Mrs Leonard of Marine Corps. The speaker there. Renée and Lisette back from New York.

Last night gave lecture on Alaska in Auditorium of Dept. Had hall filled to capacity.

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March 26

Could not go to Senate Committee as had hearing before House Com. on roads and telegraphs in Alaska. Very curteous reception. Com. appeared to want to be helpful. Gen'l Richardson, Col. Pilsbury, Lt. Col Malory (?) there to help out. Lunch with Dick at Army + Navy Club. S[?] continued testimony and lit into the ore rates. Dined with the Hallowells. Just us alone. We enjoyed a quick talk very much.

March 27

At senate committee hearings on the shipping bill. Semmes charged Wickersham with being in the employ of the Canadian Steamship lines. Wick [deserved?] it. S. also put in the record the statement of the Gen'l manager of the C. P. R. S. Co Birdie that it would only take about fifteen minutes to put a [quietus?] on Riggs and his employees of the Shipping board. Leekey made statement that Wick had told secretary Payne that he (Leekey) was in the employ of the Guggenheims. This Wick also denied. However Payne [told] me on the 25<sup>th</sup> that Wick had made this charge.

Luncheon with Barnard at Cosmos Club in hour of the Canadian boundry people here. My old colleague Jack Craig was there. Mighty glad to see him.

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March 28

Senate hearings wound up today with a bang. [Semmes?] charged both Wickersham and Ballaine with representing the Canadian Steamship Companies and deduced it from the support that Wick had always given the Canadian lines, then the statement of Mr Birdie of the C. P. R. that he could put the quietus in 15 minutes on the governor and his advisors. Wick and [Ballaine?] have been the only ones who have attempted to get me removed. Hence the inference that they represent the foreign lines. Leekey tied Ballaine down to all admission that he had told the secretary that Leekey represented Guggenheim interests and Leekey called him a liar and stated that all of his testimony was a malicious tissue of falsehoods.

Griggsby's hearings going on all the time with Wick and arguing his [belief?].

March 31

Talk with Sen. new chairman of the L[?] committee on Alaska needs he is not going to do anything this year

Cramer has definitely decided that he is not going back with me but go into the [ding members?] with his father-in-law.

Clifford Rosengarten came in yesterday to play me a little [?].

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April 1.

Judge Finney told me today that I had won my appeal for school section 16 Matanuska Coal Fields where the A. E. F. is mining coal. So they will have to come through to the territory for about \$2000.00 and an annual amount hereafter as long as they mine there. Had a call from Col. Edgerton formally of the Alaska Road Commission.

Lecky in fixing up the testimony. Talked at the Washington – Alaska Club. Had a painful interview with Mrs Strond who is not leaving a stone unturned in the endeavor to prevent her son from being hanged for the murder of a prison guard at Leavenworth.

April 2

Dictated letters all morning. Had lunch at Cosmos Club with Chas Sheldon, Dr Geo. Bird Grinnell and Madison Grant who have come from New York in the interest of increased appropriations for the protection of game.

Went home feeling rather badly. Renée insisted upon having Dr Budsall come in. Nothing but a cold.

April 3

Conference this a.m. with Judge Linney, S[?] Vogelsang and Commander Darling re the mining of coal by the Navy in Alaska. We afterward had a talk with Secy Payne. Payne expressed himself as not liking my "lobbyists" namely Leekey and Semmes.

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Feeling rather badly so went home.

April 5 –

Must have had a slight touch of the ‘flu but am all right again now.

April 6

Conference with Vogelsang and the appeal board over my appeal from the decision of the Commissioner of the general land office on school section 16 now being mined by the Alaskan Engineering Commission. The appeal board sided with me but, the solicitor is against me. The matter now up to the Secretary. Called on Secretary Alexander and Ass’t Secretary Sweet.

Renée quite sick. I think made so by the action of our tenant of 1803 Com. Ave who refuses to leave although served with eviction notice. She now owes us \$750.00 for two months rent and is on the 4<sup>th</sup> month. \$1000.00 in all and we need the money badly.

Grigsby hearings over. I think he has the best of Wick.

Secy Payne is probably unfinanced by Wick and Ballarine and is lying for me. I don’t care whether he gets me or not. He is the most boorish man I have ever come in contact with.

The Herron papers in Alaska are vile in their attacks on me.

I wouldn’t mind but Renée takes

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everything so dreadfully to heart and I fear for her health when we get into the dirty campaign which is coming.

April 7.

Renée not at all well. Had a horrible headache last night and is in bed this morning.

Leekey and Griggsby called. Had conference with Gen’l Taylor and Col. Pilsbury and Wm Borara of the Bureau of Fisheries re floating traps to near shore operations on the grounds of being a nuisance to navigation. We had a very cordial hearing from the officers.

Miss Padden and her boarder moved out of 1803 Com. Ave. when I went home Renée was over there and you cannot conceive of the awful wreck. All our beautiful rugs filthy and damaged and the furniture marred.

April 8.

At capital with Fenton. Griggsby and I called on Mr Langley, Chairman of Committee on Public buildings + grounds in behalf of a building for Alaska. We asked that we be allowed to use the present appropriation on the unit [basins?]. That is put up part of a building to be finished at some future date. Arranged for our transportation.

April 9

A very busy day. Cramer called for me in his car at 9.15. Went with Grigsby to see the supervising [architect] re public building at Juneau. A bill is to be drawn

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to allow the present inadequate appropriation to be used to put up a unit. Cramer got my tickets etc. Next to Biological Survey to see Nelson. At two Cramer drove Grigsby and me out to see Wm Curry, the chairman of the House Territories Committee, who is recovering from an operation at the Walter Reed hospital. We discussed the development board bill. Curry hates Wickersham and if anything hates Senator Johnson more. Stopped at S[?] and S[?] and entered suit against our former tenant Miss Padden. then back to the Interior Department for a very pleasant talk of half an hour with Secretary Payne. Renée off with nannie to a meeting of the [guild?] of the Little Flower which is raising money for the Esquimo.

Curry told us that Senator Pittman made Riley Wilson the chairman of the Elections committee in the Sulzer contest change the committee report in favor of Wickersham when he had first written it in favor of Sulzer. Fred down to say good bye. Gave R.\$1000.00 bond from Virginia's estate.  
April 10.

First Vogelsang who told me Payne had been influenced against me by Wickersham and Ballerine. V also said that my recommendations re oil royalties would be carved out and that now Payne would do anything in regard to Alaska that I recommend. Then Hallowell with more history of Payne's investigation of me. Then call on Senator [?] and C[?].  
Sen. C[?] was I Alaska last year

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hunting. Back to Army and Navy Club for lunch with Gen'l Richardson. Down to see Grigsby and Lester Jones then home. Started packing. Called on Frances Chapman in evening who gave me some of Bob's Trinkets for little Ben Stewart. Furniture from 1803 Com. gone to storage. Renée [?]

April 11.

Packing all morning. Short week with Father. Telephoned Walter Luckerman who has had the devil with 'flu in his family. All sick and [?] died. Leaving tonight for Seattle.

Left Washington at about 6.30 p.m. – a little late. Fenton and Florence with us to the station. Great confusion on account of the yard mens' strike. Nearly all trains cancelled but fortunately ours got out and better luck still the sleeper on which we had reservations was the only one on the train. Everybody crowded into our car and even tried to get our dressing room. At Baltimore the confusion was worse but we finally got away.

April 12

Arrived at Chicago four hours late. We had wired Mrs Cheney and Mrs Grigsby to meet us. Mrs Cheney came in to see us and brought John but Mrs Grigsby had made an engagement and could not wait any longer. Got away on the Milwaukee on time.

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April 15

Rode on motor from C[?] to Rockdale.

It was fine. Good trip and all well. Got in on time at 8.45 p.m.

[Fye?] Hotel. Some damn woman just rang up and said that Mr McPherson had arranged for me to speak at the high school at 9 a.m.

April 16 –

Miss Hawkins, the secretary of Mr Luther the principal of the Queen Anne High School called for me at 8.30 and I made a speech to the assembled school about 1200.

Renée and I met McPherson at the Alaska Bureau and went over to the Council meeting for lunch where I made another speech. Saw Wheeler and Zipf. Dined with the [Eichsons?] at the Rainier Club and went to a [?] show. Emma's trunk lost.

April 18.

Left for [Portland?] on the 11.49 to inspect Insane Asylum.

April 19.

Arrived [Portland?] at 7. 20 a.m. Went up town and had breakfast + [shave?]. Saw [Leammonte?] Renshaw. Called up Dr Cor who has the insane contract but could not raise him at home or office. Went out to Morningside by auto. Dr [Inchen?] the chief physician was not there. Dr P[ye?] wanted to delay inspection until either Dr Inchen or [?] [?] arrived but I insisted on going

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through the establishment at once.

I found the patients were crowded, badly clothed, only one sheet on bed, poor bedding, course [grout?], for instance for dinner they had beef stew, carrots and cabbage and sewed corn. No dessert.

Breakfast cereal, bread, coffee. Supper Bread, milk, and anything left over.

The place is clean and the attendants seem kind. I talked with several of the inmates and found little [Rick?] about the way they are treated.

Dr C[?] says he will put in [?] training – I will try to get money for him. Luncheon with Dr C[?].

Talked first with Frank Warren in p.m. and f[?] with Drake O'Reilly.

Dined out in the country with Jim and Mahl Ken. Took the 11.30 back to Seattle.

April 20.

Arrived at 7.15. Conference with fish bill committee. They agreed to my conditions. [Carmen?] will stand [admittance?] tax on 1 ½ cents per [cave?] for protection. Lunch with Geo. Walkins Evans more of Pacific Coal Co, Auke[?] of trunk + Clark Wettleton of P. I. Semmer at 2.30. Saw [Bayter?] of Alaska see and tried to get letter from lines from C.P.R. on their request to [june?] rates to Alaska. At 4 saw Ralston of Bureau of Armies and [?] of Seward re Red Cross expenditure all tired out.

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April 21

Semmes and I [served a bogus subpower on Baytee?] in the endeavor to get C. P. R. letters. Failed. Dined with Kelckers. Had lunch with geo. Walkins Evans, Billy Moore of Pacific Coal Co, Clark Wettleton of P. I. and another. Wettletons said if at any time there was anything he could do for us to say so.

April 22.

“Spokane” delayed in sailing. David Whitenut took R. and me to golf Club for lunch and afterward to his place. Waded down with flowers. Packed. R. Staid with kiddies and let Emma off for afternoon. I dined with Mike Wheeler or rather we started to and met Mr + Mrs Frank Wright of Carlisle Packing Co at the elevator who insisted on our dining with them in their apartment. Alaska Wick papers all roasting us hard for shipping board bill. Notice that Payne has appointed Brooks, Ass’t Post [warden?]. General Praeger and Henry Y. Saint of shipping board a committee to investigate transportation problems in Alaska. They are to hold hearing in Seattle. Wr claim all the honor of having stirred up the [animals?].

April 23.

Got off on “Spokane” at 10 a.m. Jafet Linderberg, Dr Neuman, J[?] + Margaret Erickson, dick Semmes, down to see us off. Rooms 128, 130 + 131. Beautiful orchid plant, loads of candy and other flowers.

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Kiddies wildly excited. Cat Johnny O’Brien also down to see me.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Rain.

In Ketchikan at 3.30. whole court there. Sons Jennings, S[?] et al. Callers Mr + Mrs [?], Mrs Waters. Dined with the Jennings. Dr Dickenson down to steamer kicking about non receipt of payment from Petersburg where he went during smallpox epidemic. Got away about 9.30.

April 26

Wrangell early in morning. Went ashore with Pritchett. Saw several of the prominent citizens. Went up to Indian school to see Mrs P. Petersburg at p.m. Went to town council meeting on behalf of Dr Dickenson. Since passage of territorial act that none but citizens can vote they have gotten away from the Norwegian rule. Got a relayed telegram from Reed and R[onan?] at Hyder asking me to come there as conditions are serious on account of the alien agitations. I should have gotten this telegram at Ketchikan. Wired Admiral Courtz asking for naval patrol ship to be sent there at once. May have to go down to straighten out matters.

April 27.

Arrived Juneau at 7.30 a.m. Sommes + Parks met us. Raining but glad to get home. Primary elections. As there was no special contest the rest of the family did not vote.

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April 28

Both the children have bad colds and are running a little temperature. Busy day at the office. Results of the primary coming in. The great contest is [?] J. C. McBirdi of Juneau, a very decent man, and Charlie [Henon?] of Anchorage for Republican National Committeeman. [Henon?] is a crook. He [owns?] papers both herre and at Anchorage. His principle attack has been on me. Trying in every way to discredit me. Some of his attacks are vile in the extreme. In the primaries there was no opposition to my [candidacy] for delegate to San Francisco.

Geo. Hazelet of Cordova, a very fine man, and candidate for Republican delegate has sued Henon for \$50,000 for defamation of character. The Hanon press is more subdued in consequence.

April 29. Beautiful day.

Kiddies better of colds although Tommy still looks badly.

Busy all ~~day~~ morning with Murphy, Smith and Sommers on various board matters. Principally the Red Cross mix up at Seward. The Seward chapter spent Red Cross funds in the influenza epidemic of '18 and there took duplicate vouchers and billed the territory thinking thus to reimburse the chapter. Of course when it came to our notice we turned it down and demanded now our money back. Lunch at the Commercial club where I explained the Alaska Development Board bill. Ran into William Ward of the Capital

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who has been abusing me. Shook hands with him most cordially.

Bradley came in in the afternoon and we had a nice chat. He advisis me to buy Alaska-Treadwell. States that we cannot help but make 5 for 1. I gave him the information regarding their McGrath investment which looks as though it is turning out well and he is quite grateful. A wire from the Coast Guard stating that the Algonquin will go to Hyder to assist in maintenance of law and order.

April 30 Wedding anniversary – 7<sup>th</sup>

Gave Renée a pair of white silk wedding stockings. Wired last night to Condu B[?] to buy \$2000.00 worth of Alaska. Treadwell gold mining stock now selling on the London market for 10 shillings. They have a[?] worth [tin?] for one and will probably liquidate within two years. Bradley came in and gave me the tip. They also have a new prospect in the Kuskokwim which looks like a winner and when the story gets out the price of the stock will jump right up.

Noticed today the first notions of [?] spring on Behrends lawn.

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May 3<sup>rd</sup>

A girl came today to try us out and see if she will like us well enough to stay for a little while. Busy getting off mail. Reported to the Secry regarding the Morningside Hospital and submitted a criticism on the development board bill to Mr Curry. Called on Cap't Hocht of the Coast and Geodetic Ship "Explorer"

May 4

Long talk today with Dr Neuman of Nome and Father [Reatti?]. Father R. submitted a claim from Father Rupert at Nome for about \$1500.00 for use of the Sisters Hospital at Nome. Sounds like a raid to me. Lisette started school again.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Nothing of any great moment. Tommy fell on the radiator and badly blistered his arm and hand. George, the Jap is gone leaving Teckla and Emma to guard us with the occasional assistance of Mandy. The incorporation of the Alaska Historical Association is nearly ready. Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>) we went out to Douglas to see the Bradleys. We are going to buy some more Treadwell stock.

Trouble again at Hyder, the Marshal and commissioner wired me that labor agitations had brutally assaulted a mine foreman and want the naval patrol boat back. Can't get in touch with one except the 310 [?] at Juneau which is having the ordinary gas

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troubles. Beautiful weather for the past three days.

[Smallpox] has broken out at Cordova and is reported to be at Sunny Cove thirty miles from Hyder.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Addressed the graduating class of the Douglas high school. Told them they all ought to have a trade. Dined with the Bradleys.

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Took on L. L. Harding as temporary stenographer. reports tomorrow. Attended [?] cement play at parochial school. The children attempted an allegory too much for them. Lisette was a pretty little flower in pink and green paper. Tommy went and was very good. A young girl tried to make friends with him so he kicked her solemnly on the shins. Bought \$[?]00.00 more Alaska-Treadwell. Sp[?] s[?] with Behrends.

May 15

Harding at work. I miss Folta as stenographer. Meeting of shipping board. [Smith?] away on the indictments at Ketchikan. S[?] wired up for Sommers or for me to come down. I wished the job on Sommers.

Brown bear which killed a calf at Mendenhall now after Rudy's chicken. Intended to go after him today but it rained too hard.

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May 17

Bright morning but rainy afternoon. I dictated some letters and then went home. Renée and I took the kiddies and several of their friends down to the Territorial Fish Hatchery to see the little fishes.

Last night Dr and Mrs Shane dropped in to see us.

Dr D'Arcy Chace of Chicagoff and formally of Nome dropped in to see me. Capt Whitney wanting me to get their chance claim [allowed?] for greater amount than the commission allowed. The Sister Superior of St Anne's trying to get money for care of miners during the 'flu epidemic. John troy to discuss general subjects. Attorney-General Murphy with incorporation papers of the Historical Association. Just a quick day.

May 18-

Took part of afternoon off and went with Renée and kids out to greenhouse to get some plants for the grounds.

Henon, the owner of the Anchorage Times and the Juneau Capital, plead guilty to criminal [bile?] against Geo. Hazelet and was fined \$100.00. He also published a retraction of his article. I hope this will have a beneficial effect. In the evening it snowed quite hard but all melted off very soon.

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May 19.

Went out to Mendenhall after bears. Tramped all over the place but did not see a sign. Too early. Found a cabin which showed all the signs of having been occupied by a moonshiner. In the evening went to a meeting of the Fish and Game Club. They put me in nomination for president but I declined. S[?] was elected. Jackson v.p. + Garfield Secy and Treas.

May 22

Last night when Renée and I came home from the hospital where she had an xray taken of her troublesome tooth. Bobs led me to the hall closet and said there was something strange in there. There was – a great big rat. I got in a lick on him just as he was disappearing into the wall along the water pipe and think I hurt him. He will probably die and smell up the place. This morning Bobs again told me something was wrong and this time we got another rat. Bobs got bitten on the nose. Renée's tooth all sound, but some infection along the gum.

Adams in from Cordova for a meeting of the fish Commission. Beega [wires] that he will be here Sunday (tomorrow)

A Mr Vance from Haines in the interest of roads to the Rainy Hollow mines.

Two steamers in with mail but nothing important. Letters from several more husband hunters.

Bishop Rowe and Mrs Cobb for dinner.

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May 23, Sunday

Went to church to hear Bishop Row preach.

Got a telegram from P. E. Harris at Hawk Inlet stating that at 1.30 a.m. on the 22, two armed men had held up their watchman at Trap #3 and stolen all the fish. It seems that fish piracy is going again. I hope this will have some effect in the agitation against the navy boats.

May 24

Beagle and Adams here for Fish Commission meeting. Garfield sick so we only had preliminary meeting.

May 25 –

All day session with the Fish Commission. We allotted available funds for this year's work. All seemed contented and pleased.

May 26

Finished up with Fish Commission. Had another wire from P. E. Harris stating that half an hour after the sub. chaser left Hawk Inlet the pirates fired upon their watchmen from the bushes and then later a wire elaborating that pirate boats were landing men to kill watchmen. Got Marshall Tamer up and he promised to investigate. The sub-chaser was not available on Sunday to go to Hawk Inlet as she had a bent propeller blade and had to [get] permission from district commander to go on the beach to put on a spare one. Rob David with the Pullens, Martin Mrs P's

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brother and George Jackson.

May 27. Beautiful warm day.

Meeting of the board of families of Pioneer's Home. Accepted preliminary plans for the hospital. Sutton who calls himself an architect drew the plans on my design.

Trees coming out splendidly.

Got my certificate of election as delegate to the Democratic National [Commission?].

May 28 Clear

Left for a bear hunting trip. Took Jack Lund and his launch and George Folta. We looked over the country below Thane where bears had been reported but did not see any. George and I went to bed while Jack steered on to Swanson's Harbor. Saw one bear way up on the hill.

May 29 Clear Nothing at Swanson's Harbor. Left for Bailletts Cove. Got caught on the mud and had to wait for the tide. We could not get near the hills so went further up Glacier Bay. The scenery was simply superb. May 30<sup>th</sup> Left for Mud Bay. George and I went about five miles up the feat and saw a few bear tracks but nothing very new. We were told that some [?] had been hunting in there but had only seen one bear. We went up the East side of the river. In the bay some traps were being driven which looked to me as though they would cut off most of the salmon run.

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May 31 Clear

Hunted on West side. Not even any tracks. Left for Bear Creek. We went up the Creek and George and I separated at the forks. I scared up a little black fellow but did not see him only his fresh tracks on the snow. George saw four but got no shots. While he was up a tree a bear walked under the tree. At dark left for home.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Clear Arrived home at 2 a.m. Woke up Renée who let me in. All well. Worked off a lot [?]. Sommers back from Ketchikan. Talked lands and roads. Leekey here too.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Clear

All day session with Shipping Board. Leekey instructed to write report. Reports of fish piracy still coming in.

June 6.

On the invitation of Col. G[?] chairman of the Alaska Road Commission, Renée, the kids, Bob Sommers and I went out to Auk Lake and had dinner at the road camp. Afterward Sommers and I representing the Territorial Road Commission inspected the work on the project. I think the road poorly located and extremely expensive to build. We all enjoyed the trip even though it showed a little. We rowed across the lake and walked back on the [slashing?].

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June 7

All day session of shipping board. We cut down Leekey's retainer and cut off all other expenses. By our operations to date we have saved the territory over a million dollars in [friget?] charges and have forced the Canadians to open their ports without license fees to our ships. In all we have spent about \$25,000, and have the object of a great deal abuse.

June 1[8?] – Weather fine.

Everything easing up. Leekey gone and all mail answered.

Sad case came to my attention through the Board of Childrens' Guardians. A motherless young girl 16 years old who takes care of four smaller children and keeps house for her father slipped from the path and is in a bad condition. Young man evidently can't be gotten hold of. Girl had previously good reputation.

Beautiful evening took walk with Renée and kids. A Mr Clark, a brother-in-law of Marrian Hallowell in for dinner. He had just come in from a bear hunt with pretty good luck. All for the protection of bear. Hunting with a scientific permit. He shipped the hides to himself and told me that if the Biological survey wanted the hides he would give them to the Survey.

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June 13

Beautiful day. The Alaska came in early in the morning so I went down and talked politics with [Lou Dushor?]. I advised him to get the committeemen together from the [insular possession?] and Hawaii to form a [combine?] for recognition. This will give us 24 votes in the [?] which is not to be sneezed at. I also told him to make a deal with the republican Committeeman Jack McBirde, that if he would [?] Sutherland for delegate that in case Harding is elected president that I would step out before my term is up. Otherwise I would stick.

In the afternoon Renée and the kids and went out the basin road. The kids played while I [?] the creek to the ball grounds and watched a ball game. Juneau 6 – Douglas 5. Dr Neuman joined us and came home for dinner.

June15

Princess Alice in at night. A Mr Hale and wife of S. F. with a letter from Secy Lane also Cap't Doouglas of our Aviation service and Cap't Leroy of the Canadian Air Service, laying out landing grounds for the New York to Nome flight. Both young men had done good work in France. I asked Leroy about his first fight. He said it was nothing but murder as his opponent was not expecting him. Seemed quite upset about it. Fine young man.

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June 16 – Wonderful day.

Cleaned up desk and went for walk out Basin road with Renée and kids.

June 18

Cleaned up everything with meeting of Trustees Pioneers Home. Col. Woodruff + wife called. He is inspecting fish traps for Engineer Corps. Packed. Bought ticket for Seattle on Jefferson.

June19.

Left Juneau at 3 p.m. on St. Jefferson. On board Mrs Frank Burns of Seattle, Mrs Buck of Baltimore, a great friend of [Mai?] Pope's, Shard the Swedish forester who got two bears, Hawksworth of the Bureau of Education and others. Renée off to a tea she hated and the kids to Junior's birthday party. Went into Taku. Room 52 to myself. Awful crowd of tourists on board. Had long talk with Chatham of the Bureau of Public Roads. He does not think much of Waugh.

June 20.

Wrangell at 8.30. Saw Pritchert, McCormick Mayor Grant and others. Everything running smoothly except in the Board of Health. A she doctor named [Keacshey?] is raising Hell. Diagnosed smallpox as measles and let it spread. Spokane came in at same time. W. A. Thomas our missionary friend on board looking fit as a fiddle. Marshall Ewin switched from the Spokane chiefly I think to be with me. Mrs Smith of Nenana on Spokane acting as guard for

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a lot of crazies. Long talk with Erwin over his troubles which bored me a great deal. Talked with Mrs Buck who is from Baltimore and a great friend of Mac + Beverly Pope. She is out west to get a divorce. I can understand why he wanted to get one. Arrived at Ketchikan about 7.30. Went up town, saw Foster, Wardel, Dickenson, [?] + others. Came back to the steamer and Erwin was in a broad smile. Told me he was sitting in the purser's office when [Mousey?] the editor of the Chronicle came in and sold a bottle of Whiskey for \$[11?].00 The purser told him to get [some?] more. He bought them and collected \$60.00 M. and E. \$100.00. E. was sitting out of sight where he could not see him. After the last sale Erwin spoke to M and followed him out and said now "Come through with that \$100.00 you owe me." and M dug up. I afterward saw M come on board twice with his overcoat bulging out. When he went off his overcoat was flat.

Gave Foster the game warden a little advice about office[?], Talked long time to Thomas. Got away about 12 midnight.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Cloudy

Nothing much doing, Slept all afternoon and talked to Erwin all evening. Early to bed. Old dame at Taku with me. Mrs Tracy. Much interested in Alaska. I gave her my [up nt to und?] and she is indignant at the [garment].

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June 22

Partly clear + partly rainy. Met a funny old character from Alabama named McEwen. In speaking about Senator Heflin he said "The senator is the sort of a man who can shoot at a nigger and hit a white man and get away with it." He was a stuck Methodist and believes absolutely in the creation of man beginning with Adam and Eve. My friend Mrs Tracy is a pushy [?] and must have an outlet for her energy. Wants to help me in Indian [work?]. I recommended her to the board of missions of the Presbyterian church and Dr Condit.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Arrived Seattle 10.30 a.m. Went to [Feye?]. [Bechey?] had my reservations for tomorrow. Got both room fixtures at Frederick + Nilsons. Lunch with [Zipp?] and [Semmes?]. Frank Rotch came down for a little [?] talk. Dinner with Semmes. Everything politics. All want a wet plank. Read the hearings until later on the closing of the Yukon bill. Arch deacon stuck certainly laid himself way open.

June 24

saw [?], Mrs Smith, Erwin, Leekey, Semmes. Tried to sell Renée's platinum only offered \$28.00. Lunch with Bill Barrett and Semmes. Called on [Christoffices?] and Lopp. Saw census [returns?] of Juneau – nearly 3200. Left for S. F. at 3.30 p.m.

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June 25

Got away from Portland finally at 12 p.m.  
Awful crowd of Shriners. Two cars off  
the [?]. Nothing to eat all day but  
fruit picked up at way side stations.

June 26

Arrived at San Francisco at 1.30 p.m.  
4 hours late on account of the Shriners.  
We were the 12<sup>th</sup> section of #13 which  
had 30 sections. Went to [Holyus?] [chicken?]  
Club and sent things out to be [pused?].  
Went down to see Tom D[?] our  
national committiman. Saw [Tery?].  
Met Bill Sanburn at the Palace [?].  
Got Bill an [?] badge so  
he could get g[?]. At 7 went  
to dinner at Fairmont for Western  
[?]. After dinner went to  
Senator Pittmans room and had a  
drink. After that came back to  
[Hollinschickis with Dowher?] + Grigsby  
and laid out plan of procedure.

June 27 –

Switched into my summer clothes and  
affect a pink rose in my button hole.  
Got down to Donohor's room at eleven  
and found that no one else had kept  
the date. After a while Grigsby and Tery  
came in and we [directed?] the assignments  
to committees. Erwin had asked me on  
the steamer to get him the committee on  
[Credentials?] which I promised him. There  
was an awful battle but I held  
out but had to pledge him to Reed

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of [Missions?] who has been helping  
Grigsby. I personally think Reed  
ought to be thrown out as an  
undesirable citizen. We assigned the  
committimen, I taking the chairmanship  
of the delegation and the honorary  
chairmanship of the [?] so as to  
get another badge for the kids.  
Erwin came in and I told him I  
had pledged him for Reed and he  
was sore but I told him that if I had  
not done so that I could not have  
landed him on the committee so he  
came around. D[?] and Grigsby  
had him flirting with the Palmer  
[forces?] to deliver the Alaska vote for  
Palmer in exchange for the [primary?]  
of Marshal Jordan of the 2<sup>nd</sup> division  
who is a Wickersham man. Palmer  
promised that if we came to his  
support that he would fire Jordan  
within two weeks. Troy and I  
talked it over and decided we did  
not like that sort of politics and  
that we would not [?] ourselves but  
would support the man we thought would  
make the best president. We put  
it up to the delegation and carried his  
point. We will give Palmer a  
complementary vote on the first [prallor?]  
which not endanger any chance of our  
real choice [McAdam or Cot?].

In the afternoon [?], Grigsby, Troy  
and I all tried our hand at writing  
an Alaska plank. We finally agreed  
upon the plank I wrote. Now the next

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thing is to get the committee on  
[?] to accept it. I found the  
delegation a little [mechanic?] to be  
independent so I made up my mind  
that the only way to get harmony was  
to dominate it and along clean  
lines so I have laid down our plank  
of non-[concession?] by any faction. The  
whole delegation seemed to be greatly  
relieved when I forced it on them.  
They are trying to be veterans in the  
political game but they do not know  
any more than I do which is  
nothing.

Had dinner at [Taits?] with Bill  
[Sanburn?] and Commander Onesborg. One  
of the best dinners I have ever had  
in my life. We then came back  
to the [Hollerschichi?] Several naval  
officers there. How they all hate  
Daniels!!

Saw Homer Cunnings, the chairman  
of the national committee and talked  
him out of two reserved seats which  
I gave to Col. Dorsey + Bill Sanburn.  
I told C. I wanted the seats for my  
wife and sister. C. laughed and  
asked “[?]?” but gave them to me.  
Called up Fred Bradly and found he  
was in a hospital.

Met Peter B Kyne, the writer who  
was in the A. E.F. with Dr. DeVigne.

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June 28

Went down to Tom Donohar's in the  
morning. Looked over the Alaska plank  
as rewritten. Too long and may endanger  
one getting anything. At 11.30 we  
went up to the hall. Enormous crowd but  
very well handled. Cummings made the  
keynote speech. It was the most  
wonderful speech I have ever heard.  
The league of nations is evidently  
going to be the main campaign feature  
Of all the nations of the world  
“Revolutionary [hipies?], Bolshevist Russia,  
Unspeakable Turkey and the United States”  
are outside of the league.

One very dramatic feature was the  
unfurling of a gigantic American  
flag while the band played the  
anthem. Then it was furled again  
and underneath appeared a picture  
of the president. Then the crowd  
went wild. Franklin Roosevelt had  
a fight with a [L?] delegate  
who did not want to the N. Y. standard  
in the Wilson parade.

John Troy and I walked back from  
the Convention, we went into a bar  
and found whiskey being openly sold.  
We needed that drink.

at 5.30 I called a caucus of  
the delegation and instructed Grigsby to  
support the Administration league of  
nations plank + womans suffrage. We  
protest against an [Irish?] Republic plank.  
I told Grigsby over the phone to [didje?]  
the legion plank but he absolutely

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refused. Dined with Coland and Bill at the Family Club. Met a very fine E. E. F. Chaplain [?] Father [Laenard?] and got him interested in the Alaska Catholic mission. Came back to the [Hollenchichic?] and talked politics. There are a lot of naval officers here. How they all hate Daniels.

June 29<sup>th</sup>

My little pink [?] is getting noticed. Senator Walsh among others. The dope today is that the administration has joined forces with the [?] advocates to contrive the [convention?] and that Burle[?] is the ambassador. It looks like it. R[?] made his speech as permanent chairman and it was rotten. Just a rehash of the splendid speech of Cumming [so?] a very attractive woman – a [?] Fairbank – worked [on] me for an hour in behalf of McAdoo. She was most pr[?]. Mary Hart who used to be a lecturer on the Spokane [hated? treated?] me. Said she had him talking on the phone with Mrs Riggs and that Mrs R. had promised to com to dinner. I told her that she had a wonderful phone, but that Mrs R. could not possibly get her in time as she just now was not in town.

Women in politics are the [limit?] for the first time I am against

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suffrage. They try to trade themselves for their cause. Suffrage will cheapen women.

Saw for Cotter the former secretary of Mr Lane. He is here in the interest of D[?] for vice president and a [protection?] for Mexico plank. I told [Joe?] that anything that Mr Lane wanted I was for. Young Lane here too and quite [tight?].

Got in touch with Fred Bradley. He is in the hospital + Mrs B. is in Idaho with the children. Will see him tomorrow. Dined with Bill Sanburn + the Colonel at the Bohemian Club. Back to the Club and most interesting chat with a man named [Van Teasing?], an officer in the Dutch army. He said that the Germans in their retreat absolutely violated Dutch neutrality by crossing Holland but that the Dutch could not stop them.

Displaced D[?] in a way as I told the delegation that they were to take their orders from me. They were getting [?].

June 30

Johnnie McGinn woke me up at 8 by phone. I answered and I could tell that he had a [dint?] of a [shate?]. He wanted to come right up and see me. I said wait until I get some clothes on. He yelled "Hell I don't want to see your clothes, I want to see you" He came, bringing a bottle for me. Had

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a hard time shaking him. He has just bought in another oil well flowing 1500 barrels. Tehre is no telling how much he is worth. He says he wants me in all of his companies.

Went to c[?] with Tom D[?] nominations today. Great excitement and lots of demonstration. Gov [Smith?] of New York got a wonderful one, as a protest against [bone?] dry and Bryan. Missouri which is just ahead of us got into a fist fight. Young Clark tried to prevent the standard being carried in the McAdoo parade. Scott the manager of the Palmer Campaign came to us for our help. We traded with him. One vote for every 100 they show. In exchange he will fire Marshal Jordan of the 2<sup>nd</sup> division who is against us. Left the hall before it was all closed so I wanted to see what Senator Walsh who is chairman of the platform sub-committee had done with the Alaska plank Grigsby and I wanted. The senator came out and said the Stewart report containing our plank had been lost. We went up in the air. Fortunately G. had a copy. Walsh glanced it over and said it would have to be whittled. We protested but he said he would do the best he could.

David with Bill Sanburn and Col D[?] at family Club. Lots of [Illegible]

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Thomas called me up today and asked me to give his sister away when she gets married on Monday. S + D are going to get some silk stockings for Renée. Bill wanted to know if she would stand for a card "Perhaps if the styles continue to go up, we will be able to see these again."

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Convention paused at 11 a.m. The platform was presented and carried a full Alaska plank. Bryan opened up with some amendments he wanted in principally a bone dry plank. He made a telling speech and was viven a great ovation. practically all the [banners?] being passed before him and then - G[?] + Colby answered him and Bryan went down in absolute defeat. Not a single amendment did he get. The platform was adopted as [?]ported out of the committee. Then the balloting began with the voting pretty well scattered. McAdoo showed some speed but slowed up quite a lot. Went to dinner at Family Club.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Balloting. Nothing spectacular or wonderful. Call a dead lock. Cox of this to the fore.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Still nothing doing. Great Jam and crowd. Our ballots as in the start 3 for Palmer. 2 for McAdoo and 1 for Cox. Evening session with a revival of interest in McAdoo.

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All sorts of rumors that the administration will combine all their candidates on McAdoo as soon as they get Cox out of the way. I have the Missouri and Oregon delegates well trained – when the clerk calls Alaska, I get up and wave my hands and they chorus “Palmer 3 – McAdoo 2 – Cox 1” Then we all laugh. Had a little tiff with Grigsby and called him down. He apologized to me afterward. Mrs Grigsby’s mother died yesterday. Convention adjourned about midnight.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

As far as the 4<sup>th</sup> is concerned there was absolutely nothing doing. I went down town and sent a bunch of flowers from the Alaska delegation to Mrs Grigsby whose mother died yesterday. Called a caucus for 3. at Donhoe’s [room?]. Only Grigsby + Deny + Troy there. We decided to throw out votes for the high man. Met Secretary Daniels in the hall of the Palace, also Mrs Jack Beiger of Nome. Mrs B. took me to a Mr + Mrs Dan’s room where we had a couple of cocktails. Saw my old class mate Jon Guffey the national committeeman of Pennsylvania who told me they were [?] up a deal tonight and that he would let me know in the morning. Rumors are that McAdoo has pulled out of the race. Dined with [?] [?] at the Family Club. Sent love to Renée c/o her birthday tomorrow.

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July 5

[Herb Henson?] drove me up to the convention. I stopped en route and bought an armful of flowers and gave them to the [delegates] from Oregon and Missouri with Renée’s compliments. Palmer made his drive but it fizzled out. Then McAdoo came back with over 400 votes. Adjournment was had at 5.30 at the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> ballot. Thomas met me at the club at 6.30 and we went over to Berkeley for an eight o’clock wedding. Thomas’s sister Virginia and young Arnold, the son of Dr and Mrs Arnold who came down the Victoria with us two years ago. Secretary Daniels sent for me and asked me to go up to Alaska with him on the “New Mexico.” Got back to the convention about ten p.m. They were on the 39<sup>th</sup> ballot with McAdoo and Cox about neck and neck. Palmer had withdrawn. We shifted our vote two for Cox and 4 for McAdoo which kept until the 41<sup>st</sup> ballot. Then Cox got ahead so we gave him 4. In the 42<sup>nd</sup> Cox got a majority of the delegates so we gave him 6. He was still under the necessary number to nominate under the 2/3 rule but was nominated on a motion from Ranses to nominate him by acclamation. And then it was. The whole place went wild. Adjourned until 12 tomorrow or rather today. Cox was nominated at 1.45 a.m on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

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July 6

Convention called for 12. Went down to Palace. Saw Joe Guffey the P[?] national committeeman, who was sore because we did not turn over whole strength to Palmer. Scott + Carlin also sore but we carried out our agreement to the letter. Our last vote for Cox is what carried him over the top. It took 728 to nominate and he got 732. All vice presidential candidates withdrew in favor of Franklin D. Roosevelt and he was nominated by acclamation. Had conference with Grigsby, Long, and Donohoe. Dinner with Bill [?] at Tait's.

All the Arkansas men came up and greeted me warmly. We had lots of fun together in the convention. The women delegates of Oregon and Missouri were also friendly today although I have been making their lives miserable for days. I wrote one telegram to myself from [Carie Chapman Cait?] saying that all women should come to the support of Cox. Signed "with love and kisses". Some of them even believed it was a bona fide telegram.

Secy Danieles sent for me and asked me to go on a destroyer to Alaska with Payne. I suppose I will have to do so. I am to much time in Seattle.

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July 6 – [*This entry crossed out with a large X.*]

Convention called for [eleven?]. There were many nominations speeches. For Cotter wanted us all to vote for D[?] as a compliment for Secretary Lane. Old Judge Huston wanted us all to vote for General Tyson as a compliment to himself for putting the railroad bill over. But the spirit of the Convention was all for Franklin Roosevelt. One after another the delegates all withdrew and Roosevelt was nominated by acclamation. The great convention was over. Had dinner with Sanburn at Taits.

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Conference with Dou[?], Grigsby and Troy at Club on ways, means and methods. Got tickets for today for Seattle on S. P. Saw Joe Guffey of Penna and he was sore as a cat that we shifted to Cox. Palmer men sore also and are looking for an out on their [?]. farewell dinner with [Olassing?] and the rest at Bohemian club. Then Bill took me to station. Left at 10.20.

July 8 –

On trains. Crowded and very hot. On train are, Mattison of Seattle Times, German dr. Fill, N. Y. L[?], Norton [Boston Post.?] My Arkansas friends Mr + Mrs Corey of Little Rock. Geo. W. White of Ohio, Coxes political manager, Princeton '95 and a

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lot of delegates. Sat around in [?]  
sleeves all day and –[?]-

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Another tiresome day. White told me of the combine which [T?] [any?] to put Cox over. Also how Murphy was brought around to the support of Roosevelt. Murphy was not particularly favorable to Roosevelt but finally gave in. Around Seattle five hours late. Missed connection at Portland by four minutes and had to wait until four o'clock to get out. Called on Frank Warren and talked fish to him. Arrived Seattle 11.30. Found Leekey, Senators Walsh, P[?] + Robertson in lobby, talked until 12.30, Letters.  
July 10.

Got up early. Went [?] drawing room at 8 and saw Secretary Payne. He asked me to join him. Did various chores around town and had lunch with John and Margaret Erikson. Back to Alaska Building to [S?] Calhoun re Hyder property. At 3.45 [?] Commander Forth at Hotel and sent baggage off to launch. Young Don [?], [good?] and of West P[?] my [chauffeur]. at 4.45 launch from New Mexico took us all out for dinner on board New Mexico with Ad[?] R[?]. I sat between Secy Daniels and Admiral Tynning. [Rodman?] jolly rough old chap. At 7 we transferred to the Destroyer McCawley, named

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after Charlie McCawley's father. Secy Payne, B[?] and I. Admiral Rodman and Secy Daniel to the Sinclair. Fleet of six destroyers. Quite an impressive sign. We started off at a lick of 25 knots per hour.

Commander [Sears?] in command. Other officers – Cochraue, Haynes, Fallon, Ansel, Dr Johnson, + McDonald. The latter the son of General McDonald who went through Nenana three years ago and dined with us there.

In the morning I went down to the Jefferson before she sailed and saw Jim Colt +Jeanne.

July 11.

Cloudy a.m. slowed down to 30 knots. Afternoon perfect. Had talk with Secretary Payne, He is very cordial when he wants to be. Had long talk with Brooks. Cocktail with Secy before dinner. Queen Charlotte sound very quiet also Milbank Sound. Went all over ship. Have Mr Haynes room which is very comfortable although a little chilly as he furnishes no blanket. Passed Jefferson and [?] at 5 a.m. A little tired from standing on [land? hind?] legs all day.

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July 12

Landed at Ketchikan and 8 a.m and got away at 9:30. Had short talk with the town council consisting of the mayor, Heckman, [Sting and Misery?]. They protested the proposed treaty with Canada regarding reciprocal rights in ports. They were so full of their subject that they chatted on until Secy Payne got nervous and started in on his tactics of confusion. At last he told them to put it all in writing, while the rest of the party was in the fish plant, I talked over matters with a few of the people. They want Foster the game warden removed. He is constantly meddling in affairs in which he has no concern. Accused a school teacher of living with a man who works for the road commission, which all say is absolutely libelous. Came though Wrangell narrows about 6 p.m. all the officers very much excited as they feared something might happen to them. None had been through before. The journey was made without mishap. Talked politics with Payne. He seems to think that the nomination of Warding has hurt the Republican party. Turned in early. Plans changed all the time and I have kept the [?] busy changing suggestions for the entertainment of the officers. Three destroyers left at Ketchikan.

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July 13

Got to Juneau about 4.30 a.m.

Did not get landed until 6. Account of Captain [Sears?] not understanding the currents off the dock. Went up to house. Renée and babies still in bed. Took bath and put on clean clothes and at eight Renée the kids and I went to dock to meet the official party. Got part of them off to the Alaska-Juneau mine and the rest up the basin road to see the scenery. Daniels and Payne to the mine and Rodman to the basin. Gorgeous day and Juneau at her best. At 11.45 we gave a luncheon to 11 of the party including the aids and commanding officers of the three destroyers. Most successful party. Outside of the visitors we had mayor and Mrs Robertson and Allen Shattuck of the Commercial Club. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We broke up at 1 and left for the dock. Under way with the three ships at 1.45. Our ship the McCawley the last one to leave the dock. All Juneau down to see the departure.

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July 14

Nothing today of great interest.

Early in the morning we went into Yakutat Bay for the purpose of seeing Hubbard Glacier but ran into a fog and backed out. After getting out of the bay the fog lifted and we were treated to a glorious view of Mt St Elias and the Alps. Sea finally smooth and all well. Payne almost jovial. He has evidently taken a great shine to Brooks and is beginning to look with more favor on me. I pay no attention to him unless drawn into conversation. We had a drink together before dinner of very fine Scotch whiskey.

July 15

Arrived at Seward at 7 a.m.

Committee met us at dock and wanted to show us the town but a train had been ordered for 9. We got into autos and visited the radio station. At the depot Daniels and Payne made short addresses. Daniels quite a flowery speech and Payne a short forceful talk. Dinner at mile 52. I talked a long while with Daniels. He believes that Cox will be elected because he will not drive away the dry vote and will keep the wet vote of N. Y. N.J and Ohio. Arrived at Seward at 5.30. Quite a crowd at the station and a band. The three of us made short speeches. All at the Anchorage Hotel. Inspected

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the new dock. D.P. Admiral and I dined together at the [Frises?] Hotel. P. rather disagreeable. After dinner we went to the movies and saw moving pictures of the railroad. John [brown?] and Whittemore of Seward with the party. I invited them to go to the coal field with us.

July 16

Off at 7.30. At Matanuska I saw old [Kough?] who had a hard luck story about his lot. He still was about \$300.00 on his lot which is not worth \$25.00. I took him to Payne who immediately grasped the situation and said he would give relief. Old K very grateful. Out to Echo Creek and Chickaloon. Into the coal mine which seemed to impress both secretaries. The naval commission there and very enthusiastic about the prospects. back to the main line and out to Talkeetna where we spent the night. Another long talk with Daniel who seems to take a real interest in the country. We took them up town and D. staid with me a long time in Mack's store. Dan Sutherland came in just over [Broad Pan?]. I introduced him. He was very cordial. Asked me to telephone his wife in Juneau. I told him I would do anything for him except vote for him. Secretaries + Admiral on Car. Mears Brooks, Mayor [Wistman?]

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and I at Brad House kept by Mrs Hall. [Nellie Neill?] there with a bear story of a brown bear killing her pet black bear and chasing her to the house. The bear made a dash at her while she was shutting the door and broke her finger. Mrs Neill then got her rifle and killed him. Gave me a picture of him. She told a story which I thought funny. While she was running the road home at [Kern?] Creek it happened that one night about 90 men came in. They were sleeping all over the place. One man without blankets was lying partly under a chair. She asked him if he was cold "yes lady" he said "Won't you please put another chair over me."

July 17

Went to end of steel. Slight drizzle. Came back to camp in [? ?]. Tood Daniels into car and had the camp cook put up coffee and cakes. The cooks and waiters all delighted when I introduced them. Talked to P. about excessive [feiger?] [?]. He promised to reduce them. At dinner Admiral Rodman kept us in a gale of laughter for nearly an hour with one story after another. He is a wonder. Gave him a drink last night which he greatly appreciated. P. quite cordial but I only talk to him on [?]. Daniels told me a good deal about the

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Navy squabbles said that Admiral Sims was a fine officer but had been made a fool of by republican politicians and that his head had been turned by British flattery. Admiral Rodman on the other hand did not have his head turned and while always respectful never lost his American independence. He said that great Britain had asked the U.S. to guard the [?] oil fields otherwise their fleet would have been out of the war and that they had guarded it even before we entered the war. He said that possibly 10 more destroyers might have been sent to Europe but that the Bureau of operations had advised against it for fear of [?] by German sub-marines.

Back at Anchorage at 5.30. Conference with Chamber of commerce. Payne asked them what sort of rates they wanted and they replied "C. L. rates + 25% for L.C.L.". He granted it immediately.

Banquet at 8. Wonderful and fearful although delicious dinner. Lasted until 12. Several speeches including one from me. Afterward Tom Price and I went to a dance and I talked to him until 2.30. Ellis of Cache Creek on my recommendation got a five year permit to cut birch timber. All tired out.

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July 18<sup>th</sup>

Up at 6. Art [Shrubeck?] drove me down to the dock. Mrs [Hudson?] and Mrs Dowling there to see us all off. We all went on board the Sinclair. Shortly after we got under way P. asked me what I thought about giving Jones a coal lease. Jones the former mine foreman had applied for a lease on the unit adjoining the Eska mine. No objection had been made although Mears and Sumner Smith knew all about it and had really encouraged him to go ahead. Then Mears found out [?] as the lease was about to be signed wired the secretary not to do so as perhaps in time they themselves might want it. I said "Jones should undoubtedly get his lease, otherwise you will never be able to get lessees in the field. They will all say that as soon as any good ground is found that the government will grab it. Payne called Daniels and put it up to him. Daniels was inclined to tie the land up but P. said "I believe the governor is right." Then he called Brooks and told him to wire Jones that he should have the lease. Got down to [Katemack?] Bay about 3. Transferred baggage to the "Meyer" and went on board the battleship Idaho. Sinclair taking oil. Captain Hussey asked us to dine with him.

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Shore party came off with [Cow?] [more?]. I let Rodman see I was not pleased and told him of the row the [?] raised by breaking the game law.

Off on the Meyer at 8.20 p.m.

Payne and Daniels on the Idaho. Brooks on the McCawley for Cold Bay. Rodman on the Sinclair also bound for Sitka. Very tired and sleepy and have sticky cold.

July 19 –

Cold pretty sticky and nose stopped up. feeling [?] so lay in bed most of the morning and [?]. Capt of Meyer Clark. Ex. [Struble?], Chief Emerson and a couple of kids, wWent to bed early. Cap't Furer on board and Major [Witman?]

July 20

Cold little better. Excitement of morning was watching a steam whaler get a couple of whales. Anchored in Fish Bay, Chicagof Island about one. Fishing parties ashore. Seine boat "Peggy" lying near mouth of stream. Believe her to have been stream fishing until we came in sight. Played [penny aute?] and lost 1.00.

July 21. Wednesday.

Thought I was to be marooned at Fish Bay until admiral got through fishing but in morning got oword that the Henslaw Commander Peterson was to take me to Juneau. We started at 9.30 a.m and qrrived at Juneau at 7p.m. 20 knots all the way.

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Renée and kids met at dock with auto. Went to small dance at R[?] in honor of Thanos. Renée not feeling very well

July 22.

Renée feeling [?]. Hectic morning at office. [Calles?] all the time. Dr Smith with long tale of woe about Nenana. Mr Castle of [?] of instigation. Louis [Lennsake?] mining [?] instigation Chicagof prospects. Walstein Smith, the treasurer, Mr Mc[Mullin?] Chief Council of C. P. R. who denied that Birdie ever made the threat he could get me discharged + Dr Smith [?] with me. [aenie?] not down. Got back to office and found Mr [?] the ditor of the Cincinnati Enquirer and yacht party waiting for me, then call from Captain H[oover?] of the Henshaw, meeting of the board of trustees Pioneer Home. Party in the evening for Bart Thane + Mrs Thane. About 60 there including a number of officers from the destroyer fleet. News from our old people rather disturbing both Father and Mrs Conduat suffering from the heat and not at all well.

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July 23

Fish piracy getting very bad. Robertson in with [wails?] from Bushmaner and later Hellenthal + [Willm?] came in with Jim Barron of the Tlinket Packing Co who has had traps robbed right and left.

July 24.

Had naval officers in to see what could be done to suppress fish piracy. Suggested planting blue jackets at traps and [caletring?] [?]. Henshaw to [?] and 310 to Funter Bay.

July 25 (Sunday)

Lester Jones who is in on the C +G S. Yacht Lydonia called in a.m. Telegram from Gen['] Richardson that Gen['] Hunter [Wigett?] would be in on Alaska at 12.30. Sent radio asking them to lunch. Gen['] + Mrs Tiggett, Col. Stackpole, Capt Ord and General Richardson. Had nice luncheon and then went for drive. Steamer left at 3. Jones could not come as Mrs J. ill.

July 27

Renée the kids and I called on Col + Mr Jones on the Lydonia. They have their two daughters along. Arranged for them to go through Alaska, Juneau

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in afternoon. Jones came into office late and we chatted over Alaska conditions. We would like to form an Alaskan Development Corporation. Perhaps it will come true. Mrs J. and girls at the house for tea.

a Mr John K. Shaw with a letter from L[?] Riggs called on his way to the Procupine for a trip. I had Folta arrange his hunting licenses.

Wrote a long criticism of the report of the Brooks Committee for Secretary Panyn.

July 28

Off all day on the "Lydonia" with the Jones. Went to Taku Glacier. Had Col + Mrs Jones and two daughters Elizabeth and [?] Capt Pagenhart + Mr Colton for dinner. Asked a few people in after dinner and had informal dance. Superb day.

July 29.

Tried to work and finally did get my criticism of the Brooks report off to Secretary Payne. There was nothing new in the report. Lester Jones in and had talk with Garfield Shattuck and Troy who is back from S. F. The Jones in for lunch. Took them to see the museum and later R. took them to the glacier. Tommy turned the hose on Sarah and got spanked.

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July 30

The only excitement was the report of Cap't Ashley of the Eagle 57. It seems they landed a couple of men at one of the Funter Bay traps which they had allowed to fish for three days as a bait for the pirates. The men were armed and lying in a boat along side the trap. In the middle of the night the pirates arrived and told the men to beat it. They did. Scared to death and could only say there were two boats with about six men on each boat. -Hurrah for our invincible Navy.

R and I had Dinner at the Gastineaux. Saw Cap't Clark, Cap't Furer, McRea, Major Wistman, Dr Johnson, and others from the Meyer there. They had come in on the Swallow. Admiral Rodman having the time of his life fishing.

After dinner off to the Lydonia where we had a little dance. Jennings,Bradleys the girls et al.

July 31

Nothing but hard work. Cleared up Pioneer's Home contracts and had conference with Brooks report to Payne. Ate something which did not agree with me. Went to bed early.

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Aug 1 – Sunday.

A wire from Kate saying “Gather very weak but not suffering the end probably near.” Dear old dad. He doesn’t want to live now that mother is gone. I feel so far away. Immediately got in touch with Folta and had him wire to Rodman to get me transportation on destroyer if possible.

Aug 2.

Answer from Rodman saying he would be glad to furnish me transportation on the old tanker from Ketchikan but that the destroyers were not yet going south. This made me pretty sore as they are doing nothing and he could spare me one just as well as not. Answered that the only object of my request was to save time in hopes I could see my father again. Admiral Evans in at 10.30 and out at one. Pretty well crowded but I got a berth in room 115 with Jim Girwood. A Dr [Fank?] on board who wants to take up some liquiter claims on Cook Inlet for the making of products such as Coal Tar and oils. Wants me to talk with Payne. His story sounds like a fairy tale. He is ready to invest \$1,000,000. Under the coal leasing act he can only get 2560 acres and he plans to use 1 acre every two days.

Aug 3 – Fog delayed entrance to narrows. Anchored in Behind Slough about half way down. at 8 a.m. saw [prince?] seine boat “Happy” of Petersburg pulling seine well within the line Blind Point – Anchor Pt. The next [cast?] was along side the [buoy?]. The green boat S or 518T Flyer was fishing well up in the stream and the boat came down with quite a catch. Both boats undoubtedly fishing illegally.

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This delay is maddening.

Aug 4

Got to Ketchikan about 9 p.m. Grigsby there. Telegram from Kate saying that father might possibly live to see me. Sent telegrams to Leekey to make reservations through for me, to Renee and to Kate. The whole destroyer fleet there. They could have taken me just as well as not. Was offered transportation on the oil tanker but thought I could make better time by staying in the Evans.

Aug 5 –

Talked with [Hawthornth?] and an old chap named C. H. Walker who whaled up in the arctic for 45 years who was most interesting. He told of his trip in '97 from Point Barrow where the whalers were wrecked to Edmonton via the McKensie River. 3 months + 24 days. I know all about whaling now. He said[?] as late as 1905 he had seen musk oxen as far West as Demarcation Point and that the female polar bear hibernates on land in a snow drift during the period of incubation which coincides with the three darkest months. Made a speech for the passengers in the evening.

Aug 6

Arrived Seattle about 3 p.m. Leekey had arranged transportation. Had Mary + Frank come down. Quick dinner with L. and off on G. [?]. at 7.10 p.m. Wire from Kate father low but still living.

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Gov Riggs

Juneau als  
Father very weak but not suffering

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Washington dc Aug 1 st 1920

the end probably near  
Kate  
246pm.

[Pg. 78- *Image of Telegram*]  
Western Union Telegram  
Wash DC Aug 7 1920

Gov Thos Riggs  
    To [Cord?] Train  
        [?]  
Your father passed  
away this morning  
All bearing sorrow well  
    Fenton

[Pg. 79- *Image of Telegram*]  
Western Union Telegram

    KY Washington DC Aug 5  
Governor Thomas Riggs Jr  
Care Maurice D Leehey 620 Alaska Bldg Seattle Wash  
Father knows you are coming and sends love at times he is scarcely  
conscious we have two good nurses Dr Custis keeps him from suffering  
end seemed matter of hours last night better today nannie Margaret  
and Jim are great comfort weather pleasant much love  
    Kate.

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Aug 7.

Telegram on train at [Libly Mont. ?]  
from Fenton saying that father passed  
away Today. -Too late- too late.  
Wired Renée, Mary + Kate.

Aug 10

Got connection out fo Chicago although  
train was an hour late, but missed the  
connection out of Pittsburg by four minutes and  
had to wait until 10.40 p.m. Had Tukish  
bath as was very dirty. Nothing to do but  
walk around and couldn't do much of  
that as it was rainy.

Aug 11

Arrived Washington at 8.35. Fenton  
met me and drove me to house.  
Katie and Nannie there. A letter from  
Margaret expressing sorrow for her past  
actions. In the afternoon Fenton drove us  
down town. We saw father for the last  
time. His fine old face looked calm  
and peaceful in the wonderful dignity of death.  
Kate still undecided as to where she  
wants to go. I think she will go to  
Canada with Nannie although we want  
her with us.

Aug 12 -

Father was laid away today in Greenmont.  
A service at St John's and then by motor to  
Baltimore. Alice Riggs was at the church  
and a few others. Margaret and her three  
children came down from New York. Margaret  
wept bitterly and wanted to be forgiven for

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her action at the time I was married. We  
made it up but I can find no affection  
for her. John Pleasants and many at Greenmont  
as well as Laurie, Clinton, Frank and Harry  
Riggs. Mr Dunlap of St John came with us.  
Fenton drove his car over too and then the  
coxes went on to New York and Kate, [Nannie?]  
+ I returned. In the evening I cleared  
up some of Father's things. these were old  
letters from dead friends, cards from Katie  
and me when we were little, a tobacco  
bag knitted by his first sweetheart  
[Miss Liernan?] + in the back of his drawer  
a picture of mother as he first knew [her?],  
a letter from Renée, another from Bowler.  
Little scraps of sentiment unknown.  
Tonight he sleeps the last sleep  
with the other ghosts, next to his first  
wife who was burred with a little baby  
in her arms. His father and mother,  
a sister and two brothers. There is no  
father to come home to or mother now.

Aug 15

Nannie, Kate and I left for N.Y on  
the 1 p.m. train. [Cramer?] took us to station.  
In mailing some letters I mailed my  
ticket and trunk check just as  
the train was about to go. I ran  
down and told the station master who  
said to may my fare and he would  
forward. It was handed to the  
conductor just as the train pulled  
out. We dined at an station joint,  
not very good eats but the [?] war  
stopping at Hotel [?] on Wash. Square to

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be near [?]. Awfully hot.

Aug 16

Went down to C. m + STP office and got them to arrange transportation then to the hospital with Nannie to see Mrs Conduat Found her just about the same. She recognized me and asked for Renée and “[?]” said “Give them my love and tell them I will be glad to see them.” Marie came in late having missed her train at [Hushing?]. Seemed very happy with her new house. Then to [Conduat B wo?]. Saw Mr [Semple?] and [P and?] [Taku?]. Nice chat with [Mr?] S. I like him Alys came down for lunch with us. Looks well. Called on Secy Lane but he was out of town. Went to Democratic headquarters and had chat with Geo. White. Beat him to it and cashed for money. He said he would do what he could. Sent a line to Rosevelt suggesting that he [roast?] the Republican platform in Seattle for not [?] Alaska. Met ex-embassador Gerard who immediately asked about Renée and [Fred?]. Knew that I was on the way. [Had?] [?] with Sen. Pat War[?] re speakers for Washington and advised against [Clarence Darrow?!] Dinner with Margaret, Peggy + Nannie at the “Sillouette Inn”, Kate has bad cold. Taxi did not come so nearly missed train.

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Aug 20 – Friday

Arrived in Seattle at 8.45 P.m after uninteresting trip. Leekey met me at station. No room at [Frye?] Hotel so went to Arctic Club. L. + I then went to the Arena to hear Franklin Roosevelt speak. He made a very good address but left out all mention of Alaska. I waited until the crowd thinned out and went up to call his attention to the fact. As soon as he saw me he called out, [“]I meant to and had it all written out, but I forgot.” I told him to be sure not to forget in Tacoma. He invited me to join the party as far as Portland. Saw Mrs Lister the wife of the late governor of Washington. She tried to speak about the gov. but broke down. The Kellchers were there and invited me to spend Sunday at the Country Club. Talked politics until 2. with Leekey and Mattison of the Times. [Most?] [Says?] Harding was piched last year but the bosses had to let Wood et al. wear themselves out first.

aug 21 Saw Al.[Zipf?] at [hearpost?]. His wife had just died. He is all broken up. Has left little boy and girl. Went to Country Club with Kellcher and had nice peaceful time. Saw lots of people who immediately spoke of the last time I was there 26 years ago and when I broke my nose – Garrets, Fiskins, Rellys Peters, Brownells, etc.

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Aug 22

Loafed around all morning. took 4 o'clock boat back to Seattle. Had dinner with the Rotches. Packed up for tomorrow.

Aug 23 (Monday)

Had chores to do such as buying ticket, toys for kids etc. Lunch with St[?] of the Alaska Steamship Co where we discussed rates etc. Talk then with Marvin Leechey and the steamer "City of Seattle" at 3. Cap't Parker of the C +g. s. on board and a lot of tourists. Room to myself.

Aug 27

Arrived at Juneau at 8.30 a.m. Glad indeed to get home. Kiddies with [grip?] Renée probably getting it. Fred Crudut and boys gone to Westward. Stupid trip. Lots of Knights of Columbus on board.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

Folta had gone hunting on Saturday (28<sup>th</sup>) and had not shown up so I sent the subchaser out to look him up. He telephoned about 5.30 saying they had broken down and nearly wrecked in a storm.

Called meeting at Publicity Bureau at 1.30 to launch the museum. We decided to have a formal opening on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>, and take in members. The museum has a fine start and I hope will be a great success.

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Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

Had a call from Jack McBride the republican national committeeman this morning. Ostensibly he came to thank me for looking out for his little daughter on the way up on the "City of Seattle". He really wanted to talk politics. I told him that if Harding is elected that I will hang on to my job until the last minute unless he backs a candidate for governor who will be acceptable to me. He said that he would lay a complete slate on my desk that I could not take exception to.

While I was talking to him I heard a dog yelp and on looking out of the window saw Bobs limping away from the track of the Sanitary Plumbing Co's automobile. The auto just kept on going. Bobs ran up the street as fast as he could and as he did not limp any more I thought he had just been bumped and thought no more about it until old Mr Sk[?] stuck his head in the door and said that my dog was dead. Sure enough poor "Bobs" was dead. There was no external sign of injury. He was lying stretched out on the grass just by the office door. And so we have lost one of our best friends. While I am away, he always protected the house and never allowed any one to be even rough with the children. I have never seen a dog with such a sense of responsibility. We all feel very badly. We buried him in the corner of the yard underneath the tree in the far corner. If we are here next year we will plant a flower bed on his grave.

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Sept 5 (Sunday) Weather bad.

The way time flies is “[scandalous].” Here another week has flown. I have been busy this week with estimates for congress and getting my report [lined?] up. Then too I had a lot of correspondence to get off. Fred Conduat and the boys are off on the Kenai for a hunt. Of course they have run into stormy weather. I hope they have good luck. Nothing exciting except that Rustgard who is running for Attorney General against our man Murphy broke into Payne’s office and stole some correspondence to me against him in a case and Wickersham has opened up an office to practice law with the real purpose of being appointed governor if Harding is elected.

Sept 7 (Tuesday)

School opened. Both of the kiddies started school at the sisters’. Momentous day. Two little first graders. Tommy is not quite five but as he is quite advanced he was taken in with the kids of 6.

[Britts?], Capt Mason, Mrs Pugh and [Venetia?] in for dinner and [?] [?],

Last night I went to a [smoker?] of the American Legion. 7 bouts and three knockouts. a Couple of them pretty good although little science.

Had E. M. Bull of the Bureau of Fisheries come up to see me. Old Smith the Commissioner had told him to keep off of the Copper River. I can’t understand

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it as Hadley of the cannery there is violating every regulation

Sept 9.

Today was the formal opening of the museum. about 100 people attended and a few became members. I took out a Fellowship, Renée a membership and the kids each became associates. Now I have got to get some members together to get up by laws. Working on my report which is about half through.

Sept 11

Rather a quick day at the office which allowed me to do a lot of work on my report. a Mrs Chambers of Dawson came in with a very sad story. She has two sons John and Frank. They own claims in the Forty Mile which are bonded to [Congdon?] the lawyer and former member of parliament. For two years under the [exemption?] act they have not had to do assessment work. [Congdon?] has not [?] it this year although bound by the [bond?] to do so. They have no money with which to do it. John enlisted with the Canadian forces four years ago. Today he is blind in one eye from shell concussion and is probably going to lose the other. His heart is all but gone. He is in a hospital at Vancouver “totally disabled.” The other son Frank enlisted when we entered the war in the 27<sup>th</sup> Engineers. He was decorated for gallantry under fire. He was gassed and T.B. has set in. He is in Arizona not expected to live. They will probably lose

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their claims and their [lives?] and there is no relief for them.

I left the office about 4:30 and joined Renée and the kids out at their play ground on the rocky road.

Sept 12

Fine day. We went to Auk Lake in auto for fish. Usual luck, but enjoyed trip. Staid out at road camp for dinner. P[?] for [?]. Beautiful drive home in evening.

Sept 13

John Rustgaard a so called republican brought a suit for criminal libel against the Empire for sarcastic reference to his speech in Petersburg where he called himself "Honest John", This will give an excellent chance to show him up. His record is vile. He altered questionnaires during the war to get men out of the draft, over charged for pretending to collect in damage suits and broke with Mr Payne's office and stole papers to be used in a law suit.

Trying to write my report but a lot of visitors all day.

Sept 14

Hearings today conducted by Col. Shultz of the Engineer Corps on floating traps. Practically no objection was raised to the existing regulations. Heckman of Ketchikan had to get some language off his chest but it did not amount to much. Dinner at the house. Jacksons, Jennings, Dr Neuman & Mrs Mc[Renna?].

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Sept 15 –

The guests did not go away last night until 12 then Tommy had leg aches so when it came time to get up we were wrecks.

Long string of callers [Flory?] of the Forest Service, Clark an engineer of the Forty Mile Pwer and Dredging Co. Dr Neuman and a Mr Rand a [tourist?] whose wife is dying of infection at the [Dawes?] hospital, and others. Got off some more of my report. [Emil?] [Huya?] sent me an engraving of Seward and his autograph framed.

Sept 16

Flory in for joint conference with Territorial Board of Road Commissioners and Alaska Road [Com?]. Two meetings are in a.m. + one in p.m. which took up most of day. Flory and Col. Steese for dinner. We had a wild [goose] which Barry [Roselle?] sent us. After dinner we went to see moving pictures of the Alaska Juneau Mine at the Palace. Getting frosty.

Sept 19

Dr Nelson the chief of the Biological Survey came in yesterday on the Admiral Evans and is stopping with us. We are deep in animal matters. Today the Alaska came bound north. Maurice Leechey for a couple of hours. Dick Wood going back to Fairbanks. The court has made him the goat and cleaned him out. He is pretty blue. All on account of the old bank cases for which he was not to blame. Wickersham and Mrs W. at the [?]. W. expects to be made governor. Rustgaard out with a statement that the Shipping Board

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has spent money illegally and will be made to refund. Renée, Dr Nelson and Dr Neuman took a drive to the glacier.

Sept 23

Dr Nelson left today. I think his trip will be [conducive?] of good. He has changed his attitude on a great many subjects, particularly the brown bear. He now believes the closed season should be taken off but the export fee for [?] retained. Of course he is all bureau but he is likable. The paper [?] him against the brown bear. I wonder what [Hornaday?] will do.

Had a wire from Payne asking why my report was not in and saying "send immediately". I wired back that I was waiting for some information from the Department of the Interior. I [?] the census.

Kids at the dentist today. They behaved like [?] little people.

Hard at work on my report and nearly finished.

Sept 26 (Sunday and clear).

Had Folta and Harding at the office getting the report finished up. Did all my work on it and got through about 1 p.m. Secretary had wired me p[?] to send it on as though reports grew on trees. Payne can be as disagreeable as any one I have ever known. In fact with anyone whom he considers subordinate to him he is almost [?] insulting and uncouth. So different from Lane.

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Sept 27

Native boy Charlie James brought in from Sitka to the native hospital. He had been hunting deer on Hoonah Sound when he was attacked without warning by a brown bear. The bear grabbed him and carried him way for a about 150 feet when the boys companion finally wounded it. According to native custom the boy was talking to the bear all the time telling him he was a good bear and that he had no intention of shooting him. There are about 100 wounds ranging from a mere puncture to a gash six inches long.

[Having?] gotten my report off, I loafed a little yesterday and got busy on politics. I got Judge Winn and John Ragan to see Payne and get a statement from him that Rustgaard broke into Payne's office and stole some papers. R. is running for the office of Attorney-General on the Republican budget.

Sept 28

Got off a lot of letters. Capt Douglas of the aviation service called on me and told me of the New York to home flight. Henderson the Commissioner of Education came in with him and spoke of the excitement of the Esquimo when they first saw the plane.

Got a good lot of work done.

Sept 30.

Fred Conduit and boys came in on "Alaska" last night. We dragged the off and sent them away on the Princess Alice. They had a good trip and got bear, moose and sheep. The boys enjoyed it hugely. I was glad to see them all.

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Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

Finished the brief of my report for the secretary report and wrote an article on roads for the Publicity Bulletin, also dictated about 20 letters. We dined last night with Dr Neuman at the Gastineau Hotel.

[Tekla Tell?] the maid is having a nervous breakdown. I think she is really a little insane as she has the delusions that someone is talking scandal of her.

Politics is rife and everybody calling everybody else names. I shall be glad when the campaign is over.

Oct 2.

Wrote up a little publicity on roads and went over the matter with Steese and Sommers. We are to get it off in the next Bulletin. Going over accounts. For the first time since we have been married we will not have enough money to pay all our bills. The [insurance?] I have to pay this month is the straw that broke the camel's back. The papers all report a slight decrease in prices particularly clothing. The profiteering that has been going on is evidently horrible and to my mind is the cause for all the industrial unrest.

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Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 10 [th?]

Bradley and I went shooting with Jack Lund.

We had two good days on [Glass Peninsula?] after deer, but the deer were not on the open hill tops because it was too cold and not on the flats because it was too warm.

They were in the thick brush on the side [?]

We saw one doe at about 75 feet and I tried to get a picture of her but she got out of the way. The first day we walked about 20 miles. On the 8<sup>th</sup> it started to blow up a storm and as we were in poor anchorage for a southeaster we shifted to [sun down?] for [darcks?] with fair success on [?] evening and the next day. On the 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) we went to [?] Harbor but only got there and on the 10<sup>th</sup> we came home. The great excitement is over 120 cases of smuggled liquor. George Johnson, the V.S. deputy marshall at Douglas, Fred Mc[?], Mike the pool man at Douglas and Wm Prentin, bought it in Prince Rupert and Johnson brought it to Douglas. Then Johnson and another man stole it all. Now there is a feud between the bootlegger as it has a market value of over \$20,000 Johnson has been fired and I believe he is to be indicted.

Oct 13

Last night there was a [musical?] and address at the Parish Hotel in honor of Columbus, given by the Knights of Columbus, Judge Jennings gave a very poor address and Renée sang beautifully and [Willis?]

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[Nowell?] made his violin just sing.

Dan Sutherland made a speech at the Coliseum but did not get a specially good reception. I did not go.

Bradley called me up and said that Alaska-Treadwell stock is now selling at [?] 2. We bought 1250 shares at 105 and 155.

Grigsby came in and discussed politics. He is very hopeful that he will carry the election.

Oct 16

Cleared up desk today and am getting ready start my game report. Hornaday writes Garfield that "Governor Riggs has an in[?] temper and uncompromising attitude.[" Garfield back from the [Federal?] Hearings at Cordova. He states that he is confident that O'Malley is unduly influenced by the fishing interests and is not at all satisfied at the attitude shown by the bureau toward the A[?] Packing Co.

October 17

My 47<sup>th</sup> birthday. Nobody remembered it and I don't like it. As it was Sunday we did nothing except take the kids down to the Gastineau for dinner and then to the movies. The play had a problem which although obvious to the [?] passed by the youthful minds. Dr Neuman joined us at the dinner and movies.

Oct 18 – Seward day –

Another holiday. We went out to see the Juneau High School – Douglas foot ball game

but it was so cold that Renée and the kids went home and hastily on account of Tommy's lack of control.

Bought Tekla's ticket to Seattle. She has rats in the attic and we are glad to get rid of her before she goes absolutely batty. Party at Robertsons for his birthday. Oct 20.

Tekla Tell, the maid, left yesterday for Seattle on the City of Seattle. At the last moment it seemed as though she were not going to go – had a hunch that something terrible was going to happen, but she was persuaded to leave.

Last night we had a furious storm.

Walsein Smith, the territorial Treasurer left on the same steamer. It looks as though the Miners and Merchants Bank at home and the Scandinavian-American Bank of Tacoma were indulging in the pastime of kiting drafts and he is on the way to meet [Jafet?] [?] and Cole on their arrival from home and find out exactly what is doing.

Oct 30.

On the invitation of Bradley I went ducking. We left on the 25<sup>th</sup> and got back tonight. We were all of the time in Mud Bay, but did not find out when to shoot until the last day and of course I was in the worst place and on that day only got three ducks. However the best of the party helped me out some. Folta along and went after big game. He saw four or five deer and a couple of bears but missed at long range.

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Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> The election is over and there aint no such thing as a democrat in the states or in Alaska. Harding and Coolidge swept the country defeating Cox and Roosevelt. In Alaska Sutherland was elected delegate and Rustgard Attorney-General. Sutherland is almost an I. W. W. and Rustgard is an absolute crook. It seems as though the worse a man is in Alaska the more the people want them. Last night we gave a dinner party of then on my ducks and after dinner had nine people come in. We hired a bulletin service, had movies with Bradley's camera and a supper. we had quite a [messy? merry?] [wake?] over the party. Issued Armistice day proclamation. All returns are not in but we are down and out and injured.

Nov 5 –

The quiet after the storm. The Republican landslide is [terrific]. Senate and house overwhelmingly republican. It hardly seems as though there are any democrats left in the world. The president did a very graceful act in offering a warship to Harding for his trip to Panama. Everyone debating as to my successor. Wickersham, Hazelut, and Gen'l Richardson.

A great big rat ran through the drawing room tonight and Renée started screaming and whooped and yelled and could not stop. I killed the rat in the ball room. Captain Ward called.

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Nov 7 – Sunday –

The first clear day for about a month. This morning the house sprung a leak and of course a plumber could not be gotten to fix the pipe so I had to climb around and hang up a tin can while Tommy got in the way at every turn and asked numerable questions. A nice letter from Secretary Lane. I think he likes Payne about as well as I do. Lane has been ill and is resting at Bethel [Maine?] where he can receive proper medical attention.

I hear that Dan Sutherland is making all sorts of dire threats about me and will have me removed right after the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Thus are politics played in Alaska.

Finished reviewing the Fisheries report yesterday and am well into my game report.

Renée picked the last rose of the season today. Think of it roses in Alaska in November.

Alameda in so I had callers. Dyer of Bureau of Mines en route to Anchorage. This is a man to help the [perspective?] I have been trying to get for years. Adams and Garfield to discuss fisheries.

Nov 11 – Armistice Day

Thanksgiving Day proclamation came out.

While I had not declared a holiday, still I closed the office. In the evening we had [Nowell?], Steese and [Gotwals?] in for dinner and after dinner some music. [Nowell?] played badly. A little too much hootch I think. Armistice Day ball given by the American Legion. I made a short speech and Cap't Walker told of the aims of the American Legion.

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Walker is the most military man I know. He was in the army for three weeks, following a most strenuous effort on my part to get him into an officers training camp. He got as far as Hoboken, but now he is strong for a [?] and all the allowances possible for the patriots. Renée and Walker led the Grand March. Afterward we went to Steese's room in the [Zynder?] and had a drink and looked at some photos.

Nov 12

Dan Sutherland called on me today and I congratulated him on his sweeping victory. He thanked me and I waited for him to open. He wanted to talk about the fish bill we prepared last year. First he asked if it had been introduced – he had charged that it had been – I told him it had not been for reasons that it deprived the Territory of a large amount of its [remanes?] and pointed out the defects. He seemed to be favorable to the bill although he said that he would oppose the trap site p[?]. I told him that I was going to put it up to the Legislature to pass and if they passed it he would be a very brave man to oppose it when Congress was asked to validate it.

I asked him if he opposed the territorial shipping bill and he said he did. I told him I was sorry as it was a good bill and I had kept it out of politics as far as I could and

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that I would also put it up to the Legislature.

I then told him that President Harding would have my resignation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of march to be effective at his pleasure and that in consequence it would not be necessary to have me removed immediately after the 4<sup>th</sup> as he had threatened to Garfield. He denied having made any such threat and said that evidently I had been told so for political purposes to scare up a row. I told him that a republican had informed me. Dan said it was a "lie."

He asked for my opinion on the development board bill and I gave him a copy of my letter to [Curry?].

I told him that I had always conducted my office above partisan politics and that statements to the contrary were lies. He asked me who made the charge and I told him Wickersham had. I said "Two men know obviously that Wickersham lied – Wickersham and I." I pointed out that Wick like in his charges to me to Congressman Ward and that Lane had not sent me a telegram to desist from my activities.

Dan wanted me to let him know if I went to Washington. I told him I did not want to go and wished that I could be relieved from having to deal with a hostile legislature but feared this to be impossible. I also told him of my desire to have the pay raised so my successor could benefit [therefore?].

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He thanked me for my information and left with every expression of friendship.

In the evening Renée and I dined at the Gastineau. We joined the [?]. Afterward S. and I went to a meeting of the Historical Society + R. and Mrs S. waited at the Zynder. Coming down to go home we saw the Wanghs in deep [converse?] with Dan. Wick was standing at the elevator but I did not see him.

A funny occurrence with Mrs Stewart the wife of the mine inspector. Mrs Jennings heard a [?] at the door and found little Jeanette Stewart who is [slightly draf?] who said her mother sent her for the cakes. Mrs J. knew nothing about cakes and called up Mrs Stewart. It was all a mistake. Jeanette was to have gone to Mrs Rustgard.

We have suspected Mrs S. as dealing with the enemy and this proved it. Rustgard has been the one person who has most consistently lied about us all.

Nov 13. Announced today that I would place my resignation in the hands of President Harding when he should take the oath of office in March. This caused quite a little excitement.

Nov 14 – Fine day until after dinner, then first snow of the season. On Armistice Day I picked a rose bud.

After lunch Renée and I took the kids for a walk out the basin road. They had lots of fun picking icicles.

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Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday –

I was going after ptarmigan but it rains. Tommy not very well so he staid with me while R + [L?] went to church.

Dinner last night at the Britts.

Young Frank Rotch has gone entirely back on his agreement to allow his father's debt to me to be paid from mother's estate. Now trying to accuse me of padding the indebtedness. Mary wrote Kate a very disagreeable letter and I wrote many a scorcher, so as far as I am concerned my [mother's?] family does not exist. Luckily Frank [Jr.?] gave me a deed of tenet to administer his estate for my own benefit under which I shall now try to proceed.

Kate is trying to buy 2111 for herself. I have written her to use my bequest therin. Evidently she fears a joint ownership of the house.

Nov. 22.

Fair morning Folta and I went up Granite Creek basin after ptarmigan and struck a blizzard. Saw no ptarmigan.

Nov. 25. – Thanksgiving –

First steamer in for six days. No mail of particular interest except one from Kate which says she is trying to buy 2111 S. St for \$15,000. Has rented the two lower floors. She did not give the deed of trust from Frank to the Trust Co. as she did not want a row over money affairs. This seems a little strange to me as I am the only one hurt. A little dinner tonight. Faulkners, Troy

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Mrs S[?], [Gotwals?], Steese, Ward, Nowell and [Helen Smith?]. Jack o'lantern with red light in it for center piece.

Dec 19 1920 (Sunday)

The month of December has been rather dull, but still has a few items of interest.

I have been appointed by the President an [exofficis?] member of the Interdepartmental Board which is composed of representatives of the several departments to deal with Alaskan affairs. I have prepared a chart of bureau [?] and a chart of simplified procedure.

The launch "Diana" belonging to Goldstein has disappeared without trace. We have been looking for it all over the place.

Jack Lund the game warden is over due and I shall probably have to have a search for him.

The Republicans are fighting among themselves for the federal appointments. Hazelet of Cordova is prominently spoken of for governor, but the Wickites are preparing charges against him.

Herbert Hoover has appointed me chairman for Alaska to conduct the drive for \$33,000,000 for the 3 ½ million destitute children of Europe.

My sister Kate laves Seattle today for Juneau to spend the winter with us.

The Alaska Historical Association is now organized and the exhibit is very creditable.

The children are looking forward to the visit of Santa Claus and we are preparing for the tree on Christmas

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eve.

Renée is practicing for the midnight mass at which she is to sing.

The weather is mild with about three inches of snow on the ground.

We bought a Penna-Ohio Power Co bond with some Money Renée got from Virginia's estate and a little more added.

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Working all day on European Relief C[?]. Have an advisory committee and eight district chairmen. There is not the enthusiasm shown I could wish for. However it may turn out all right.

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

My sister Kate arrived at Thane on Jefferson about 2.30 a.m. Had McCanl drive me down there. Lost a chain on way so that delayed us to a certain extent. She had a good trip up.

Boiler at office broke so had to close office at noon. Went to see kiddies perform at their mid winter festivities. Of course had to make a little talk.

After kids got to bed we fixed Christmas tree.

Dec 24

Soft snow falling looks like Christmas Kids had a tree and about forty little friends. Bob Robertson as Santa Claus.

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Dec 25 – Still looking like Christmas.

All the presents after breakfast. Great joy among the kids. Great quantities of presents. I got an umbrella, a pair of garters from the family and a safety razor and a pair of cuff links from Dr Neuman, to say nothing of a gorgeous “gold” watch box from Sarah.

At the Cobbs for an eggnog party. We staid until it began to get [rough?] Good egg nog though.

Dec 26

Sunday that’s all

Dec 27

Accumulation of mail at office. A wire from Hoover sending greetings for the starving children. The [listing?] boiler is broken so as to be [?]. It leaks all the time in consequence we have to [?] the fire blazing hot or it will get drowned out. Hence the office is either stifling or freezing.

Nice letters from Lane and Andrew Peters of Boston the latter gave me a wire compliment on my report.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

The old year dies. From the point of view of the Riggs family it has been a year of upsets of old lines of thought. The family is more or less broken up by father’s death. He was the one his children all [?] around through the force of many years’ thought.

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Mother went two years previously and Frank six months before that. The Rotch family has gone out of our existence due to unfortunate disputes over their father’s debts to me. In Renée’s family is to be recorded the death of her aunt Mrs Paul Fuller + the last of the older Conduff family. Her mother still lies hopelessly in St Vincent’s hospital, neither alive nor dead.

Politically there has been the greatest of all upheavals and the democratic party has gone down to defeat, unprecedented in its scope. This means for the Riggs family entire change of plans.

The cause of defeat may be termed the -Revolt of the Senate-. That most egotistical of all political bodies [strung?] to the quick by the president’s contempt for them, and hurt beyond measure in their [?] dignity, turned their bright minds to fostering any means by which he could be humiliated. They seized upon the peace treaty as a pretext and invited most ingenious objections. It made no difference to them if the peace of the world remained [destruiked?] that [natives? nations?] were ruined, or that they themselves repudiated past doctrines formally advocated with energy.

I consider that Senators Henry Cabot Lodge is the chief cause of the president’s downfall and I believe that eventually the people of the United States will recognize the fact that he is not a true American and has acted along most contemptible lines.

We [?] the passing of the old year

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by going to the Elks ball and the Shrine ball.

My last official act of the year was to get out an appeal to the people of Alaska to support the drive of the European Relief Council to feed the three and a half million children of Europe who are starving.

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