DIARY

Thomas Riggs

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Jan 1st.

It would be hard to imagine a much worse day than today although it is not cold, but the steady rain has washed off all the surface snow leaving a solid sheet of ice over everything. I had lumbago and did not go out at all.

In the evening we pulled off the New Years ball. We had about 175 people who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. All told me how sorry they were that we were headed down the tobyggan. The party broke up about one. Renée had about eight or ten women to help her and everything went very smoothly. All very tired.

Jan 2

Tired out, back still lame. Renée stayed in bed all morning. Kate went to the Russian church.

Jan 7.

Had a two hour call from Jack McBride the republican national committeeman. He has announced himself in favor of Hazelet for governor and of course Wickersham has attacked both Hazelet and McBride. He sees "another attempt of the Guggenheims" to steal Alaska and goes on at a wonderful rate about the iniquities of the more decent element of the republicans. McBride

does not want to come out in the open and fight. He is too timid, but will do anything to prevent Wick from getting the nomination as governor. I gave him all the information I could. Told him of Wick's conviction for Rape, his attempt to get the job of general counsel for the Guggenheims and upon their refusal of his turning on them and gave him a copy of Wick's letter asking for the job, naming his proposed salary etc. I told him of Wick's attempt to get Renée indicted by the grand jury for alledged illegal voting. Then I told him who to write to. Suggested Frelinghuysen. McB. opened his heart and told me his whole slate as far as formulated. Hazelet for governor, Ira Orton for judge in the 1st division, Tomen in 2nd, Richie in 3rd, Tom Marquam in 4th. I told him I did not know he could put Tom over as he had married two prostitutes and lived with others. Richie I have no confidence in as he is a Wickite out and out. McB. is going east soon and I will give him letters to republican friends in the senate as to have Wickersham as governor would be a menace to the welfare of Alaska.

Wrote a letter today to governor Clement of Vermont congratulating him upon his fine speech against a centralized government.

Rumor has it that Valentine and Wick have split.

Jan 8-
Got off the last of the unanswered letters. In afternoon only stayed long enough at the office to sign up, as the new furnace is being installed. Renée and I took the kids out walking and coasting. All early to bed.

Jan 10. Sunday. Raining hard.
Stayed in almost all day. Mail in on City of Seattle. A letter from Vancouver from Foster the Ketchikan game warden ending in his resignation and stating he had left the country as he had a guilty conscience. He confessed to have taken bribes from bootleggers and thought the officials of the law were after him. In the ~~morning~~ afternoon went out to Pullen's who had a present of some very fine handy.

Jan 13-
In reply to an urgent telegram from John Clark at Fairbanks backed up by telegrams from Luther Hess and Father Monroe and a petition signed by all my political opponents. I issued a writ of reprieve in the case of Mario Segura sentenced to be hanged on the 15th for the murder of J. E. Riley at Solitaro in 1918. The petition is addressed to the president but of course could not get there in time. Meeting of canvassing board.

Jan 14.
District attorney at Fairbanks refused to recognize reprieve unless definite time was set. He is in error but I

fixed the date for Feb 19th or five weeks.

Results of the canvass of the election returns in. No certificates issued as about 60 precincts are still missing. There is no conflict however except perhaps on the legislative ticket in home.

Had a very friendly letter from Dan Sutherland, telling me of his whereabouts and wanting information re the canvass. Promptly told the Empire and stated his plans. Wickersham will be tearing his hair in wondering what we are corresponding about.

Mail boat Pulitzer on Seward-Islands run, left Uyak Bay on Jan 17, not heard from since. I got the cutter Snohomish to go after her. Snohomish left Port Angeles on the 8th and mind we was supposed to arrive at Ketchikan on the 13th. There's wonderful government efficiency.

Renée laid up in bed with bad cold and rheumatism.

Drafting my message to the legislature.

Jan 15-

Working at the office all morning and afternoon on my message. Went down to see Troy for a little while and discussed the affairs of state.

Attempted murder and suicide last night on the flats. Man shot a woman and then shot himself. Both still living. There is a little boy only four years old who is the son of the

woman.

Had another consultation with Jack McBride the other day and with Jack Davies of Ketchikan. They will do anything to kill off Wickersham. It is very amusing to sit up and talk on my successor. The republicans are having a rantipe row among themselves.

Jan 16 - Sunday.

Did a little plumbing in morning, then stuffed pillows making two pillows out of three and made a little one for Renée out of the end of a bolster. Renée better but still rather poorly. Kate out walking with Mrs Smiser. Loafed the rest of the day.

Jan 21 Saturday.

Meeting of the canvassing board. We declared Sutherland and Rustgard elected and all the legislative ticket except Burroughs and Holt in the 2nd division. There was only a difference of pin between them and two precincts not heard from yet. Bethel and Ketchikan.

Very much chagrined at the news that the Home Merchants and Miners Bank had withdrawn its account from the busted Scandinavian-American Bank at Tacoma upon failure. Jasper Lindeberg is said to owe the wrecked institution $900,000. He was vice-president, is also v.-p. of the Home Bank. The banking board was afraid that all banks were involved.

Dinner last night at the Jacksons. Renée better

although still a little stiff.

Snowing almost all day. Thermometer about freezing.

Goldstein back from Seattle and says — we do not know how well off we are in comparison with Seattle and the states.

Jan 22

All day conference with Garfield on game and fish matters. Put the finishing touches on the proposed game law. Now it goes to the full committee.

Wire from the deputy marshall at Kodiak stating that the cutter which left Port Angeles on Jan 8th had at last arrived at Kodiak. 14 days out. Five days should have been ample for the trip. The Pulitzer, the boat they went after was found by the Fish Com. boat Eider at Chignik. The rudder was gone and she was in bad shape after running aground. Crew on board running short of food.

Called up Mr Bride today and asked him if he believed in omens. He said he did, so I told him that Governor's House was marked G. H. which is perhaps prophetic of George Hazelet being appointed my successor.

Jan 28.

At a meeting of the Alaska Fish and Game Club, the committee consisting of Garfield, Russell and myself reported in our proposed game law. It was adopted by the Club with a few minor changes and the committee given a vote of thanks.

Jan. 29.

Conference with Flory the District Forester on pulp and paper possibilities. I am trying to get the New York Times interested. If by any chance they should I want Flory to be one of the organization. A call from Will Steele, an old friend of mine, who is taking charge of the Capital, then a call from Sidney Charles the former city editor who apologized for a rather libelous article which appeared a short time ago. The article had said that telegrams had been received from Washington stating that Wickersham had received the favorable report of the Elections Committee in the case of the contested seat for delegate thus sustaining the charges of fraud against the canvassing board.

In the evening Mrs Carlson's and Renée's musicale for the European Relief Fund at which $62.00 was taken in. Renée sang very well when she had gotten over her first nervousness.

Jan 30.

Spent the morning outlining a pulp and paper report. Dropped down to see Tony in p.m. Flory in for dinner. We discussed pulp possibilities.

Feb 1

Yesterday and today was busy with conferences with Territorial Road Commission, Bureau of Public Roads & District Forester Flory. outlining tentative road plans. Agreed on a program subject to territorial appropriation.

Letter from Tom Donohoe, evidently written

at Hazelet's request, asking that I do not resign immediately but wait for the psychological moment to let Hazelet's power be known. I answered that my resignation would go in subject to the will of the president. I could then announce to the legislature that I had resigned and thus save myself a whole lot of attack and perhaps get better results if they could see that I had no ulterior motives.

In the mean while Wickersham's petition is growing. Every clergyman in town has signed including Bishop Aumont. Renée took him to task and told him how Wick had tried to get her indicted for illegal voting and of his constant attacks on me. The Bishop seemed greatly distressed and plead innocence, that at one time Wick had been very good to him etc etc. The old man nearly wept, but the damage is done.

Feb 6

Hoy and I have written a report on pulp possibilities in Southeastern Alaska. Through Fred Conduit we hope to have it presented to the New York Times and perhaps get them interested.

Dr Nelson of the Biological Survey is evidently going to fight us hard on any proposed game law wherein the Territory is to have any say. I got a most irritated letter from him the other day. He does not like my attitude on self government at all. He believes in general search warrants and czaristic methods.

The kids and I made paper horses all the morning while the women of the house were at church. In the afternoon Renée and I went down to the museum and loafed around there by ourselves and enjoyed it.

Dr Hennan in for dinner and disclosed his family history. His grandfather was a Frenchman named Rafaelli, a surgeon in the Army of Napoleon who in the retreat from Moscow froze off his feet and staid in Russia and was given the name of . When Katrina II was Empress she forced everyone of consequence to take ~~the name of~~ German names, so the family name became Hennan or new man which is the translation of the Russian name. The father was surgeon-general of the Russian army at one time. The family estates are now in the hands of the Bolshevikki.

Feb 8

Lisette down with pink eye.

Feb 11 - Also pink eye Peter.

George Hazelet through today on Northwestern bound for Washington in the interest of his candidacy for governor. He was joined here by Mr Beide. H. Called on me and thanked me for what I had done in his behalf. Said he did not care if I did not get out until the end of my term and stated he was only in the race to beat Witherspoon. I suggested to him that he get appointed and confirmed so soon as possible and that we could arrange afterward when I would get out.

Feb 12 -

Lincoln's birthday. The Alemeda in with all of the Means family. They were up here for lunch. Means was more human than I have seen him at any time. I told him I would support the railroad but reserved the right to take matters up with him personally whenever anything arose. I asked him how he liked John Barton Payne. "Just about as much as a cat likes a dog" he said. We agreed that he was a nut.

He does not think that Wickersham will be appointed but does not like Hazelet as he is afraid he will attack the railroad and will try to discredit it.

Dr Newman came in for dinner and stayed until we were all exhausted. He is however a most interesting and erudite man.

Feb 20th -

Nothing very exciting during the week. E. B. Collins the senator from the 4th Division is here and I have taken him into my "full confidence"(?). He talks as though he is to be my friend in the Senate.

Have been busy touching up my message and tax list. I think I can raise about $250,000 more without hurting anybody. Had Bradley in and went over the running schedule with him. He said he could not see how any one could kick on it.

Finished up the canvassing board matters with counting the returns from Fortuna Ridge and Willow Creek. There was a close vote in the 2nd between

Burroughs and Julian. Burroughs was out by 12 votes.

Reports from different European Relief chairmen in. Fairbanks $4480 and home 1590^m. There will be over $15,000 for the Territory.

Renée not well at all. – No strength. Kate seemingly enjoying life and the kids nearly over colds and pink eye. Weather good.

Feb 22 – Washington's birthday.

Office closed. Renée still in bed with a cold. Took the kids out in the morning in a wet snow storm. They thoroughly enjoyed it. /

Received a telegram from Hollenbeckie Club in San Francisco that my dear old friend Bill Sanborn had died suddenly. I am greatly grieved. He was a good friend and pal. San Francisco will not be the same without him.

Renée's eyes began to swell up in the evening and before long she developed a fine case of pink eye.

Isette and I took a walk to the telegraph office to send a wire to J.F. and on the way back stopped first at the museum and then at Billy Taylor's where she had an ice cream cone and I discussed game with Billy and ate some of his good candy.

In evening read life of John Marshall aloud.

Have bought in on some oil stock with Dr Sloane. It sounds good but maybe a thousand guess.

Feb 23rd

Nearly all morning spent in seeing callers. Marshall Grimm going through on his way to Fairbanks. Charlie Meier who runs a road house on the Valdez trail. Then the Peterssons who run a Better Home for children. I had taken two Petersen children away from them because they were not allowed to go to the church of their mother — the Russian church —. They are two poor fanatics who have some sort of child like belief about the teachings of the bible and will not allow children to have any joy in living.

On January 28 I had written president-elect Harding that I intended to resign and asked him to select my successor with care. I did not recommend anyone but cautioned him about a certain element in the republican party. To day I got the following very gratifying letter.

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"My Dear Governor Riggs:

I beg to make belated acknowledgment of your very courteous letter of January 28th. It pleases me very much to have you write me as you do. I shall be very greatly interested in the selection of your successor, because I think you will recall that I had something to do with your confirmation. It is possible I shall have occasion to consult with you and will expect you to advise me with the sincerity and frankness which you would wish at my hands.

It is a courteous thing for you to place your resignation in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior to become effective at

my convenience, but I trust you will not make any readjustment of your affairs for the present, because I shall want time to inform myself fully before acting regarding your successor. With best wishes, I am,
Very truly yours, Warren G. Harding."
Something tells me that Wick will not get by. It would be a great calamity to the Territory.

Renée a little better but far from well yet. We had to call off a dinner we had scheduled for tomorrow.

February 27 -

Plodding along making ready for the legislature. Trying to clothe unconstitutional taxes in constitutional language. Renée and Tommy better.

Judge Jennings back from Washington. While there he had a conference with Senator Fall soon to be Secretary of the Interior. They used to go to school together. J. has since written a letter bouncing Wickersham.

Tommy fell out of bed yesterday and created the greatest excitement we have had since he got stuck in the toilet.

March 1

Wickersham seated against Grigsby as delegate. Vote was 177 to 162. An absolute steal on the most trivial technicalities. The ~~[illegible]~~ soldier vote thrown out and everything counted against Grigsby and nothing against Wickersham.

March 2

Thank God, Sarah is going to leave us. I don't know who we are going to get but she is worse than no one.

Calls all day long and little work done. Got word that E. W. Burrows the 2nd Division representative dropped dead in Seattle. I wrote the new attorney-general for advise but contrary to law he was practicing in the District Court. He came around in the evening and we discussed the problem of calling a special election. I asked him to put his opinion in writing which he is to do.

Long talk with Collins, Robertson, Sommers and a meeting of the banking board.

March 4

President Harding inaugurated in Washington with simple ceremonies. His speech was simple and well expressed but was a typical Harding speech committing him to nothing

March 5-

Legislative politics beginning to get hot. Great howl from home at not having an election called. Put it all on to the opinion of attorney-general Rustegard. R. contrary to law is still appearing as attorney for a damage case against the Alaska-Juneau. I told Pegues of the Empire to mention him by name so that the legislature would know about it. Calls from practically all of the legislature today. They all seemed friendly. Senator Hero called

and was very friendly. We all joked a good deal about my going out of office soon. I told them they were out of luck if I went before they adjourned as I was disbursing agent and it would take a new man about two months to qualify.

Some republican got away with the new silk umbrella that Renée gave me for Christmas and left a horrible old machine in its place.

Had a nice chat with my old enemy Jim Daly. He and I are now busom friends.

Got off income tax returns.

March 7 -

Legislature met at 12. We went down to see them sworn in. Both houses seated me at the right of the presiding officer. Organization perfected. Sunback president of the Senate and Nerland Speaker of the House. Two Swedes. Here we have a Canadian delegate. a Norwegian Attorney-General and two Swedes presiding over both branches of the Legislature

March 8 - Notified by joint committee that both houses were prepared to do business. Sent a message that I would address a joint session at 2 P.M. on the 9th.

March 9

Delivered my message. Which was well received and acknowledged with a vote of thanks by Senator Collins. Quite a crowd. Renée had Dr Newman, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Swisher, the two kids and Kate in the governor's box. The message was long and I got quite tired. It is always a strain on me to speak to a crowd. Rustgard with his evil face sat just below me and I looked right at him when I spoke of "violent personal attack as being the most elemental form of political warfare". He was one of the first to come up and offer his congratulations.

Renée had her first afternoon at home. Quite a number of women here.

The Alaska-Juneau won in their defence on a damage suit that Rustgard is prosecuting contrary to law. I hope he gets impeached. The Bradleys and the Hellenthals are jubilant.

Got my first dividend of ~~[illegible]~~ income from dear mother's estate $718.77.

All pretty tired tonight.

March 15

The legislature and I have been sparring for position.

On the 12th we gave a large reception in honor of the legislature which was attended by about 400 people. All the the legislators were in line. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves.

I find that my message has made me a good many friends and my work in preparing a budget and revenue data has saved the committees a great deal of trouble.

The matter of printing as usual has caused a great deal of trouble. I issued a tentative bid which I submitted to the Committees, calling for a bond and a contract. The Capital took exception to this and Cash Cole undertook to get out bids of his own which he issued on Saturday night calling for an answer on Monday at 8. a.m. I squelched this move and then the joint Committees undertook to get out bids eliminating the provision of a bond and penalty. I took the matter up with Senator Hess and he got hold of Cole and I laid down the law to him as nicely as I could. Told him I appreciated his position in being pounded from Juneau and from Dan Sutherland to give the printing to the Capital but as I was a bonded officer of the law I had to be guided by regulations covering such matters. So he got out a letter to the bidders stating that a bond would have to be given.

Steele the editor of the Capital had

evidently wired Secretary Fall that I intended to be unfair in the matter for I got a telegram from him stating that this charge had been made. I got mad and wired him "Of course I will be charged with unfairness unless the Capital gets all of the printing"-etc and asked who made the charge. Also told him the whole thing was probably part of the old propaganda against me that the president had helped to sift when he was on the Committee of Territories of the Senate. No reply from him. In the mean while the legislature is doing without stationery or journals.

In Washington Witherspoon and Hazelet press are at each others throats, each of course claiming to have the advantage in the governorship scrap. There seem to be only two political parties in Alaska — Democrats and Office seekers —

Today had a long session with a joint committee on taxation. It went off very happily.

Yesterday an all morning session with the Board of Education which consists of the Governor and the four senior senators. We reelected Lester D. Henderson, Commissioner of Education.

Bought a bond of the Kingdom of Denmark to stash away for a rainy day.

Tommy hit himself with a hand smelter and spilled considerable gore around.

March 19 -

Gave a dinner. Sen. & Mrs Hess, do Price, do Britt. Reps. & Mrs Cochrane, Mr Elmer & his cousin Mrs Belding. Dr. Kennan and Kate. After dinner we had in the rest of the Legislature and saw six reels of the railroad. It came just at the right moment when certain people are trying to stir up trouble against Mears. Nice party and they seemed to enjoy it.

March 18 - To go back a day. Meeting of the Fish and Game Club. We presented my bill for final reading. It was approved by the Club. Now it goes to the Legislature. Several members were there and voiced their approval.

March 21

Wrote a concurrent resolution for Britt to accompany the fish bill. Pointed out that the government has failed in its long range administration of Alaska.

March 22 -

All morning session with Fish Commission. We decided to ask for a Fish Commissioner to look after territorial interests. Dinner at Britt's in evening - stag - for the senate and ~~mart~~ a few others. Quite pleasant. Long talk in P.M. with Elmer and went over tax and appropriation figures with him.

March 23

More Fish Commission - 2 sessions - I have now got to write a new fish bill. Wrote a memorial about explorations in Bering Sea, for Brown of Nome. Meeting of the

Territorial Board of Road Commissioners and Col. Steese of the Alaska Road Commission.

These days are pretty full and I get my tired. Kate laid up with a cold. A letter from Maurice Seeley saying that he had interviewed Secretary Fall who says he thoroughly understands Wickersham. A republican Congressman also stated "We'n paid the — — off". Seeming to indicate that Congress is at last through with him.

Renée and I have decided to make Steese governor.

March 25 - Good Friday.

More fish meetings. I wrote our new fish bill last night and today the Commission adopted it without much opposition or alteration. It provides for a fish Commissioner and of course I intend to appoint Garfield if it goes through.

The Alameda came in and brought quite a number of Western people going home or to business. Al Zipf on his way to Cordova to open the Carlisle Cannery. Jim Murray from Cache Creek who is going to get an option on the Bank of Anchorage for Sommers and me. Captains Langley and George Green headed for the Koskokwim.

I did not do much today with the Legislature. Young Brown from Nome introduced a memorial he got me to write for him and the Capital gave it great prominence and an editorial.

Kate ill with a bad cold. Tonight her throat is spotted as though with tonsilitis

The Capitol has a wire published saying that Secretary Fall had sent Wickersham's name to the president for appointment as governor. That would be awful. I can't think the president will appoint a crook like W. especially as he has asked me not to make a move for the present.

March 26 – Lisette 7 years old today. Ben Mullen's birthday too so her party is delayed until Monday. Kate better.

All afternoon before Committee on Game of House in advocacy of our bill which we presented. Garfield and I appeared for the measure and Walker of the Biological Survey against it. He called attention to the failure of State regulation in some States and I drew his attention to the admirable protection of Alaska game under federal control.

April 1 My days have been very full of work. Practically every bill of any importance is sent to me for review and all the illiterates are getting me to write memorials. I bet a hat with Cap. Lathrop that a governor would not be appointed this week. He had some inside dope of some sort. This afternoon from one till 5:30 one steady conference. First with Collins on his diseased Rio Grande bill and the rest of the afternoon with the Board of Education.

Last Wednesday we pulled off a party to the legislature at the museum with the object of getting legislators interested in buying the Newman collection. It went off very well although the lights went out early in the session.

Kate is up today after a long siege in bed with bronchitis. Tommy wouldn't say his prayers and had to go without his dinner for making a fuss about his dinner.

April 3 - Sunday

A.M. meeting of Fish Commission in afternoon worked on school matters. Brought Adams home for lunch and then listened for a little while to Willis Nowell and Miss Carlson. They play wonderfully.

The Capital now attacking me through our fisheries bill.

The children heard me saying that the Capital says that Wickersham would be here on the 16th to be inducted as governor so they packed up all their little belongings

April 4 -

Fish Commission in morning. In afternoon took it a little easy. I had had a bit with Cap. Lathrop that a new governor would not be appointed last week, so I collected the bet. Got a nice green hat at Goldstein's. Gossiped a bit in the Senate and received numerous apologies for the resolution which had been passed calling for the appointment of an Alaskan as governor as "speedily" as possible. They all claimed that the word speedily slipped through by mistake.

April 6

In afternoon was before a Committee of the whole senate on the Territorial Fish Commission bill. There did not seem to be a great deal of opposition to the bill, but Frawley of home put in a few amendments which would put it right into politics which I tried to avoid. Frawley is evidently a Wickersham man and objected to the possibility of my making any appointments which might carry on into the next administration.

April 7

Before the Committee of the whole senate on Transportation all morning. I explained what had been done by the Shipping board under the old bill and what we had failed to do. I showed where we had saved over $11,000,000 to the Territory in freight rates and brought about the various investigations on the part of Congress and the departments. The opinion of the senate in the first instance so much against the bill now seems to be that we should have a bill establishing the Shipping board with powers to appear for the Territory.

April 9.

All afternoon before a senate Committee on Fisheries which went of very pleasantly but tired me a good deal.

In evening a dinner - I hope our last official one - Frawleys, Robertsons, Mrs White, Hechmans, Gotwals, President of the Senate Sundback and Speaker Nerland besides Kate and ourselves.

April 11

Still working on fish. Before the Senate in the afternoon on the Territorial bill. Lots of argument over wording and whether to use "may" or "shall" but the main points of the bill namely the appointment of a Director of Fisheries not touched upon.

In the evening the Palace theatre ran mears' films of the railroad. The museum to get all over $100. We got $58.30. ~~I drop~~ I gave a little running talk therewith. The people of the 4th Division were especially pleased. I stated that this was one of the objects of the Association, namely to advertise all of Alaska not only to the people of the outside but of Alaska. Stopped at the Zynda on the way home and three people immediately took out membership and the Speaker told me that they were going to favorably report out a bill to buy the Newman Collection

The children noted the first robins today

April 12.

On the Built fish bill nearly all the afternoon and spent the evening drafting amendments. Also have the Collins Shipping Board bill to go over and amend.

Saw five or six robins. Fine display of northern lights

April 13.

Senate as a committee of the whole on the diseased lin stock bill. The Senate seems to want me to do all their work for them and I am pretty tired as it has been a long

hard grind every day, many nights and Sunday. It doesn't seem worth while when the work is unappreciated and I shall soon be succeeded, when however I don't know and so far my resignation has not been acknowledged.

April 17

Dr Shrane took us all out to the Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier was not at its best but Kate was thrilled which pleased me greatly. The kids were as good as gold.

April 18

The politicians have at last broken out with a scathing report on the Pioneers' Home and resolutions to investigate the excessive expenditures of the Fish Commission and the recent 'flu epidemic. Ross of Fairbanks introduced the measures, probably because he received orders from Winchesham to stir up as much mud as possible. It seems that I am altogether too popular with the legislature at large and something must be done to counteract it. Of course Morton (Sup't P.H.) has been rather negligent in getting his accounts in order and his creditors have complained to some extent but that is as far as any complaint could go as he has made a good place for the old men.

April 19.

I wrote a message to the legislature giving the legislative Committee which went over to Sitka the devil for writing a report based on ex parte evidence and stating that making a report

without hearing those interested was "unprecedented in legislation procedure."

April 20.

Today the muck raking commenced over the expenditures for the Influenza relief. I started the ball by telling the committee that I was glad to be able to give them the complete history as I had already gone over the same ground with the previous legislature. So they then switched their tactics and began to criticise the method by which I approved the vouchers. I told them to get the best information I could I appointed the mayor of home Mr Somers and the head of the Bureau of Education a committee to sift out the bills before being presented to me. It finally ended up by their attacking certain bills. I agreed with them that if there had been wrong doing on the part of merchants they should be prosecuted. Made a speech before the committee of the whole house on the subject of the proposed game bill and told them if they did not pass a fish bill and a game bill that Congress would consider them incapable of passing any legislation covering these subjects even if they were given the power.

April 21 Sunday.

At last the Wickersham are showing their true colors. They are attacking every construction operation that the Territory has undertaken. The Publicity Bureau, the mine inspector, the Fish Commission, the Pioneers' Home, Nothing but much raking or rather attempted much raking. Their legislative minions cannot soon close writing memorials to Congress asking for appropriations and introducing appropriation bills for pet pork barrels. Fish, game, mines, forests, development of power - all these things are beyond them. They are going to put the Territory back ten years and I think that Congress is quite justified in saying that Alaskans are not yet capable of self government. Its too bad to see things going to the devil when I had such a good start.

Everyone in the house is sick. Renée quite ill with bronchitis, Kate has warded off an attack and I have a little and am feeling pretty badly but have to keep going. The kids both with bad colds which keep me away a large part of the night.

Dr Sloane in today and cheered us all up.

April 27

The little minds of the Legislature still mussing over details and skipping the essentials. Garfield and I have been working on the fish bills and managed to get them both through the senate but do not look for much luck in the house. In the mean while the investigators over the misuse of Territorial money are hunting for something to attack. So far not a single constructive piece of legislation has passed and everyone is jangling over pet appropriations and trying to hit their own pet aversions through the revenue bill. Heckman of Ketchikan is as absolutely unreliable as ever. One day he is with us and the next day against. He wants to be all things to all men. I am wondering what it is he really wants. I suspect delegate.

Last night before the appropriation committee and I managed to get in for the benefit of the Wichites that "the governor gets blamed for anything that is wrong in the Territory and never gets credit for any accomplishment".

Renée slowly getting better although pretty weak. I think she had a touch of pneumonia. Kate also was quite sick, both the kids and I had a very bad cold but could not quit. I also had both children at night. Lisette is now out and ~~I the~~ if tomorrow is a good day I shall send Tommy to school.

Our Hilma has come back to us which is a great relief. She is a splendid servant and one who cannot be duplicated in the Territory.

April 30

Our eighth anniversary of our wedding. No celebration. Both of us forgot all about it until Renie remembered it about noon and made me promise not to get anything for her.

May 1 Sunday

Lisette took her first Communion which is a great event. As I knew that Renie would be greatly disappointed unless she could see it, I had a car come around early in the morning and bundled her up and took her to the church and after church waited until the people had left so that she would not have to hold a reception.

May 2 -

The great marine shipping strike on. It looks very serious to me and may be extremely serious here in Alaska. Started the ball rolling for Col. Steese for my successor. Got Steese busy from the Westward getting his people in line for him and then get Faulkner busy at this end.

Busy approving and vetoing bills. The Rustgard bills are in pitiful shape.

Up before the Committee of the whole house on the Butt bill S.B # 35 to create the first Commission. Evidently Sutherland is trying to block the measure. I am afraid we lose. Garfield and I made a hard fight for it but we seem to be outnumbered. There is a weak substitute for the bill introduced by Cole which if it passes I shall veto. The investigations of the 'few

expenses and fish commission expenditures fizzled out although they tried hard to get me in some wrong doing.

May 3

Busy on bills all day. The house passed two bills over my veto which had been sent back for correction. They didn't amount to much – one a referendum for women only to vote as to whether they wished to serve on juries and the other a lien bill which I wanted so that the claimant could follow his logs etc into any recording district, whereas it only allowed him to file in the precinct where they were cut. A call from Elsner who is mad through and through at the crowd in both the house and the senate.

Renée much better. Kids seem to be getting all on their colds. Only two more days of this damnable legislature which is destructive only.

May 6

The legislature is a thing of the past. I spent the evening of the 5th until 4 a.m. at the legislature and receipted for a few bills. At midnight Glen Bartlet of the Gastineau Hotel put up really an excellent lunch for all the legislators. I was called upon for a little speech and thanked them all for coming to my party. In the mean while the free conference on the appropriation bill had become deadlocked over the proposed house amendment raising the salary of the attorney-general two thousand dollars. Hawley came

to me and said that the senate would accept the house amendment if I would promise to veto the raise. I told him I did not like to veto anything unless the legislation was absolutely impossible so they finally agreed to leave the a-t. expense compensation to the next legislature. So all raises of salary were cut. As the conferees were still jangling over the bill, I went home. At 5.30 they called me up and said that they had passed the last bill and wanted to deliver it. I told them to send it up at nine to the office, but that would'nt do so I had to come down and receive it from Cash Cole whom I soundly cursed. Then I advised I had no further use for them and they adjourned sine die – Thank God. I looked over the bill and saw that they had appropriated $10,000 for a hatchery at Yelvington to be expended under the direction of J. R. Weekman. This made me so angry that I spent the rest of the time making up my vetos.

Spent the morning going over bills and let one die – a bill to make companies liable for employees who became indigent or ill. Had a call from Elsner, Cochran, Herland Sunback and others. Signed all the bills except the appropriation.

May 7.

Sent the appropriation bill to the secretary with a veto on the Weekman hatchery. Then things started. Cochran and Hunt appeared and plead for it, but I told them I would not stand for any legislation

specifying the individual by name who was to spend an appropriation, nor would I stand for any such novel experiment in government as to put money in the hands of a person who was responsible to no one. Cochran said my objections were well founded although he was extremely sorry I felt it was necessary. In the mean while Bob Heckman was raying all over the place saying what he was going to do to me and the appropriation.

Britt and Price came in and said that Heckman had gotten them to come up and intercede, but they were really glad of my action. I had offered Heckman a place on the Fish Commission some time ago, but he had refused. They said that now he would take it, but I told them I certainly was not going to beseech him to do me the honor of serving.

In the evening went to a boxing bout at the Elks smoker with Elsner. Three clean knock outs.

Renie a little better but still weak.

May 8th

Steamer Northwestern along southbound. I went down to say good bye to Price and his family. Heckman on board and greeted me cheerily. I told him I did not know whether he would speak to me today or not. But it seems that he had consulted Judge Jennings who told him that I could not have done otherwise. Heckman now asked my pardon for a

hatchery at Ketchikan and I told him to write me what could be done. I further explained my reasons and amplified them by saying "If you were to die the money could not be expended". He said he had no intention of dying so I told him that if he were to have a few more apopleptic fits like he had yesterday there was no telling what might happen. Any way anything was pleasant. The steamer went to the Alaska-Juneau dock to load concentrates so I went that far. Brawley, Hess, Kettleson, Hunt and Julien on board. We all joked a good deal and I told them if they had passed a bill in the middle of the session to adjourn, I certainly would not have vetoed <u>that</u>.

Walked back with Dr Herman and Britt.

Yesterday I wired the Prince William Sound ports asking how their supplies were holding out. Cordova - ten days, Seward and Anchorage two weeks, Valdez 60 days. Wired the Alaska Steamship Co. for information as to their plans and suggested they get a Canadian freighter or keep one of their freighters here to take supplies from Juneau Prince or Canadian ports to here. If the strike keeps up, I may have to ask for a Navy collier to handle up a cargo.

April 9- Monday and a day of post mortems and work. Got out the contract for printing and had vouchers made out to cover a number of the appropriations. Called Cochran up and went over with him the question of elective versus appointive offices. I said "You want all power

taken from the federal governor of Alaska and for the people to rule through officers responsible to them. I don't agree with you. We might have a Swede for commissioner of Education and a fisherman for mine inspector, but you represent a class that cannot be ignored, neither can the class that I represent be ignored. Perhaps we can get together. The federal governor does not want all the continually increasing duties which have been placed on him. He is overworked and is made the continual object of political attack." Then I unfolded my plan to him. To create the office of Territorial Comptroller to be elected every four years. The Comptroller to have all the duties now given the governor and to appoint with the senate approving, the attorney-general, the Commissioner of Education, the Treasurer, the Mine Inspector. His office to be the office of audit and record of the territory. He would be the virtual governor of Alaska as federal duties are practically nil. Cochran thought about it pretty hard and finally said "Its a pretty big job for one man". "Yes", I said "Its about what you now give the federal governor, but not so mixed up as to administration". It is now a case with him to advocate my plan or shut up.

I told him that if his bill for an auditor had gone through that I would have voted it and if it had been passed over my veto I would have advised the legislature that it was

inconsistent with the duties of the office of governor to become subordinate to the auditor. I had him thinking pretty hard.

Rende sat on the porch in the sun and had lunch & dinner down stairs.

Kids coughing again.

Wire from Seamans asking for authentic information re supplies in Alaska. I had already gotten the information. Wire from Stannard of Alaska Steamship Co stating that something would probably happen in a day or two and if not they would keep the freighters already in these waters up here and supply Western Alaska from Juneau which could be supplied from Tacoma. This shipping strike is playing the devil.

May 10

Closed up the office at 4.30 and went fishing with Pullen and Garfield at Auke Lake. Perfect evening. Pullen caught one cut throat and G. —6. I caught none, but had a good time and ate like a horse.

May 11 - Awake half of the night trying to quiet sick coughs. Got off a lot of letters on work. Received many in mail but nothing interesting. Marine strike still on. Have arranged for Alaska Steamship Co steamer Redondo to return from the Westward and take on cargo at either Ketchikan or Juneau and then go West again to relieve shortage there. Sent wires to Fall and Stannard of the SS. Co. If we only had a delegate in Washington in place of Sutherland something might be accomplished.

Dr Newman, Kate and I visited Moses the junk and fur buyer. I bought $175.00 worth of Indian stuff for the museum. Jared him down from $255.25. It included some Indian armor, rattles, headdresses, utensils etc. I think it a good buy.

May 12 -

Still trying to get shipping straightened out. Wire from Secretary Fall stating that unless Shipping Board can give relief he will obtain remission of all fines against Canadian ships. Cordova wants 45 tons of grub every ten days.

May 13

Nothing from the Secretary. The Capitol still trying to get news from my office but to no avail. Bought Newman collection for the Territory. Got word that Canadian government is going to give to Alaska the big relief map of Southeastern Alaska they had made when the boundary question was first up.

May 14

Wire from R. H. Simmes, in charge of Shipping Board operations at Seattle stating that Admiral Benson, Chairman of the board had arranged to have service resumed to Alaska on Tuesday 17th. Norell came in and showed me a telegram from Stannard stating that the Alameda or Northwestern would sail Tuesday. So I read that the Shipping Board is to operate the Alaska S.S. Co. ships.

Dan Sutherland wired that Secy Fall had told him that if the Shipping Board could not operate ships against Canadian steamers would be rescinded allowing them to bring supplies from Seattle. I had suggested this to Fall.

Wrote an interview for the Empire from Britt on the Hugh Smith - Commissioner of Fisheries - statement that I misrepresented facts. In the interview Britt shows Smith up to be a good deal of a liar.

The oil well which Dr Sloane let us in on is going to pump up well and we will probably make some money out of it.

The Capitol now abusing me like a pick pocket because I shut them out of the office and will not give them any news.

May 15 - Sunday - Beautiful day.

Dr Sloane took Reggie and me for a short auto ride. We enjoyed it hugely.

In afternoon Dr Newman and I passed around the museum for a couple of hours.

I bought a beautiful Chilkat blanket from Cash Cole for $75.00 for the museum. The doctor and I planned out the Bureau of Publicity as an addition to the museum.

The Capitol now frothing at the mouth regarding me as I have cut them off from news at the office.

May 16

Wrote an interview for the Empire with Senator Britt on Hugh Smith's statement before the Committee on Territories in which he said that my statements were not warranted by the facts.

The Senate had called for my files and so I made Britt show Smith up from the documents in evidence. Then I went down and showed Britt his interview. He stood for it all right.

Northern lights last night. I have never seen them quite so jumpy. All the telegraph lines have been interrupted all over the country. Sun spots are said to be discernible with the naked eye. I tried to find them but could not.

Getting some of my work cleaned up.

May 17-

My Britt interview came out today in the Empire and I think it is a sufficient answer to Dr Smith. My note on the liability bill also appeared.

Wire from Secy Tait tonight authorizing me to suspend fines on Canadian ships doing local business in my discretion. Warning me to exercise care in so doing.

Renée feeling a little better.

The kids had a beautiful row and fight following the bursting of their banks and a resulting ice cream and candy orgy at Billy Taylor's.

May 18

Word was received today of the death at the Mayo at Rochester of former Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. Renée had had a letter from Mrs Lane on the last mail stating that Mr Lane might have to have an operation as it was thought he had gall stones. Evidently they made a final diagnosis of gall stones and operated. For a

day he seemed to be recovering, but died suddenly from heart trouble. Mr Lane was a splendid type of man and his loss is a great blow to the County. I feel as though another personal blow had been struck me.

Northwestern got away on time from Seattle and it is stated that the Admiral Watson is to follow with possibly the City of Seattle next week.

Lisette sick again. Temp. went up to 102, with no apparent cause. Dr considers it a combination of cold and yesterday's candy spree.

Renée's stomach still very much upset.

May 19.

Went fishing with Pullen, Parks and Manahan to Ark Lake. Caught one blue fish. Pullen caught five the others none. Had a good outing anyway. Lisette has a little low fever that worries us.

May 20 -

An ancient harlot today bought a little black bear and brought him to the office to present to me. She insisted but I was firm. Lisette still has about 100 temp. I don't know what is the matter with her. She seems perfectly happy though. Her cold is still hanging on a little which may be the reason.

Judge Winn today told Harry Steele the dirty editor of the Capital that Harding and I are great friends. It put an awful crimp in Harry. Later when he tried to speak to me I cut him dead.

May 21

Bought the Bosch and Studebaker Collection of minerals in the Old Stand saloon for $500. This for the museum. I understand that $2000 was once offered for it. It contains many beautiful specimens, some of them being almost gold nuggets.

Farewell call from Herland and Daly, their work being now over.

Went to the wedding reception of Mr Phillips and Miss Bryson two of the school teachers.

May 24 -

School play - Lisette a fairy

May 26. The swallows came back at 4. a.m. Such a twittering and house hunting.

Off bear hunting for five days.

May 31 -

Back from our trip. McDonald had taken us to Olivin Inlet and on the other side was Jack Heard the game warden on whose boat we made our home. We hunted all over Seymour Canal but only one bear was seen and that by Jotta but it was so dark he could not see to shoot. We saw a number of deer and the geese were the tamest I have ever seen them. The would fly almost up to us to look us over. I think they are non-migratory and have not been disturbed all winter. We climbed all over the hills and were up at 4 in the morning but no luck

at Windfall Harbor we ran across a sportsman from Flushing named Fenley Hunter who had bagged two bears and two elks. The birds were very indifferent.

Coming home the same way, Renée, Kate and the kids met us at the Inlet. We got home about 12.30.

June 1

Scott C. Bone, former editor of the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle and late director of publicity for the Republican National Committee, was today nominated as Governor of Alaska. I know him pretty well. He will be a square peg in a round hole and I pity him. Nevertheless I wired him my congratulations.

Kate had her passage engaged on the "Princess Mary" but now as we are to go shortly ourselves she talked her out of going with us.

A very jolly little dinner at Phil Bradley's – Fray, Sommers, Parks, Howell and myself. We played poker and I lost $6.00. Both Sommers and Willis Howell got quite tight.

June 2 Walstein Smith the Treasurer has shown the stuff he is made of by refusing to pay certain vouchers for the Commissioner of Health from the Emergency Fund. I had refused to put the matter up to the Attorney-General so he did and as Rustgard hates Dr Sloane he found some reason to turn them down. Poor old Smith is so afraid of

his job that he would turn me down in a minute if he thought he could square himself with any of the "ins." I wrote him a pretty sharp letter.

June 4

Saw Rustgard en route to Ketchikan to enter complaint against the jones bill. I asked him about the vouchers Smith had turned down, and he said that he had not had time to give the matter his attention. He would not commit himself but said that Smith could not get himself in trouble by paying under my direction. He also said that the Court would probably issue a writ of mandamus if the case was sued out.

June 5

Started dismantling the house. Went to Church to hear Bishop Rowe preach.

June 6

Called Smith up to the office and asked him what he was going to do about the Sheela vouchers. After a good deal of parley I finally asked him for a statement of yes or no. He said "no" unless he had instructions to do so from the Attorney-General. I had foltn with the door open taking down the conversation.

I then went down to see Bert Faulkner and asked him to sue out a writ of mandamus and to get Charlie Cosgrove in Ketchikan to present it to the Court.

My attitude is that the Attorney-General

is not the ~~legal~~ ~~admin~~ governor and cannot decide one my head. Faulkner after looking up the authorities stated there was no doubt about it. What they are trying to do is to delay matters until Bone takes office. Smith of course is simply a hot-headed who ~~wd~~ wants to carry form with anyone in power.

Shattuck as president of the Commercial Club came up to ask me to act on a Committee to meet the new governor. I told him "of course not" that I was governor and that Bone would have to call on me first. I also told him he wanted to be sure to be more courteous to Mrs Bone than they were to Mrs Riggs in their arrangement.

A telegram from Bone "Cordial regards will advise my plans shortly".

Quite a long call from Bishop Rowe. The Mother Superior of the Sisters of St Ann called on Renée today and seemed to enjoy themselves hugely.

Jan 7.

Sommers drew the warrants for Mrs Sheldon and had them presented to Smith, who refused to pay them, whereupon Faulkner filed down the papers to Charlie Cosgrove & Kitchikan to have them filed. We are asking for a mandamus on Smith to compell payment. It is a question as to who is the governor of Alaska anyhow.

Bone's nomination reported favorably to the Senate by the Committee on Territories.

June 8.

A spark under the shingles by the chimney created an excitement this morning at the house. The fire department turned out and tracked dirt all over the house and put out the smolder. I suppose the republicans think it a deep dyed plot on the part of the democratic machine to burn down the house before Bone gets here.

A drive with the Sloanes in the afternoon and dinner at the Gastineau with Dr Neuman and the movies in natural colors so called.

I made the Sloanes a mint julep with a little of Father Vanderpol's brandy and it was very much appreciated.

June 11

Went pic-nicking at Grindstone Falls with the Pullens on the Alma. That is all except Renée who our did herself packing. Quite a wind storm on the way back and we had hard work getting the women and children out to the boat. Most of them were seasick and some of the women. Took Kate over to see the old communal house at Lake village now abandoned and the grave houses with the bones of the departed still in boxes and trunks. The frog totems in the house are still in good condition. Got home about 10 P.M. Renée worried on account of the storm.

June 12.

Dinner at Dr Sloanes. Renée a little better but still uncomfortable.

June 13

Scott C. Bone today confirmed as governor of Alaska. So it is all over except the final shooting. Well anyway I can pass a lot of kicks to him.

Good news from the oil well. The water is shut off and they hope to bring it in this week.

June 14

Bone wired he would be here about 6th. Talked to Behrends about buying Tongass Trading Co at Ketchikan. He seemed to like the idea and suggested starting a bank in connection therewith. Told Smith I had started mandamus proceedings against him to determine who is Governor of Alaska. Had lots of fun knocking around town and got invited on two fishing parties. Accept Goldstein's offer.

June 15

Wire from Secretary Fall that Bone took the oath of office before Justice McKenna in Washington and that he would enter on duty on the 16th – tomorrow. I am at a loss to understand the rush act unless Bone is busted and needs to get on the pay roll as soon as possible. The town people are all very wroth and wanted to give up any idea of giving him a reception or meeting him at the dock, but I calmed them down and told them that they would have to have Bone for four years anyhow so that they had better not throw him into the hands of the enemy.

Service made on Smith today in the

Sheelor matter. Smith wants to get out of it now if he can. He must okay mandate or answer in Ketchikan on the 20th. We gave a little dinner tonight. Mr & Mrs Jackson, Col Steese, Willis Nowell, Mrs Sloane and Kate. I made up my last bit of Scotch whiskey into a mint julep and served my last white crème de menthe. Very jolly little party.

Worked pretty late cleaning up my office. As Kate said "We give our cook a week's notice".

Tom Donohoe through on Alameda on way South. Went down for a chat with him. So ends my last day as Governor of Alaska.

June 17

Hazelet, Stannard, Corser and Marshal Erwin of Fairbanks through tonight on the Northwestern. Hazelet had dinner with us and told us how it all happened. It seems that when he first got to Washington the President sent for him and said "I want to see the man I am going to appoint as Governor of Alaska" so of course H. thought he was as good as appointed. Then Fall began to trim under Wickersham's threats to make a second Ballinger-Pinchot case out of it. The President also told him that under no circumstances would he appoint W. to any office in Alaska. A funny situation was with Herron. Herron got $2500 from Carl Behr to boost him for the governorship and in the mean while got all the evidence

against him for his disgraceful actions at the time the Titanic went down. Probably for black mail. Then Lester Jones wanted the job and wired for Herron to help him. H. demanded $1000 which J. wired to him and then the press room blew up.

June 18.
Smith very much worried and cannot get any help from Rustgard. R. is going to throw him down. Went through the Alaska-Juneau mill and noted the improvements. I do not think they can make it pay.
Poker party at Bradley's in evening.
Every one incensed at Bone's action in taking the oath in Washington. It puts him under an awful handicap as every one is prejudiced against him at the start off.

June 19
~~Dentist and~~ dinner at the Robertsons. The Capital insists that I have been dismissed.

June 20
Dentist again. Trying to get someone to come in and pack china and books.
Public farewell reception. About 200 there all very cordial. Mayor Robertson and Mrs R. called for us and escorted us to the hall. Rustgard and Smith conspicuous by their absence.

June 22

Packing and answering telephones and attending to last minute errands.

Sleese, Sommers, Gotwals, Parks and Ward gave us a farewell party. – A dinner at Sommers apartment followed by a reception and a dance at parish hall. Everything passed off most pleasantly. They surprised me by giving me a beautiful paper cutter of gold with a nugget handle. I didn't know what to say so I said "Well I'll be damned". We stayed until after one.

The Alta Society gave Renée a Winter Colored photograph beautifully framed ~~[illegible]~~

June 23.

Dr Sloane around in the morning and gave Renée a set of ivory beads. Busy all day packing and marking and delivering photographs. Everybody expresses regrets that we are leaving. No one likes Bone's attitude. Renée tired out. I shall be glad when we are on the steamer. In the evening about fifteen people called and stay late, then about 10.30 Mrs Skeese came in with a mountain ash bush which I had to plant. Renée and I packed until after 2 a.m.

June 24

Up at 7. Breakfast at 8. Final packing and getting off of the trunks and baggage. A big crowd at the dock to see us off with arms full of candy, cookies and flowers. A very pretty little ivory stamp box for Renée from the Faulkners. Tourists snap shotting us from every angle.

Judge Herbert Robertson of Fort George on board. I used to know him in the old Dawson days. The rest chiefly Canadian and English tourists who are death on picture post cards but who spend the rest of the time playing cards or reading in doors. Rather poor state rooms and second table seats which however is the best that Mr Bird the purser could do. However he got a vacant inside room for us in which to put our things.

At Wrangell at 8. Saw the Prickett's, Dr Jones, Johnny Grant and others.

Kate picked up a moth eaten Episcopal deaconess somewhere and is perfectly happy.

June 25

A party in our honor. The usual singing etc and a little play gotten up on the spur of the moment. I made a short address of thanks.

June 26.

Divine services in p.m. by an ex army chaplain who had done good over seas work. Stopped for a few hours at Prince Rupert. Met Judge Young of P.R. Kids away with Miss Lowe without me knowing where they were. Renie nearly had nervous prostration as they did not show up until the half hour whistle blew

June 27

Arrived Vancouver at 9 a.m. Went to Hotel Vancouver. Kate decided to go right on East.

Called on my old friend Henry Tobin who commanded a regiment in the war. He gave me a bottle of cocktails and a bottle of Scotch. Met Dr Thompson the member from the Yukon who is also an old friend of mine and invited him to lunch. We took so long at it that it was 2.30 before we knew it and Kate's train left at 3. We hurried her packing and got down to the station in time and saw her off flanked by Hersties of Ste Anne and an Episcopal deaconess who had been at Fort Yukon and hated both Stuck and Dr Burke.

Took the kids to Stanley Park while Renée rested.

Had supper at an impossible little restaurant called the Bungalow. It looked clean but it wasn't.

Chap named Garner who has been doing some work in the interior for Forty Mile Power & Dredging Co was taken with hemorages. Saw that he was in good hands and sent him a few roses which he seemed to long for. Early to bed.

June 28.

Took 10.30 boat for Victoria. Our other friends Mr and Mrs J. Ogden Grahame met us in a funny little auto and took us for drive around the town. Beautiful day and beautiful place. Left 4.30 for Seattle. Arrived at 9.30. Went to Frye Hotel.

June 29.
Too noisy at Frye so moved to Sorrento Hotel where we have two nice quiet rooms at $8.00. Knocked around and saw Seeley, Joslin, Evans, Pigott, Mark Reed etc. all dislike the way Bone has acted. They want me to stay on for Bone's reception and I have agreed to participate therein if I am here, but stated that so long as Bone has acted rather discreditably that I am not going to put myself out a particle. From the looks of things Wick is having his own way about almost everything.

Jun 30
Dined at Erickson.

July 1
Saw Johnstone and tried to make a deal with him for the Tongass Trading Company at Ketchikan, but he now seems indifferent and will not give me an answer until his manager comes down after the 4th. Lunched with Seeley and unfolded my plans re. Alaska-Gastineau Mill and the Sawmen & reindeer herds. He was much interested and will go in on the deals with me if they come to a head.
Renée not very well. Ate something. She was in bed almost all day.
Tommy better.
Took Lisette down in afternoon and

had her hair cut and bought some fruit. Dined at the Club with Captain Allen & Captain Douglas. A had been John Bellinger's executive officer in the Philippines.
Came home early.
This doing nothing is beginning to pall.

July 2
Dinner at the Erickson's. Margaret is now a psychic whatever that may be and gave us a demonstration. It was quite remarkable. She exercised violently with a whiskey glass on a smooth board and then spoke messages. First from her mother and from friends of hers and then from my friend Bill Sanford and mother. The messages were enough like the people to make it interesting although there was nothing startling.

July 4. Viewing the parade with the kids both Reggie and Erickson. The rest of the day with the Ericksons and a mild 4th. Home at 6.30.

July 6
Dinner at the Doles. Dole told me all about Mears' effort to put Warren in his place and how he blocked it. Have about made up my mind to go to San Francisco on Saturday on the steamer Queen. Renée will go to the Ericksons while I am away.
Bone arrived in Seattle today and sent word through Seeley that he particularly wanted me

at the Arctic Club Smoker as he wanted to make public acknowledgement of my work as governor. I graciously accepted by saying "Oh all right I'll be there."

July 8

Kelsey insisted me into going to the Chamber of Commerce luncheon for Scott Bone. I went under the condition that he shared hide in the crowd but I was discovered and brought up to the speaker's table and had to make a speech.

In the evening I had to make a speech at the Arctic Club Smoker for Bone. I said I would allow Seattle to be the capital of Alaska for one night only so as to ~~get~~ welcome Governor Bone to Alaska.

Bone made a very good humoric speech. I had about an hour's talk with him and planted some suspicions in his heart anyhow.

Got home about 2 a.m.

July 9

Left in the evening for San Francisco on SS Queen of the Pacific SS. Co. Billed to go at 9 we did not get away until 12.30. They rigged me up with a stateroom for myself on the boat deck. Uninteresting crowd on board who are going down by steamer for the same reason that I am, namely to save money.

Now that I am out of office. I get more and more compliments.

July 30.

Got back from San Francisco on the the 25th. I had a round trip ticket but the steamers were all put out of commission one after the other either by strikers or through carelessness of green crews. I had expected to get back a week earlier but ship after ship was disabled. Finally I came up to ~~Portland~~ Astoria on the Alaska, by auto to Portland and the night train to Seattle.

I did not accomplish much in San Francisco. The oil well came in at the rate of 200 barrels which helps our little investment.

I tried to get Fred Bradley to take over the Thane mill for the A-J. or but he stated that if he recognized failure in the A-J mill he would not be able to get any more credit.

Stopped at the Hollenschickie Club which does not seem the same since Bill Sawtow passed away although Colonel Dorsey did everything in his power for me.

I broached the idea of taking over the reindeer industry to Thane who seemed interested and said that he thought it possible to get Col. money into it, but as I have not as yet heard from Jansen as to detail I do not know how to talk about it.

The Northern Commercial Co. have offered to sell me either the at Unalaska or McGrath Store.

I am favorably impressed. It is a question of money now with me however and I fear I could not raise the ready cash.

Found Renie and the kids well on my return at the Eriksons. We moved immediately to the Otis where we have two nice large rooms and bath with board for $62.50 per week.

Today talked with Joslin re. Alaska enterprises and may look up with him on some of them. He suggests a wireless for Mayo on the Stewart River where the new silver camp is.

Sent $600 to Roman at Hyder with which to do prospecting this year.

Went fishing yesterday with George Jackson of Juneau and two of his friends. We went to the middle fork of the Snoqualmie River. I caught the largest fish - 6". There was only one other caught. Hoover enjoyed the day. I travelled on the Falls where Stone & Webster have a power plant.

Aug 3rd

Today was tonsil and adenoid day. Both the children were operated on at Providence Hospital by Dr Chase. We took two hungry healthy little animals there at 7.30 a.m. and tonight I left two little throat sore apathetic wrecks. It seems so cruel to treat them this way. Isabelle was the first to be worked on. I went with her while Renie stayed with

Tommy. She was very brave but wept a little and held tight hold of my hand until she went under. It was really remarkable the self control she exercised. Then Renée brought Tommy up and went back with Lisette. Tommy was quite unconcerned until he began to sniff the ether and then he didn't want it at all and I had to hold his hands. Both were quite a while coming out from the influence but by continued singing and petting we managed to keep them quiet. They slept almost all day and are such forlorn little mites. Renée stays at the hospital. We got night and day nurses so that Renée could also rest.

Mail in from Alaska. The Rustgard-Smith contempt case is evidently the talk of the town. Fallkner sent me the high lights of Jennings reprimand which should have made them cringe. I have never read such a philippic. Jennings especially turned his attention to Smith who had said that both Sommers and I were crooked. He said, speaking of Smith "Holding office by appointment from Riggs, receiving the means of subsistence through his good will, a constant visitor at his house, accepting his hospitality, posing as his friend and now swearing with uplifted hand that his benefactor is a crook and

that he has known it for some time. One would think that Shame would hang its ruddy livery upon the cheek of this eccentric, and Shame would do so if Shame were not ashamed to be seen in such company". He said he was proud to be a friend of Governor Rigg and called Rustgard the "filth bird of Patagonia" which makes the buzzard vomit and then eats the vomit. He dealt with them for two hours in this chain.

I had dinner at the Eriksons and then they took me back to the hospital to say good night.

A letter from Foster tells of the efforts of Mrs Smith with Governor Bone and the help the Wickersham want to give to him.

Karl Theile - a crook - is appointed Surveyor-General.

Aug 3 -

Children pretty appetites and are around the street. We brought them home about 4 with Maurice Leehey who offered his car. They did not want much supper. Renée tired out. Lunch at Arctic Club with Maurice Leehey and Eldon Daly from Ketchikan. Miss Gowan, the daughter of Dr Gowan of the U. of W. is looking after them.

Daly wants me to start a bank in Ketchikan. I may do it

Aug 5

Tommy slowly getting better, a fact which he evidences by being very naughty and disagreeable. Lisette worries us. Temperature tonight 102°.

Got Johnstone's terms on the Tongass Trading Co at Ketchikan. He wants $75,000 cash and the book accounts on a little more time. It seems like more money than I can raise. Wrote Bob Sommers about it. Perhaps Behrends will help us out.

We gave the Erikssons a handsome carving set with handles of old ivory. The handles are Eskimo implements – a harpoon point, a handle and a wedge. They were delighted.

Aug 6

Both children normal in morning. In evening Lisette had 102.4 and Tommy 100.2. Dr Chase came in but could find nothing unusual. Dr Heuman came in while Dr C. was here and Dr C. immediately consulted with him. Dr H. agreed that there was nothing to be afraid of.

Dr H. told us all the gossip and how Bone has backed up my administration actions. We had a nice talk. H. wants me to go into the curio business with him in S.F.

Jim Hayden an old friend of mine from Seward is living here at the hotel.

Aug 7.

Dr in at 10. Both children better and quite lively. Dr seems to think everything all right. Temp. rose toward evening. Lisette 101.6. Tommy not quite 100.

Dr Newman came in and spent the afternoon, in consequence I did not get out the whole beautiful day.

In evening we had dinner at Mrs Cheney's table with Judge and Mrs Sykes. Afterward to our rooms where the Judge gave us some very interesting Winchesham gossip.

Just a year ago the dear old father passed beyond.

Aug 11 -

As Lisette was getting no better we called in Dr Hussey who gave her a thorough going over and announced that the abscess had affected her heart and she must remain very quiet with an ice bag on her heart - two hours on and one hour off. Also I had to get soups from a queer old maid, a Miss Sanders who charges enormous prices for very small portions of soup. This has now been going on for two days. 99 in morning and 102.5 in evening. Otherwise there is nothing to report except that Jack Halloweil has turned over to me a commission to write a story - for the Youths Companion and offers to help me place another more serious one with either World's Work or Atlantic Monthly.

Aug 12

Lisette not so well 6. P.M. temp 103.4. Dr Heussey did not come in until about 8.30. He recommended that we take her out to John Erickson's where she could get quiet and fresh air. Just then John came in with some things from the home and I broached the subject to him. Nothing would do but that we handle Lisette up and take her right out. Tommy had already gone out for the day and then to spend the night. L. was very happy on the prospect and soon she was in her nice fresh bed with the fresh air blowing on her.

Jonsen came in from home but I only talked to him on the phone.

Aug 13.

Got out to Erickson's by nine. Dr Heussey came in shortly and pronounced her heart in better shape.

I went down town and chatted with Jonsen on the reindeer industry. Back to E's for dinner. L's temp. had gone up at 4 to 103 3/5, the highest yet. At six it had dropped a degree and at eight I took it and found 100 4/5. A great relief as when the peak had been reached at four instead of at six as usually Renée had felt pretty blue.

Margaret who is a psychic said that her mother came to her and said that the temperature had dropped

a degree. Later she told me that her mother had told her that Lisette would get well through the power of God transmitted through her. I also note that the fever broke each time very shortly after a saline enema.

I had the pleasure of disrupting some of this republican harmony between Somers and Sutherland by telling Somers who is a candidate for judge how Dan had double crossed him.

Aug 15

Temp. highest yet 104 3/5. We fear. Father Stafford came and administered extreme unction. The little girl was hauntingly and really seemed to take joy in the sacrament. She asked John to pick roses for her alter. I slept in her room. A little cough is beginning to appear.

Laboratory doctor came and took sample of blood. Was unnecessarily rough.

Dr Hussey in again. Blood count shows deep seated infection but good resisting power.

Aug 18

Lisette steadily getting better. Only a little fever. In the last day or two Dr Manning was called into consultation and Dr Chase looked the throat over. I handed Dr Chase one or two hots. This about neglect and he seemed duly apprehensive and full of explanations. The crushing event is Katie's conversion to catholicism

She got the hug at Ste Anne de Beaupré and it seemingly stuck. If properly guided I believe it will be a good thing for her.

I am dealing with Judge Lemieux on the reindeer proposition. I fear I cannot do much with the Canucks as they have an exalted idea of their importance.

Sept 4

Lisette is much better and may be considered out of danger. The doctor says she may leave tomorrow but must keep flat as much as possible. I have engaged drawing rooms through to ~~Quebec~~ ~~or~~ Montreal on the C.P.R. as we are to visit Nannie at Ste Anne de Beaupré.

The Eriksons have been wonderful to us all through and have simply devoted themselves to us. They are splendid friends.

Margaret E. still keeps up her intercourse with spirit(?) the other night she got hold of the spirit(?) of Mary Jane who talked to me through her. It was really remarkable. The same little tricks of language and of English. The talk was a typical little talk on good citizenship. I took it down as best I could.

I went in to see Dan Branch of Libby, McNeill and Libby in behalf of Charlie Garfield for Secretary of the Association of Pacific Fisheries. Dan asked me if I would take it and I told him I would for $10,000 and a free hand. He is to present my name in November. I live probably now gets it so I have

too many enemies among the canucks.

Sept 5th.

Left at 11.30 p.m for Vancouver on the Princess Charlotte. Delay at the dock getting on board which was hard on Lisette. The whole Erickson family came down with us. Tommy wept at parting from Margaretta. Finally got away.

Sept 6

Arrived at Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. went to Vancouver Hotel and got room for the day. Lisette stood journey well. Got all my reservations and extras for the journey and left at 3. P.M.

Sept 10

Arrived at Montreal at 2. p.m. tried to get rooms at the Windsor Hotel but they were filled up so we came on to Quebec. Disagreeable experiences on the train from Winnipeg to Montreal. The dining car steward a very disagreeable Italian refused to sell us milk and cereal for the drawing room. He afterwards turned out that he had plenty of both. The Pullman Conductor came to the rescue & I entered complaint against him.

On the way to Quebec, I managed to get a drawing room on a D.N. car but the conductor moved us left us on and kept us waiting in the sun for three quarters of an hour while he found out. Got to Quebec at 9.15

went to Hotel Chateau Frontenac. Two small unconnected, dirty ~~[illegible]~~ rooms as $15.00. Service vile and food poor and very expensive. I unburdened myself in a great deal of blasphemy and told them what I thought of the place. I find that in travelling in Canada, one must either be of importance, abstain or indulge in bribery to get along at all.

Sept 11. Sunday

It took me two hours and five dollars worth of bribery to get my trunks from the C.P.R. station to the trolley station. These damned Frenchmen, when they are asked to do anything say "C'est impossible". Then with some you use vile language and with others you flash silver when they become all smiles. I was in a frightful humor all day. I never want to travel in Canada again. It is all very much overrated and not nearly so comfortable as the U.S. The hotels are rotten. No one came down from the Arme to meet us so we had a good deal of trouble finding out the ropes. Kate being a convert is an extreme catholic and has to spend much of her time at the church. Finally got there. I had to handle all the hand luggage and God knows we have enough on and off the trolley and then carry Lisette.

Nannie, Kate and Lizzie met us at the station and wanted to talk it all over immediately while I stood holding a fifty pin pound girl in my arms.

Nannie and Lizzie have a funny little cottage about 300 years old full of corners and turns and funny little rooms but all very comfortable and charming. A little shrine to the Virgin stands in the yard. Around is the village – entirely French, few can even understand English.

Poor Nannie does not look well and has to be very careful of herself, neither is Lizzie very strong although looking well. Kate is wrecking herself and working the church, the saints and the Virgin overtime. It must be awful to be so pious. It also seems to be incurable.

Sept 12.

Looked over the church which is a handsome structure spoiled by tin steeples and a mixture of Queen Anne and St Anne architecture. As is usual in catholic churches too much is attempted in the way of ornamentation which gives a tawdry look to the whole thing although there are a few articles of genuine virtu.

Renie and I strolled up the street and visited the "Musée Royal" where some horrible wax works are on exhibition, most of them murder.

Sept 15

Just drifting along. Lisette seems about the same but can stand little exertion. Her heart fears jumps up at the slightest chance. She loves to be wheeled down to the church and sit where she can see the great altar and the statue of Ste Anne. The fathers and brothers all take great interest in her and always come to talk to her.

Ste Anne de Beaupré is a quaint little place, entirely French. The habitants will rob you blind if they can and at the same time be most devout to Sa Bonne Ste Anne. It is a curious mixture of human nature.

Nannie and Lizzie Moore have a quaint little rebuilt habitant house with a little shrine to the virgin in the yard. They seem very happy here.

We went to Quebec day before yesterday and as usual were delayed an hour by the efficient transportation of this part of the country.

Sept 16.

A letter from Jack Wallace saying that my story for the Youth's Companion is to be accepted. We let Lisette sit up for lunch at the table but she soon tired. Got caught up with my correspondence. The London letters all tell us how Bone has gone on to the Wickiups

Sept 22

Met Paul and Marie Fuller on the street here last Saturday. Everyone very much surprised. Paul had left the office for a short rest. I went in on Sunday and had lunch with them at the Chateau and afterward we went across the river to Levis and took a street car ride to the great St Lawrence bridge which is a marvellous structure. Paul and I later sat in the Garrison Club, drank Scotch high balls and talked over the affairs of the world.

Lisette had a relapse today. Pulse 120 and temp. 100. Immediately put her to bed with cold water on the heart. Worried

Sept 23. (Friday)

Lisette better today after a thorough cleaning out, but both pulse and temp. still too high. Packing up for our departure on Sunday. Father Caron a fine old redemptorist came in and gave her his blessing.

Sept 25

Left Ste Anne at 9.30. 12.30 train from Quebec to Montreal. Met Mac Pope at the Ritz and had dinner with him & Bentley. Renée at Queens with the saints Jeanne and Katharine and the kids. Nice drawing room out of Montreal.

Sept 26

Arrived N.Y. at 7.30 a.m. Buckingham Hotel. Nice dirty old place but they all know us.
Dr Kelly in to see Lisette. Says he cannot say much until he has seen her again but seems to

think she is doing my will. Could discover no heart murmur. Old Maria in. She is to take care of the kiddies in the afternoon.
René Bellinger. then Marie, Fred Condert, Marion Davison, Paul Fuller & son, Young Fred.
Dinner around the corner with Davison - Howard. and Margaret and Marion. Friends there also.
Went to meet Kate at 8.45 train but missed her. Found her at hotel. Day hot and sultry.

Sept 29
To see "Daley" last night with the Davisons. Quite amusing.
Today lunch with Col. Slade. I like him very much. In talking over Alaska I found that he was interested in a possible reorganization of the Pioneer Mining Co. I was able to tell him a good deal about it. I offered to take charge if it turns out.
Finley Hunter whom I met while hunting on Admiralty Island came in in p.m. He wants to get up a big game dinner for my benefit while I am here.

Sept 30
Bought clothes for the kids. Mac Pope and I went down town to look up O. B. Perry but found him to be out of town. We came up and had lunch at a little joint on 45th St. Very hot and heavy thunderstorm. Renée thinks she has lost $200 in Travellers checks. This would be most unfortunate.

Oct 3rd

Due to a nervous breakdown, Kate went today to the Neurological Institute. Renée and the kids went to Oyster Bay and I went to a dinner of game lovers at Flushing Country Club given by Finley Hunter whom I met last Spring on Admiralty Island. Nannie and I leave tomorrow for Washington. Kate has given me full power of attorney to handle all her property and I must attend to the sale of her house.

Oct 4

Left New York with Nannie at 2.05 P.M. Penna. Got to Washington at 7.45 and went to Wyoming apts. We got out enough to keep us going and turned in.

Saw Kate in morning. She seemed better but still very excitable. Seems contented where she is.

Oct 5-

Signed the contract of sale for Kate's house for $16,000. Found that under the power of attorney she gave me I cannot sign the deed. Had luncheon with Assistant Secretary of the Interior Finney and had a good talk with him. F. told me that Bone took the oath of office as governor in Washington because he was President. Dined at Cosmos Club with Fenton and Florence Cramer and went to Keith's

Oct 6.

Tended to chores such as having light, heat and telephone for 1931. Went with Jack McBride, Alaska's republican national Committeeman to call on Mr Blair the Collector of Internal Revenue in behalf of Son Harding for prohibition director. Knocked Cash Cole and Marshall. Lunched at Metropolitan Club. Saw to cleaning of our house. Sena had a work. Dined with Luckermans at Chevy Chase. Letter from Renée saying all well at Oyster Bay. Hired Jap to cook - Miyamoto

Oct ~~8~~ 7

Returned to New York on the 9 a.m train. Saw Dr Hurst who recommended that Kate go to Dr Wylie's at Greenwich, Conn. ~~We motor~~ Spent the night at Oyster Bay at Fred's.

Oct 8.

We motored up to Dr Wylie's. Kate was pretty tired by the time we got there. A nurse named Miss Morgan went with her. Returned to Oyster Bay.

Oct 9.

Around Oyster Bay. Lunched at Piping Rock. Saw Jimmy Gerard former ambassador to Germany who is interested in Alaska mines. He evidently thinks I know something for he was quite polite. Motored on to Ansel Phelps's place then home.

Oct 10.

Bore ball game with Paul Fuller - World's series - Giants vs Yankees. Great game and I enjoyed it thoroughly. Came home with Frank Polk & Dudley Field Malone. Very amusing.

Oct 11

Back to New York with the whole family. At old Buckingham. Lunched with Bill Mein, Henry Cleveland Perkins, Mr Robert and Mr Wadhams. All morning crowd. Told Bill I wanted a job and he said "Don't worry" and that "I was a "person man".

Oct 12

Down to Washington. Arrived at 6.35 p.m. Stopped at 1731 - 21st and left our hand luggage. Lena there. Then to Nannie's for supper.

Oct 13

Miyamoto the Jap appeared bright and early and I had to let him in. Breakfast and then chores. Tried on my new suit at Keen's, ordered papers, saw Jack McBride, had a chat with Chas. Glass and Hugh Wallace our former ambassador to France at Riggs Bank. Came home and worked straightening out. Cleaning done. The whirlwind won't get out of Kate's house. Not such good news from Kate. She is evidently not so well. Peace at 8.30 with the kid in bed and all of us worn out.

Oct 15

Got typewriter, paper, electric lamps etc while Renee got kitchen utensils. Angelina, Lena's little black girl entertained the children.

Oct 17 - My Birthday - 48 years old.

Sent Kate the deed to 2111 to be signed. So passes the old home and its old memories. Finished up my story on Alaska and all its needs is to be gone over by an expert typewriter and punctuator and speller. I am weak on all three. We entered the kids today at the Potomac school. They start tomorrow. Quite expensive. Wrote Basil Miles I wanted a job on the disarmament conference - with or without pay.

(later) A telegram from Dr Hunt said that dear sister Kate died today of heart failure. My poor dear sister.

Left for New York on midnight train.

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ELMORE. On October 17, 1921, at Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. KATHARINE RIGGS ELMORE, daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine Gilbert Riggs of 2111 S st., Washington, D. C. Interment at Gilbertsville, Otsego county, N. Y. 26*

Oct 18.

Arrived in New York at 7.15, went to Fred Conduit's for breakfast. Fed up shooting - Alys & Fritz.

Got out to Greenwich. Kate had died at 4 P.M. The end was peaceful.

Made arrangements with undertaker and returned to New York to stay with Jimmie Cox.

Telephoned big Jim to handle that end.

Oct 19 -

Left Greenwich with Kate's body catching the 12.15 train for Albany. Arrived Albany at 3.40 was met by Jim, Margaret and Nannie who had come up yesterday. Kate was moved to an undertaker where the family could see her for the last time.

Oct 20

Stayed at Fort Orange Club and slept badly on account of a bed bug. Left a call for six but was not called until 6.30. Got to station just before train left at 7.15. Nannie had gotten me a little food. Raining hard. Arrived Oneonta at 10.30. Carrie Harris and John Wright met us. Service in Catholic Church at Oneonta, then by motor to Gilbertsville. Got to G'ville about 12.15 and dear Kate was laid away kept to the mother she loved.

Luncheon with Carrie Harris. Returned via Sidney. Nannie stayed with Margaret. I kept on to New York on Empire State Express and caught the midnight to Washington -

Oct 21

Arriving Washington at 7.30. Surprised family for breakfast.

Went down town with Renie to get black hat and R. to get clothes.

Opened Kate's safety deposit box in presence of Commissioner of Wills. I was so glad to see that Kate left

Jannie $50 a month for life. After a few bequest I became residuary legatee. A letter of instructions says "The best brother a woman ever had".

A letter from Elmore sending Kate her monthly check of $25.00. I returned it without comment. I will return her wedding ring which I did not want on her. Elmore had also wired me to get flowers but of course I did not.

I retained Charlie Tittmann as attorney.

Oct 24 –

Renie and kids off for church early. Met Admiral Rodman outside the house and invited him to have a drink. He was all dressed up like a Christmas tree. He is acting as nurse to Admiral Lord Beatty. Renée asked him what he was doing he said "When Beatty barks, I wag my tail". Call in the evening from Mr and Mrs Chas. Sheldon.

Oct 25.

The man who was to have bought Kate's house is very anxious to get to get in, but it seems that he will have to wait until the will has gone to probate. Renée and I looked at a house in Georgetown. Policeman Sullivan's son came in to try to sell us a house on Wyoming Ave.

Jannie and Jiggie came down from New York and had dinner with us, then I took them to the Wyoming.

Oct 26

Called on Secretary Hoover and asked him for an unpaid job. No job matter one he told me to attend the Alaska Fishery Conference in the morning. I find him cold but evidently capable. Garfield in town Garfield in for dinner

Oct 27.

Arrived at Conference room before anyone else. Soon Hugh Smith of the Bureau of Fisheries came in. We spoke but did not kiss each other. After a while the cameras flew around. I knew most of them. Dan Sutherland also there. I spoke to him also. Hoover presided. A new bill was discussed putting more power in the hands of the Secretary of Commerce. Dan attacked it violently for the reason that it recognized fish trap sites.

I took Dan and Garfield to lunch at the Metropolitan Club. Dan was very much surprised and appreciative. We had an enjoyable lunch. I told Dan he hadn't any the best of me in calling me names for I always said that all he had on his mind was hair. In p.m. at the meeting I was asked for a few words. I said that the great difficulty was that too many fish were killed and it made little difference where they were killed. I also said "Dan told you all about fish traps except that they hadn't a vote".

Oct 28

Hearing before House Committee on Marine and Fisheries, both in morning and at night. Great row. Dan at his worst.

Oct 29.

Went to see the president's secretary, Basil Miles and Admiral Koontz looking for an unpaid job on the disarmament conference. Think Koontz will get it for me. Same matter with Charlie Tillmann re Kate's estate. Renée and I looked over 2111 S. St. It was sad and full of ghosts.

Oct 30

Finished my report on the Alaska fisheries conference for the House and mailed it. Finished typewriting my story "The Problem of Alaska" and got it ready for mailing. Miyamoto the Jap said his sister is sick and he had to go to New York, but he got another Jap in his place.

Nov 13-1921

I have had my desk in such confusion that I have not been able to write herein. I had to clear everything out of the old home 2-111 So St with its collection of years. Some was sold, some given away and some stored. All the letters etc were piled in our little library to be gone over. It has been a hard job. The Fairmont Girls School has bought the house or rather will buy the house when the title is perfected.

The kids are going to School and like it. We have an English woman who speaks French to come in, in the afternoon from 3-6 which relieves Renée a good deal.

We have about decided not to buy the Wyoming Avenue home. Our plans are too uncertain. Just now I am to do some uncompensated work for the Navy on Alaska.

Nannie not at all well. She grieves for Kate all the time.

The ~~of~~ disarmament conference opened yesterday. The president's and Hughes' speeches made good impression. My guess is that nothing will be done. But that at the next conference, the various peoples will be so insistent for relief from taxation that they will make the governments come together.

Went shooting yesterday with Cramer to his Uncle's — Tom Wiles — in Montgomery County & got four rabbits and one bird

Nov 14

Started in with Navy Dep't to write a general report on Alaska.

Went to Interior Department and had a short chat with Secy Fall. Seemed like a jolly old fellow. He told me that he was trying to delay legislation until he and the President might go to Alaska. Came home and fixed all the electric lights etc. Went to Nannie's in evening to advise on investments.

Nov 15 -

Working at Navy Department. Went to Senate Committee on Territories yesterday and heard witnesses on the new bill for consolidation of bureau activities in Alaska. John Ballaine was the star witness and took up all the time. His testimony was a lie from beginning to end. Helen Joslin was purple with anger. After the hearing Joslin, Stannard and I went out to Alexandria to look over a coal flotation plant. I like the looks of the process very much and think it can be applied to the Scranton culm heaps.

Fred Cordell and Eloise Russell both at the house for the night.

Tonight Joslin came in for dinner. Last night gave a lecture before the Engineers Ass'n on the Problems of Alaska. I gave the system of administration — Hell.

It was very well received.

The Limitation of Arms Conference is going along and after the first of enthusiasm for the Hughes plan of naval disarmament, Britain and Japan are beginning to show their teeth. I believe that it will take another conference to bring any result. The people themselves have got to be heard from. It may even take a war with Japan to clear the atmosphere for universal peace. Neither do I think the war clouds will rise here or cancell the allied debts to us.

Nov 18.

At Coast Survey all morning getting out data on Alaska harbors. Lunched at Army and Navy Club with young Gifford of the Alaska Coal Commission. Worked on Alaska report in p.m. on return Joslin came in. Went with him to call on Genl Richardson at the Albany and found him very much the worse for wear after a hard night with the Alfalfa Club in honor of Genl Pershing.

Nov 19.

Joslin wants his coal tested by the Navy but has no money. Weiss seems to think that I am a Guggenheim agent as he can't understand why I want the coal tried out. He did not seem to

want me to talk to Captain Cole about it who had turned the request down. I went in anyhow and Capt: C. changed a little and asked me to get it in writing and he would see what could be done.

Jack Bellinger writes us on night. All the boy can think about is skirts.

Nov. 22

Came up to N.Y. last night on the midnight train with Joslin. Breakfast with J. at the Commodore. Went with him to the office of the Kennecott G. who are the bond holders on his Cole property and talked with Stannard and Ulrich about getting a naval test. I advocated their presenting 600 tons free to the Navy at Controller Bay if they would make the test. We hung up on that and wanted Joy for the Cole for the reason that the Navy has spent a million in the Matanuska field and ought to spend something in the Bering River field. They wanted me to talk to Stan Birch, the president. I agreed. Stan came in and sent for Stannard and Ulrich. I waited until 12.30 and then told Joslin I had a date. J. wanted me to wait and see Birch but I said "To Hell with Birch. One would think he owed me money. He simply has damn bad manners" and left. Lunch with Howard Davison who wanted to talk over a reinsurance scheme. It sounds pretty good. Telephoned Joslyn who asked me to come to the office. Went down and found that Birch had said that the Navy could go into the mine and take out their own coal, but that he would

not put up a cent. I suggested that they bid $25.00 a ton for the coal at Controllers Bay. Birch asked Joslin and me to come in. He immediately said he didn't give a — what the nasty thought of his coal, that he was through. No more money for the present at least. I told him if that was his attitude that it wasn't a — bit of use saying any more. He began to talk about how the government was putting every obstacle in their way in Alaska and got very worthy and I said "For — Sake Birch don't get apoplexy!" He calmed down then a little and asked what good a more test would do and I told him it would put him on the map. He offered me the mine free of charge, but I told him I knew nothing of finance. The outcome was that he told Joslin to go ahead and make the bid as I suggested.

Dined with the Davisons and went to a movie with Howard. Returned on 1 a.m. train.

Nov 24 - Thanksgiving - Rain.

Reece and the kids went to church and I staid home and hung my game heads and some pictures, packed the curios for Juneau and then wrote a lot of letters.

Nannie and Lizzie in for Turkey. Pretty dismal as all were thinking of Kate. The kids stuffed themselves to the bursting point. - Early to bed.

Nov 27

Got Captain Cole to change his attitude on testing coal. Will now recommend to secretary that we test out Bering River Coal.

Joslin my much exercised about Ballaine's lies and thinking of sueing him for like.

Dined Friday with Frances Chapman. Cap't and Mrs Cole there and a writer named Powell and his wife.

Saturday with the Littmanns. Other guests Water and Edith Luckerman.

Today called on McGrews, Frelinghuysens, Riggs, Orchid Taylor and looked over the new Racquet Club.

Jane Riggs broke her leg again. This makes three times. Its pretty hard on her. Cousin Alice's best friend died - Hatty Loring - It is pretty hard on the old lady who is now 80.

Nov 28.

Lisette down with chicken pox. She gets everything coming her way.

Saw Senator Chamberlain today who is now on the Shipping Board. He was my interesting regarding his row with President Wilson. He also showed me his correspondence with former Secretary Garrison wherein G. shows that the reason he resigned was because after W. agreed with him to support a conscription bill (1915) that he afterward repudiated it and asked for G's

resignation because G. was advocating it.
The disarmament conference still going merily on. Little signs of progress. All playing for position. I do not think that governments have honor.

Nov 29 -
Got busy with Shipping Board on behalf of John Erickson. Found that they want to allow him practically nothing - $140,000 against his claim of one $600,000. I dug out the procedure and wired John.
Tommy has some red spots and we suspect him although he has not shown any signs of fever.
Sent my article "The Problem of Alaska" to N.Y. Times. The magazines will not publish it - "too controversial".

Dec 4 -
Last night had Senator and Mrs Chamberlain for dinner and the theatre. We had a very good dinner and cocktails which the Senator enjoyed and saw one amusing little play called "Little Old New York". It was well acted and clever.
We made a little jest to it as which the waiters left immediately after being paid off and so far we have not another.
First snow of the season today - a heavy wet fall.

Dec 7

Worked all day at Navy Department, then went with Renée to try on the scarf being rebuilt from Mother's sable set that I gave her, after that shopping for the kiddies. A new girl engaged to come tomorrow.

Dec 9.

Finished up my report for the Navy. Talked it over with Weiss who approved. Left my manuscript to be rewritten by a stenographer. Tommy down with chicken-pox. Invited to dine with Secretary and Mrs Hoover on Sunday. The Hallowells are going to be stopping there. Dr F. Frank from San Francisco called me up and we had lunch together. He is patenting a new process for producing gas from coal which may revolutionize the method. He applies flame directly to the substance inside of a retort with only sufficient amount of oxygen to give the required heat, instead of having all the heat outside the retort with all the waste heat went going up the stack.

The English and Irish peace treaty seems to have the opposition of de Valera and part of the Irish Cabinet. Lord - won't they ever stop fighting

Dec 10

Had long talk with Dr Frank. Saw all his blue prints. Think he has wonderful invention. Jack Hallowell came in about 4.30. Nice talk. Walked up to Secy Hoover's where he is staying and went in. Saw the Hoovers and Marian. Pretty as ever. Doctor came in to look at Tommy's tounge which looked queer. Diagnozed it as "thrush" from putting things in his mouth. Had b— of a time getting him to allow his tongue to be rubbed with borac acid and honey.

Dec 12.

Dined last night with Secretary and Mrs Hoover — The Hallowells, Adolf Millers, Ida Tarbell, a Mr Davis, Miss King of S.F., Miss Harding. I sat next to Mrs Hoover and Mrs Miller. The great discussion was the new four power treaty. The Hoovers do not like Lodge any more than I do and it rejoiced them that he had to get up and bring out a treaty with Sec II almost identical to Sec X of the treaty of Versailles. After dinner Hoover was in a most genial mood and talked interestingly of the relief work in Russia and of the sugar situation. He thinks that the Soviets will soon have to come to a constitutional form of government based on our own constitution.

Dec 13.

Saw Dr Frank in a.m. Relieved Renée in afternoon for some shopping. Jack Hallowell came in for a cocktail and to say good-bye. Off to Boston.

Dec 19

A letter from Acting Secretary Roosevelt of the Navy Dep't thanking me for my "valuable contribution" on Alaska, which is now finished. Did last minute shopping and came home after lunch with Walter Lucknman at the Metropolitan Club.
Lisette at school today for the first time since chicken-pox. Tommy still pretty speckly although he was allowed to go out.
My coat lined with Kate's mink-rat coat and with her otter collar & cuffs and Renée's scarf made from Mother's sables came home from Zirkin. Great successes. I had given both Mother and Kate the furs.
Little presents keep coming in from Kate's friends. Which makes all seem unreal & sad.

Dec 23rd

My story on Alaska came out in the Sunday New York Times of the 18th. It drew fire from Gifford Pinchot who replied in a letter to the Times dated the 21st but published today. The Washington Herald also ran part of his letter as an editorial. Pinchot's letter was just the kind of propaganda which draws attention but which is absolutely untruthful.

Dec 24

Went to Navy Department and saw that the contract for the Bering River Coal was properly drawn. Weiss under my suggestion had finally decided not to fool with Rice

of the Bureau of Mines who always presents some little technical objection.

Kids had their little Christmas tree. The only other guest was little Colored Angie. They enjoyed it although the presents were very simple. Nannie & Dizzie came down.

A letter from the Bankers' Trust Co. stating that they would make refund of Renée's missing bankers' checks amounting to $200. Antoine de Geoffroy dropped in for dinner and helped fill the children's stockings.

Dec 25

Kids had a wonderful time, stockings and presents. Nannie & Dizzie for dinner. Sad memories.

Dec 29

The Christmas festivities are over and toys strewn every room in the house. At least to the little ones Christmas is a wonderful occasion. Lisette has been having a touch of grippe. It's just one damn thing after another. I wish we could have a few months free from illness of one kind or another. I myself get ill — every ten days and have to be prescribed for. A pint of liquor or a quart of wine is all one prescription will cost.

Worked all day at the typewriter and got most of my correspondence cleaned up. Notified Col. Slade, F.W. Bradley & Dan Kelleher that I am in the market for a job.

Dec 30 -

Went to House office building and called on C. F. Curry of Cal., chairman of the Committee on Territories - out. At the senate on Senator Frelinghuysen - away. On Senator New and had quite a little chat with him. On Senator Pittmann and talked with both Sen. & Mrs P. Both of them most cordial. Then on to the Coast Survey and chatted with Sester Jones and some of the others.

Walk with Renée in afternoon. Col. West called me up and stated he had a wire from Henry Broderick asking for the lowest cash price for the Seattle lots owned by Pope, Reaburn and myself. I called up Pope in Baltimore & we agreed on $13000 net.

Dec 31 -

Good bye 1921. You have been a pretty hard and sad year for us. We started out gaily together with a ball at Governor's House and Kate was with us, then came the trials of the Legislature, the acceptance of my resignation as governor and our departure from a home we liked and friends we loved, the illness of Lisette when she nearly died, the trip across the continent to Ste Anne de Beaupré, watching Kate under the influence of her new religion become more and more upset mentally and physically, the sickness in New York, her death alone and away from home, the breaking up of the old home and all its ties, our moving in to the little home 1731 - 21st St., the struggle to make ends meet. 1921 you have been my most

disastrous year. Perhaps your successor will be more kind. You have through left one over little family together and have taught us patience. Perhaps you were right.