

	<p>[cover]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diary James Wickersham Aug 22, 1918 – Jan. 3, 1919</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Aug 23, 1918</u></p> <p>Arrived-in Tanana forenoon and went to Lower House kept by Joe. Aincich. Came up from Ruby on the launch "Sibilla" - N.C. Mail launch. Find much hostility to me here engendered and cultivated by White Pass & the N.C. Co's, and b y Gov. Riggs who is here making Sulzers campaign. There is a Reception to Riggs & wife tonight so I will not speak till tomorrow evening. Am visiting around and renewing my acquaintance with the people.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 August 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 24, 1918.</p> <p>My 61st Birthday Will speak tonight at the Moose Hall - Dinner with Andrew Vachon & wife. Spoke tonight to a good crowd at Moose Hall. Had a very friendly reception and am much encouraged though the Gov. & the White Pass & N.C. officials are moving every element possible against me. Attacked all three of them fairly but strongly in my speech & was earnestly supported by the audience. Noticed Father's Jette & Perron, Capt. Lenoir a many others in the Hall. Am satisfied with my speech</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 August 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 25th</p> <p>Attended services at Father Jettes church - He preached a beautiful sermon on the sin of covetousness. The "Alaska" will be here this afternoon & will go up the river to Hot Springs on her. Was requested to make 4 Minute talk at Post tonight at picture show - did it badly! Boarded "Alaska" for the Hot Springs at midnight. Well, the situation at Tanana is not good - politically - but I think much better than 2 years ago, & I hope to have a majority but the N.C. Co. is more powerful than any other point & they are working hard with Sulzers supporters against me.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 August 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Aug 26-</p> <p>Archdeacon Stuck, Epis. Church, from Ft. Yukon, called on me at the Lower House, Tanana, yesterday evening and assured me of his support - which may not amount to anything for he and his friends will not vote - will not to anything but express their confidence in me and ask me to do things for them etc. which is good as far as it goes but does not assist in defeating Sulzer. The N.C. officials are furious at my attack on the Co. about transportation rates etc. - but they ought not to</p>

	forget that their attorney, Tom McGowan started the fight in their name & interest & that I am only acting on the defensive -
Diary 30, 1918 August 27	-27 th - Reached Hot Springs last night & this morning early left on a heavily laden lumber wagon for Eureka. Telephoned to my friend Frank Stevens that I would speak there tonight. At the crossing of Baker Creek, - 14 miles out - is the Overland Rd. House, presided over by Tom. Steffenson, the old time leader of the Western Federation of Miners at Fairbanks - & assisted by "Slivers," ex barkeeper, who is now studying law? Arrived at Eureka Creek mining camp & held a well attended meeting - Many friends here under the leadership of Frank Stevens old sourdough miner. About 30 or 40 votes in this precinct.
Diary 30, 1918 August 28-29	-28- Back to Hot Springs today in Kenny's lumber wagon - and a good hot bath in rough box bath at Springs! -29- This morning I left from the mouth of Hot Springs slough for a trip to Tofty & Woodchopper mining camps. The driver of the wagon suggested that I go on up the mountain side - that he would catch up, etc. - but at 10 a.m. when I was at the top of the divide he was not in sight so I continued - I reached Tofty - 12 miles - more than 2 hours before the wagon came in. My friend Jake Howell (<u>Sylvester</u> Howell is his real name)
Diary 30, 1918 August 29	29 gave me welcome & a good dinner & a promise of a big 4 Horse wagon load of miners & their wives at my meeting at Woodchopper -5 miles farther down Sullivan creek. Supper at Wood Chopper - met Clegg - Mis. C. & other friends Meeting at the Moose Hall was fully attended! Everybody in town on on the surrounding creeks, & Howell's teams tonight the Lofty crowd. Had a fine meeting & then the floor was cleared and dancing went on till morning! Jake Howell & Mrs. Cleveland are partners. Both are typical miners - plain spoken, strong active & <u>workers!</u> Mrs. C. is
Diary 30, 1918 August 29	29 one of the most interesting characters in Alaska. She is about 45 years old, not too tall, clear eyed rather handsome, intelligent & a thoroughly active business woman. She takes charge of a mining plant - a hundred men or more - and manages it as firmly and successfully as Jake can do. She is respected by every man in camp & can control men as easily as Jake. They are just now engaged in opening a big scheme of mining by hydraulic - or the use of water - at Tofty, and it looks to me as if

	they will be successful and make a fortune. Jake is under 45 years and is a typical
Diary 30, 1918 August 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Alaskan miner. He is also my friend and supporter Had a fine meeting & am satisfied I will have a large vote - in proportion - here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th-</p> <p>Left Woodchopper in lumber wagon for Hot Springs the road runs through Tofty. Howells big 4 horse team came along with us - they danced till 4 oclock this morning - & it reminded me of a country dance in olden times as they strung out along the road, some afoot & the wagons loaded with tired but happy dancers of the night. The Tofty graveyard lies on a hill near the town. My</p>
Diary 30, 1918 August 30	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>driver tells me it contains only 11 occupants & that each of them died with "his (or Her) boots on." In other words, not one of the eleven died in a natural way from sickness. "Black Sand" was a noted character at Tafty. He was finally a notorious saloon bum. One day Joe Eglar called every body up to drink & all came except "Black Sand" who sat tipped back in a chair behind the stove. When the barkeeper had set out the booze for all those at the bar he called "Back Sand," & when he did not move the barkeep walked over to him and gave him a push - rude but not angry</p>
Diary 30, 1918 August 30	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>whereupon "Black Sand" rolled off the chair – dead! "Well Im damned" the barkeep said "its the first time "Black Sand" ever refused a drink." He was the first occupant of the Tofty cemetery! My drivers team gave out - & Jake Howell gave me his own fine saddle horse to ride to Hot springs - arrived at the lower landing at 7 oclock - Meeting in Dan. Green's Rd. House dining room tonight good crowd - friendly & think it did some good. I am quite sure that my meetings in this locality will assist me very much in the election - my next move is to be at Nenana.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 August 31- September 4	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>There is not a boat towards Nenana for 2 or 3 days so I will have an opportunity to rest up - I am very tired & need rest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 1.</p> <p>Waiting for up river boat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 2.</p> <p>Raining – Waiting for boat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 3</p> <p><u>ditto</u>: John Joslin & crew of Alaska Road Com. men are here building - rebuilding - the bridge across Hot Springs Slough. Bathing at springs in a</p>

	<p>big wooden tank is fine!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>We hear the "Tanana" left Tanana station at 2 a.m.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 4	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>this morning & will arrive here about midnight on her way to Nenana. I have turned a Salary Voucher for the \$517.90 into Morrison's Store & they gave me \$100. in cash & a check for the balance, which will carry me through to the coast. Sent telegram to Leroy Tozier, Fairbanks, asking him to come to Nenana & one to Ms. M.J. Cooney, Nenana, reserving rooms & advising time of my arrival.</p> <p><u>Have also promised Capt. Colderhead, who resides here on the Hot Springs farm, to appoint his son either to West Point or Annapolis as he may choose-</u></p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Left Hot Springs last night at midnight - caught the Tanana at the front bank landing - and we are now on the River - upstream.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th</p> <p>Reached Nenana this morning at 8 a.m. - Debbie & Lucille were at the wharf to meet me. It is my first sight of Nenana since the U.S. has started the town & I am greatly interested in it. There is the Govt. Ry Plant, sawmill, shops, residences, stores etc. the N.C. & other stores - a well laid out townsite in the low valley on the south side of the Tanana, and the railroad extending southerly toward the hills. This afternoon we went out to the end of the back about 12 mi.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>to see the work. 25 mi. of the completed road along the riverbank is - built by Riggs - has to be abandoned - it is below the bed of the Nenana river & that stream now overflows it & washes it out - it is utterly destroyed - probably a Million Dollars loss - etc. I am greatly surprised to find 'Billy' Ryan, formerly of Tacoma and Dawson - now in the employ of Sec. of Int. Lane, here <u>experting & investigating!!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>We are at the Cooney Hotel - Went out on the abandoned Ry. line today on special train with Browne Supt. of Construction, Ryan & others - its ruin is evident & the change of Route seems to be</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>justified.</p> <p>Speech tonight the Coliseum Picture Theater - a crowded house - 400-500 enthusiastic friends & I was quite satisfied with the evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th</p> <p><u>Sunday</u> - My friends insist on a second speech tonight at the Union Hall & I have consented. The coliseum was so overcrowded that a great number</p>

	<p>could not get in & the Ry. officials are to run an extra in from the front work with the Ry. men for tonight.</p> <p>Big meeting in Union hall - crowded & enthusiastic reception. Made a good speech and am much delighted over the prospects here.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>I have telegraphed Ray - Fairbanks to give notice of meeting there on Thursday evening & I will go there on Launch - up Tanana tomorrow morning. Things look good in Nenana and along the line of Ry. Of course the Demo. Federal brigade is fighting me under the charge of the N.C. Co & White Pass officials - but I have made the fight a public one & think I will beat them sure in this vicinity - where they beat me 2 years ago. Am visiting around a talking with my friend The Ry. officials here are very friendly & giving me a square deal</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Left Nenana this morning on the launch "Victory," Capt. Fred. Douse. There are 8 aboard including Debbie, Lucille, & I. Saw a lynx swimming the river. Took us 8 hours to get to Fairbanks - 4 oclock. Ray & several of my friends met us & we went home - it was fixed up clean & warm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Visited College site - the first building is being erected - a three story building - lower story is a concrete basement.</p> <p>Visiting around & renewing my acquaintance with the people of Fairbanks.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 12-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Left town this morning on the Fairbanks Creek stage. Stopped at Fox, Gilmore & Discovery on Fairbanks Creek. Saw many miners & talked with my friends generally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Doing politics - preparing my speech for tomorrow night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Made my Fairbanks speech tonight at the Auditorium Theater - about 800 people present - a large & enthusiastic audience. Supt. Browne & wife & W.A. Ryan & wife from Nenana</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>came up & attended my meeting. Judge Pratt & Collins - also Ross, on the stage. Leroy Tozier, the Chairman of the Rep. Club presided. It was a fine meeting & I am very greatly pleased at the attendance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>The "<u>Fairbanks Citizen</u>" J.H. Caskey, Ed. roasted me viciously in his issue this morning. No point to it - just a roast.</p> <p>Went out on the Goldstream branch of the Ry.</p>

	<p>today on the speeder - just to look - see. Not very promising - My friends are furious at the attack of Caskey in the "Citizen"</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 September 16-18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>We left Fairbanks on the auto-stage at 1 o'clock p.m. today for the coast. Mrs. Peoples, Mrs. W- & I. Reached Richardson - 72 miles - for the night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>On the trail today we saw a porcupine in the road & up near the Rapids a bear ran across ahead of the auto. We crossed the mountains & tonight we are at the Paxsons Roadhouse, on the Gulkana river - below the Summit Lake.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>From Paxsons to Sour Dough - Rainy & muddy.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 September 19-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Sour Dough to Chitina. Dinner at Copper Center. Saw Blix & he "explained" how I only got one vote at the recent primaries here - & that one cast by a soldier. It was a trade with Donohoe to keep the postoffice in Blix's building!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Made a speech in A.B. Hall Chitina, tonight - good crowd.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Down to Cordova, C.R. & N.W. Ry. Mrs. W & Mrs. Peoples at the "Windsor" - I took a room at the "Alaska" on account of able to see men - my friends. Rainy - no speech here.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 September 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22</p> <p>Spent the day doing politics with my friends - writing letters etc. Find many good friends here & conditions look good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Left Cordova on SS. "Alaska" early this morning. Find a new "Alaska Commission" on board this boat - appointed by Sec. Interior Lane to investigate conditions along the Govt. Ry. & to suggest ways & means to keep it alive! It is a Southern Pacific Ry bunch & I see no hope in it. They look at me in an unfriendly way. McCormack, V.P. So. Pac. is chairman. Reached Valdez early in</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 September 23-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>afternoon & spent two hours in town - met many friends, and promised to come back & make an address if possible. Have met McCormack of the Ry. Com. - just a friendly talk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Our boat has been at Latouche Copper Mine all day - visited the mines etc. & met my friends. This is a "Guggy" place and Sulzer is strong here - still I have many assurances of support.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>We are at the "Seward" Hotel kept by Mrs. McNeilly</p>

	one of our old Tacoma friends - visiting my political friends - speaking tomorrow night.
Diary 30, 1918 September 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Am to speak tonight at the Liberty Theater. Later. Good meeting at the Liberty theater - Mrs. McNeer played the piano, Ed. Whittemore presided. L.L. James spoke for local candidates for the Legislature & Rd. Com. Then I spoke 2 hours on Alaskan issues - not much enthusiasm, but I hope for good results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>The Local Newspaper - the Seward Gateway - made a fair statement of my speech - <u>for it</u>. The telegraph news is that the "<u>Victoria</u>" will be in tonight with</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 27	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Gov. Riggs aboard. <u>I sent out a vigorous protest from Cordova, by telegraph, to sec. Lane, against Riggs traveling over the territory doing a political campaign for Sulzer, & I roasted him in my speech here for his activities in that way.</u></p> <p>Midnight. Riggs came in on Victoria & we left Seward at 2 a.m. on the "Admiral Sahley" for Anchorage. Found it would take too much time to wait for the railroad to be put in final shape to take us to Anchorage - bad track - too new.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 28-29	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>The Admiral Sahley reached Seldovia this afternoon early & I had two hours there - I visited everybody in town - my friends Jack Tansy, Shorty Stoffer, Markles & dozens of others. Shorty runs a mens room - light drinks, pool tables, etc. and his is the most popular place in Seldovia. I understand why he was popular at last election & he and my friends assure me I will get a large majority of all the votes here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29th</p> <p>Reached Anchorage - met</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 29	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>at the dock by enthusiastic friends - go to the "<u>Anchorage Hotel.</u>" Am visiting friends - Dr. Boyle has charge of my campaign here - the Times & staff assisting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Doing politics around town today - meeting many friends from surrounding country - men who just happen to be in town - fishermen, miners, farmers etc.</p> <p>Held my first public meeting at Anchorage - the "Empress Theater" - tonight at 8 o'clock. The house was crowded - 800 people present & I made the best speech of my campaign. I was greatly</p>
Diary 30, 1918 September 30-October 1	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>pleased at my reception & my audience seemed pleased at my address - so it was a very</p>

	<p>satisfactory occasion. My friends all think it was a successful effort & did much good. The Times is gathering some of it for publication. I am pleased with the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Octo 1st -</p> <p>The times has a big story about my speech last night & my friends are delighted. I am confident that it did much good - it mollified the Eng. Com. who were afraid I would attack their railroad work - for really they deserve</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>an excoriation – the railroad is being greatly hurt & the development of Alaska retarded by incompetency & waste but I strongly urged my hearers to stand by and aid in finishing the road & to waste no time on criticisms. That course relieved the officials and binds them over to keep the peace - publicly - though privately they are for Sulzer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Octo 2 -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION.</p> <p>In honor of Mrs. James Wickersham, visiting here, the members of the Anchorage Woman's club will entertain at 3 oclock tomorrow afternoon in the auditorium of the public school. The informal affair will be in the nature of a reception to which the ladies of Anchorage are cordially invited to attend.</p> <p>Started campaign along the Ry today</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUDGE WICKERSHAM OFF TO CHICKALOON ALASKA'S DELEGATE MAKES CAMPAIGN TRIP OVER THE GOVERNMENT RAILROAD.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham left on the morning train for a whirl wind campaign up the line. He will visit Matanuska, Palmer, Eska and Chickaloon while on this trip. Through the courtesy of Sumner Smith arrangements have been made to hold a meeting at Chickaloon tonight when Judge Wickersham will address the miners and government employees. He will spend a few hours at Eska on the same mission and return to Anchorage Friday afternoon. Friday night Judge Wickersham will talk to his old tillicum friends at the Pioneer had and the Public is invited to be present. John Frame, of the local exemption board, and a lifelong friend of Judge Wickersham, accompanied him on the trip.</p> <p>Fine trip out to Matanuska & then to Eska and Chickaloon At this latter place I held a fine meeting in the bunkhouse attended by everybody in camp</p>

	<p>except those at work. Sumner Smith, in charge for the Bureau of mines, presided,</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>but is for Sulzer! Staid all night with Carlson, an old Juneau friend who is running a road house. Am greatly pleased with the outward appearances at Eska & Chickaloon - no mines of great value, yet opened, but work is progressing & I hope we will not be disappointed A fine day - <u>a good railroad to this point. new.</u></p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INITIAL TRIP OVER NEW LINE PASSENGER TRAIN LEAVES AN- CHORAGE FOR SEWARD NEXT SATURDAY MORNING.</p> <p>The first passenger train out of Anchorage for Seward will be run next Saturday morning, leaving the depot at 9 o'clock. Officials declare the running will be in the neighborhood of eight hours, barring accidents. The first freight train will also leave Anchorage for Seward on the same day. A regular running schedule will be announced later and it is understood that the schedule will be so arranged as to connect with steamers at Seward for the outside passage.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Oct. 3</p> <p>Back over Railroad from Chickaloon. Stopped few minutes at Palmer, Eska, Matanuska etc. and visited the people near the depots. Things look good - politically along the road. This afternoon I visited the shops, offices, & the new work on Coal bankers on be water front, - in company with Wm Gerig, Supt. & was pleased with what I saw</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Octo 4th</p> <p>Am visiting round town etc and getting ready to go over to Seward tomorrow on the first regular train to go over the line!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 4-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Am visiting round town etc and getting ready to go over to Seward tomorrow on the first regular train to go over the line!</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILL SPEAK TO PIONEERS.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham and Mrs. Wickersham will be the guests of Igloo No. 15 at Pioneer hall tonight. The ladies' auxiliary will assist in the entertainment. Judge Wickersham will make an address to which the public is invited. Speaking starts at 9 and the public is asked not to assemble prior to that hour on account of regular lodge work.</p>

	<p>Had a fine visit with the Pioneers tonight - spoke for an hour on <u>Alaska books</u> - historical statement, which seemed to interest the old sourdoughs very much.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Octo 5th</p> <p>We left Anchorage this morning at 9 oclock on the first through train to carry passengers and freight from Anchorage to Seward - Trip was good to Birds Point - halfway - Here we were required to leave the passenger car & to ride in</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Turnagain Arm Bore!</u></p> <p>a small freight caboose, Mrs. W- called it a "Pig", - too small to hold the crowd - & here, too the track was not finished - rough uneven and the train jumped the track 5 or 6 times during the afternoon. About 6 oclock in the evening we had dinner at Kern Creek & later started on - we had all sorts of delays etc. & did not reach Seward till 7 oclock, in the morning of the 6th. It was an experience - a bad one - At Mile 54 out of Seward a private car - Weir, Supt. Div. was hitched on but he was too selfish & small to let anyone ride in it & many stood up all night while his chairs were unoccupied.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 6-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 6th</p> <p>Rainy <u>Sunday</u> in Seward, waiting for the Alameda. Have learned here that Sulzer was on the Alameda to Anchorage - so he will make his campaign just behind me. Expect the boat in some time later tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>The Alameda in late this morning & we stopped at LaTouche during the day - into Port Nellie Juan at dinner time tonight. A stormy day - I have some good friends at the Gugg. mining camp at LaTouche.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>At Valdes during the night & reached Cordova at noon. My friends have secured the Empress Theater. Capt. Lathrop's for a meeting tonight for the Alameda will be here all night loading ore. Spent the afternoon doing politics - visiting around town etc. & spoke to a crowded house at 8 oclock - Condition good & audience very friendly. Roth, U.S. Dist. Atty from Fairbanks here to go on the Alameda to S.E. Alaska to campaign for Sulzer. The papers announced that Dan Sutherland will challenge him to a joint debate - there.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 9-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>We left Cordova at 9 oclock this morning for Seattle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>At Sea - the waves are high & many sea sick.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Same.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th –</p> <p>Sunday. Entered Straits this forenoon - very foggy - slow Seattle late this evening. Went to Frye Hotel - Mrs. Peoples to the Washington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Visiting with friends - arranging money matters etc. The Post-Intelligencer this morning.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA WANTS VERTERANS OF WAR Judge Wickersham Says Nothing Will be Too Good for Re- turned Soldiers.</p> <p>“After the war nothing will be too good for the returned American soldier in Alaska,” said Judge James Wickersham, pioneer congressional delegate from the Northern territory, who is a guest at the Frye, yesterday. “The boys who have made the world safe for democracy will find the most hospitable people on earth in America's newest frontier. They will find warm hearts to greet them and help them to secure a prosperous, peaceful and independent life.”</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham declares that he is in favor of passing national laws giving prior rights in Alaska to returned soldiers and sailors. Such legislation has been passed, he says, in various Canadian provinces and in Australia. The men who have made victory for human rights possible should get the best that Alaska has to offer,” he says.</p> <p>“The majority of them will want to follow the frontier,” he says. ‘The rugged, manly, self-reliant life of the great North will offer an irresistible appeal to them. They should be given the opportunity to unlock the great natural wealth and boundless resources of that Territory.”</p> <p>Soon after peace comes Alaska will begin to develop and prosper with leaps and bounds, he believes. The first thing will be to finish the government railroad, opening the rich agricultural, coal and mineral resources of the interior.</p> <p>“Ask any former Alaskan if he is ever going North again and he will quickly reply that he will return as soon as times get better up there,” he declared. “When unusual conditions resulting from the war begin to disappear in the states thousands of Alaskans will return to the land of the Yukon.”</p> <p>Judge Wickersham has been spending the past three months campaigning Alaska in the interest of his candidacy for election as delegate on the Republican ticket. As the result of a close election two years ago C.A. Sulzer, Democrat, was given the certificate of election and was seated.</p>

	<p>Wickersham claimed the election by a majority of thirty-one votes and contested the election. His contest was recently decided in his favor in Washington, but the report has not yet been filed and adopted.</p> <p>The candidate has spent the past three months campaigning along the Yukon river, interior Alaska and coast ports of Southwestern Alaska. In order to reach Juneau and other Southeastern cities he found that he could save time by coming to Seattle. He sails for Juneau by the next steamer.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham is a pioneer of the Klondike rush and is the founder of the town of Fairbanks. When the new diggings were discovered in that district he was the federal judge for that district and established the seat of district government at what is now the city of Fairbanks, naming the town after the then vice president of the United States.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 15-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Seymour Narrows - a beautiful fall day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Millbank Sound – fine day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>This morning coming into Ketchikan. Rheinhold Frederick Roth, from Fairbanks, on the Humboldt going to Ketchikan to work for Sulzer. I sent a strong telegram of protest against his pernicious political activity to Senators Poindexter & Jones & asked them to protest to the Atty Genl - Will give him all the trouble I can - anyway - a good base for fighting him later!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Visiting around town. The “Spokane” came in from Juneau this evening late with Ed. C. Russell, Rep. candidate for Ter. Senator & Grover C. Winn Rep. candidate for Legislature. The Democrats hired the only available hall for tonight - so we are not to talk but will wait till tomorrow night.</p> <p>Tonight Roth & Morrissey (the latter Sulzers secretary) talked & vilified & abused me by the hour. Roth called up the told Tacoma scandal and paraded it - also called me all the names he could think about - it was a regular mudslinging campaign!!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>Visited all the business houses today with Forest J. Hunt, interviewing citizens etc.</p> <p>We had a big meeting tonight at the Redmens Hall - Russell roasted Britt, his opponent for Senator for disloyalty - I spoke for 2 hours - at the end. While I was talking Morrissey, Sulzers secretary interrupted me & denounced me for saying he was not in the Army - though able & capable we had a hot argument in which I got the best of it - the audience cheered me & he retired very badly beaten & crestfallen - I denounced both him & Sulzer as “slackers,” the</p>

	house applauded.
Diary 30, 1918 October 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>There is much favorable comment around town today on my speech last night - evidently made a good impression and feel sure now of carrying Ketchikan by a good majority.</p> <p>Tonight had a long private talk with Hickman and we agreed to work together in an endeavor to bring about compromise and settlement of the Alaska fisheries legislation on such terms as 1st to protect the fisheries from extinction, 2. to treat all interests fairly - etc.</p> <p>Meeting tonight in public pool Hall - talked Sulzer Fishery Bill - fine meeting & much pleased with my reception by the fishermen present.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 October 21	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE DAILY PROGRESSIVE-M Ketchikan, Alaska, October 1, 1918</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REPUBLICAN RALLY SATURDAY EVENING</p> <p>The Republican Rally held at the Dream Theatre, in Red Men's Hall last Saturday evening, was the greatest political event of the season, thus far in Ketchikan, although the night was very stormy the hall was crowded to capacity with an enthusiastic audience. Preliminary to the speaking the first part of a five-part picture was thrown on the screen, after which Mayor Wakefield the rostrum with the speakers of the evening. He first introduced Ed. C. Russell, candidate for Territorial Senator, who delivered a very telling and interesting address in which he first informed the audience that the password of the Gastineau Channel Shrine of Democracy was "LIAR," hence the democrats who had not been duly initiated at Juneau had no right to use the word; that he had understood that some one in this locality had made use of the expression, thus violating a most sacred usage of the democracy of Southeastern Alaska, as none possesses that right except those of the Gastineau Order. His principal remarks were directed to a convincing showing of the unpatriotic attitude of Wm. Britt, his opponent, which lost him his position as Norwegian Consul. Mr. Russell's speech was well received.</p> <p>Mr. Grover C. Winn, candidate for the House, was then introduced by the Mayor, who at once gained favor with the audience by informing them that he was the humorist of the party that he was making no promises, but that if elected this time he would promise to be a candidate to succeed himself to enable them to reject him or approve his acts.</p>

<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>Judge Wickersham was then introduced and made the best political speech ever delivered in Ketchikan; ably discussing the questions at issue without personal abuse of his opponent, and only referring to him in measures connected with his public duties in Congress. He opened with a most inspiring patriotic address, analyzing and dissecting the Transportation measure passed during Mr. Sulzer's incumbency which thru his neglect, discriminated against Alaska. He also spoke at length, describing the iniquities of the Sulzer Fish bill. Judge Wickersham paid his attentions to the Slackers, gave glowing tribute to President Wilson and closed amid most enthusiastic applause.</p> <p>This section will go strong for Delegate Wickersham and the entire republican ticket, says Mr. Forest J. Hunt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Octo. 21st</u></p> <p>There seems much interest in my speech at Redmen's Hall - my friends are pleased. Meeting tonight at the Heath Store - Charcoal Point Ketchikan - good meeting & I leave Ketchikan at midnight on the gasoline launch "<u>Francis R</u>" for Wrangell and Petersburg.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 22.</p> <p>We arrived at Wrangell today at noon & visited the business houses and tonight we held a fine meeting at the Hall - It was a great meeting for Wrangell & we seem to be in fine favor here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>We left Wrangell last night at midnight and arrived at Petersburg this morning - on the "Francis R" a small gasoline launch. We had a good meeting tonight at Sons of Norway Hall quite a success - things here in good condition.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 24-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>We left Petersburg this noon on the "San Juan". Ran into the harbor of Windham Bay for the night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Very stormy day & wind & storm from north - we had to run into Taku Harbor for tonight - we cannot cross Taku Inlet - <u>Windy</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Storm raging & we tried to go out across Taku Inlet but were forced to turn back. Capt. & Mrs. Ahnes, in charge of the Libby McNeal & Libby cannery invited us to dinner. Last night after dinner, we hold a meeting in the mess house.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 October 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>I made a patriotic address. Russell talked Indians, Sid Jacob, commercial traveler told stories. Winn made a short speech - we danced etc. and had a fine evening. Capt. Ahnes gave us a bed - Tonight</p>

	<p>Walker, U.S. Fishery Agent, came into the harbor on the "Osprey."</p> <p>A late boat from Juneau this afternoon brings the news that the "<u>Princess Sophia</u>" coming from Skagway struck the Vanderbilt Reef, Thursday morning & last night sank off the rocks in a dreadful storm - with a loss of all aboard = 260 passengers 70 crew!!</p>
Diary 30, 1918 October 27	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>This morning we left Taku Harbor in the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries boat "<u>Osprey</u>" & crossed Taku Inlet safely although the waves were high and dangerous - Arrived in Juneau at noon - the report about the loss of the Princess Sophia in Lynn Canal is true - 346 lost - everybody on board. There are many from the interior - from Ruby, Fairbanks & other places - many of whom I knew & saw in August - Baggerlys & Jackstroms & others from Ruby etc. It is an appalling disaster - the worst Alaska has ever met & has cast a gloom over Juneau. Am at the Gastineau Hotel - tired & worn out.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 October 28-29	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Sent telegram to Fairbanks about wreck - giving some names and offered to render any assistance possible.</p> <p>Went over to Treadwell & called on Fred. Bradley, Genl. Mgr. Long talk about Alaska mining conditions etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Am disappointed to find that it is necessary to quarantine Juneau - Valentine, mayor, today issued order closing all halls churches, shows, theaters etc. which makes it impossible for me to speak in Juneau in this campaign so I have started up the plan of visiting people in business places.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 October 30	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Visiting business house today in company with Ed. C. Russell, candidate for the Legislature.</p> <p>Was at dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Dan Sutherland at their home on the Hill.</p> <p>Had a conference with a Committee of the Labor Union at their Hall tonight. After a full discussion of the Sulzer Fishery Bill the Committee decided to start a fight against the bill & its author - if it is carefully managed it can be made an effective weapon against him & I shall assist in pushing it along the right lines.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 October 31	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Visiting my friends & talking politics.</p> <p>Tonight I was invited to attend a Committee meeting at the Labor Hall - a dozen probably came into the hall before we got through - The town marshal came & ordered us to disperse which we did - on going to the Hotel I found twice as many men congregated in the office as there were in the</p>

	<p>room when the police came. Telegram tonight from Ketchikan says that Paul Stanhope Newspaperman friend, died at Ketchikan. I am afraid from influenza!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nov. 1</u></p> <p>The "<u>Empire</u>," Sulzers newspaper contains a sensational attack on me on account of last nights meeting with the Labor Committee. I am satisfied with it - it will do me more good than harm so I shall not answer it - <u>I am told the officers of the union will do so.</u> Was invited to the home of J.B. Marshall - met the Rev. Condit, Rev. Bruce, Rev. McQueen & Rev. Wagner. We discussed the attempt of Sulzer & Troy to destroy the prohibition law - the Fisheries bill etc. I think they will unitedly do work for me - they supported Sulzer two years ago.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 2, 1918.</p> <p>Spent the day in sending out a nicely written letter to every voter in Juneau, saying that as I am not permitted by quarantine regulations to speak to them I wish them to come out on election day & support me etc. A personal letter to my friends & I think it will do good. The Petersburg people seem to resent Roth's bitter attacks - they business men denounce him in advertisements etc. Things in Juneau look good - Sent out telegrams tonight to all parts of the Territory. Dan Sutherland signed them.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Sunday - Dan Sutherland and R.F. Roth had a fight on the street today. They met and quarreled, whereupon Roth struck Dan - who then had his young child in his arms - he quickly put the child on the ground & knocked Roth down - when Roth rose he was knocked down the second & third time. Dan then caught him by the foot and dragged him in the street - friends came to Roths aid and rescued him. Sending many telegrams - Dinner at Judge Cobbs - Sutherland present.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>The campaign is now closed - Things here look favorable and I really hope to carry Juneau - but may not. Certainly it is in much better shape for me than two years ago. Telegrams from all over the Territory give me renewed confidence of success. A great many people here in Juneau who voted for Sulzer 2 years ago will vote for me this year - but the exodus of people from the Territory makes the situation so doubtful that but little basis for judgment is to indulged. <u>Tomorrow is election day!</u></p>

<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 5, 1918</p> <p><u>Election Day!</u> Election today passed off quietly - Two years ago this 1st Division gave Sulzer 860 majority - Juneau gave him about 300 majority. Today I carry three precincts in Juneau and he one, but he has a majority in the town of 43 votes! He carried Skagway, Thane, & Sitka while I carry Petersburg - Wrangell & Ketchikan. It looks tonight as if I may carry the Division by a very few votes - or he may! A very bad rainy day. It is a bad blow to the Federal Machine - the less of their majority in this Division.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Nothing new from Interior points - just enough to make it quite certain that the other Divisions are close - that it may take the official count to tell who is elected. May get more news later - but now its close. The Republican legislative ticket is defeated in this Division Sulzer will probably beat me in this Division a few votes. Telegraphic dispatches say Republicans have won a victory in the Nation. Have secured my ticket on the boat & will go south tomorrow. Later: Nome - Wick 219, Sulzer <u>81</u> 138 Candle my majority <u>6</u> Majority in both-144</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST DIVISION IS CLOSE WITH WICKERHSAM LEADING Wickersham Overcomes Majority of 800 Against Him Here at last Election, and Now Leads, With but Few Returns Yet to Come. WILLIAM BRITT LEADS IN THE SENATORSHIP RACE Probably Representatives in the House Will be White, Sowerby and Davies, and Either McCormick or Casey, with Chances Favoring McCormick. The present returns form the First Division, as shown by the table published in this issue, show Judge Wickersham to have received 188 votes, while his opponent has 1149. At the last election Sulzer carried the Division by 800, and the verdict thus far received is accepted as a decided victory for Judge Wickersham. Beyond these returns, Anchorage reports 248 votes for Sulzer, with 384 for Wickersham, a plurality of 136, there having been also 37 votes for Conally, Socialist. The precincts on the government railroad in the</p>

	<p>vicinity of Anchorage, however, give a majority to Sulzer. These precincts, reported from Anchorage, consist of Chickaloon, Moose Creek, Matanuska, Wasilla, Girdwood, Talkeetna and Eska Creek, and their combined vote is: Conally 13, Sulzer 150, Wickersham 99.</p> <p>The vote from the remaining precincts of the First Division is expected to add to the strength of the Republican ticket, so that Judge Wickersham is likely to receive here a majority of at least 100.</p> <p>Incomplete returns from Fairbanks and a few neighboring precincts show Judge Wickersham in the lead there by 60 votes, with many precincts yet to be heard from.</p> <p>The contest for Senator in this Division can not be definitely determined until the last vote is counted, and whether Casey or McCormack will hold a seat in the next Legislature is also a very close question.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>[clipping – precinct results for Southeast Alaska]</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GASTINEAU CHANNEL'S LIGHT VOTE. {Ed. from Juneau Empire}</p> <p>The vote of Gastineau Channel yesterday was the lightest that has been cast for many years. The inclement weather, the influenza and many other things prevented many voters from reaching the polls. Then the election came when many Juneauites were in the States. More than 150 Sulzer votes that are yet residents here were on the lists of the workers as "out of the city." Most of these were in the states. Juneau should have cast 1,000 to 1,200 votes yesterday instead of less than 800. The city has lost many votes, it is true, but that many should have been cast, and the loss was largely that of Delegate Sulzer.</p> <p>Delegate Sulzer has gained instead of losing during the last two years. His majority here would have been equal <u>to that of two years ago</u> had weather conditions been as favorable, and the people been here, in spite of the fact that it is conceded that 75 per cent of the hundreds who went away to war would have been for him if they had had votes.</p> <p>What is true of Juneau is also true of Douglas Island and other nearby precincts.</p> <p>However, it will not always be thus. Juneau's day is coming again, and two years hence this city will probably cast more votes than she has ever cast.</p> <p>2 years ago Sulzer had 300 majority in Juneau!</p>

<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SULZER TO HAVE SMALL LEAD IN 4TH DIVISION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Democrats Elect Divisional Ticket in Yukon Coun- try by Safe Ma- jorities.</p> <p>FAIRBANKS, Nov. 6.-- Wickersham is leading this Division by 54, with the Forty-mile country, Koyukuk, Kuskokwim and Ophir and Tacotna sections yet to be heard from.</p> <p>It is believed that Sulzer will win out in this Division when all of the returns are in.</p> <p>Luther C. Hess, Democrat, for Senator, has been elected sure, with George W. Pennington and A.J. Nordale and John W. Dunn, Democrats, for Representative. Earnest B. Collins, former Speaker, Republican, feels sure he is elected. Robert Sheldon, Democrat, has been elected Road Commissioner.</p> <p>The un-reported precincts were strong for Sulzer in 1916. Wickersham carried Fairbanks by 44 votes, against 161 in 1916.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO RETURNS FROM SECOND AND THIRD DIVISIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>Notwithstanding that The Empire had asked for the returns as quickly as possible from the Second and Third Divisions, none had been received at 3 o'clock.</p> <p>I spent the evening with Valentine, LeFevre, Tom Ashby. Left Juneau at midnight on the freighter "<u>Catherine D.</u>" for Seattle.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 7-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Our boat came into Petersburg this afternoon and we are loading aero-plane spruce timber for Seattle- the boat loaded with canned salmon before reaching Juneau. I have a fine suite of rooms - the official suite on the upper deck and am very comfortable - & just resting after a campaign from July over the whole Territory. <u>No News.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>We laid at the Petersburg wharf all night - this morning in Scow Bay - tonight en route to Ketchikan - nothing new</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Ketchikan this morning early - Nothing New</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 10-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Head winds - a "south-easter" retards our speed make walking on deck uncomfortable. Crossed</p>

	<p>Queen Charlottes Sd. this afternoon late. No news. -11th -</p> <p>Telegram - wireless - this morning says the war is ended - peace is declared - the Germans quit - unconditional surrender, & that a Revolution is on in Germany - <u>See telegram on next page.</u></p> <p>Also learn from passengers that Sulzer carried Sulzer precinct by 38 votes to my 2 - Two years ago it was 72 to 2! a loss to him of 34 votes!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>[telegram] San Francisco Cal 10th Govt All Ships</p> <p>World war will end monday morning six oclock Washington time eleven oclock Paris time, German representatives signed armistice five oclock Monday morning Paris time effective eleven oclock, terms wont be announced until later. Associated Press</p> <p>Telegram received on board "Catherine D." in Gulf of Georgia Early Monday Morning, Nov 11, 1918.</p> <p>Wind blowing a gale in teeth of our boat – slow time.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 12-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Seattle this morning - Found Debbie at the Hotel in good health. The "Influenza" has been malignant - many deaths but it seems dying down. Nothing new from Alaska Election.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Influenza from the SS Victoria bad - several Nome passengers have died & others beyond recovery</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Crowds of Alaska people here - 22 persons from the passengers of "Victoria" from Nome dead. Went over Tacoma & found all my books in the State Hist. Rooms OK.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM LEADS. Has 44 Over Sulzer on Nearly Complete Returns.</p> <p>JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 11.-- James Wickersham, Republican and first territorial delegate from Alaska to congress, apparently has been elected over Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat and incumbent, on the face of nearly complete returns from the recent election.</p> <p>Figures from the four election divisions reported give Sulzer 3,956 and Wickersham 4,000, a lead for Wickersham of 44 votes. By divisions the unofficial vote reported stands: First, Sulzer 1362,</p>

	<p>Wickersham 1296; second, Sulzer 133, Wickersham 277; third, Sulzer 1398, Wickersham 1293; fourth, Sulzer 1063, Wickersham 1134. -15th -</p> <p>Made date with Judge Burke, Rhodes, Pres. Seattle Cham. Commerce & another for discussion of Alaska conditions on Tuesday. Debbie & I go to Buckley today to stay over Sunday with Mother. No News from Election in Alaska - it is close but I think I am safe.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 16-18</p>	<p>-16th -</p> <p>At Enumclaw visiting with Charley Hansen & Jen. Mother was up to dinner. -17-</p> <p>At home with mother. Her new house is very comfortable - The papers yesterday say that I was ahead of Sulzer 103 votes - but those today say he is ahead - 23 votes! -18th -</p> <p>Back to Seattle: Telegram from Nome says I am ahead of Sulzer in 2nd Division 202 majority - which gives me a lead - <u>today</u> of 9 votes over the figures in yesterdays papers.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 18-19</p>	<p>18th continued. Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. John P. Hartman at the Rainier Club. -19-</p> <p>Conference with Judge Burke & Corbelay, the Sec. Ch. of Com. - but no good result. I attempted to get them interested in Transportation to Alaska - but Corbelay is in sympathy with the Alaska SS Co. & wont exude the slightest sympathy for shippers of Alaska. Dinner with Jack & Mrs. Dalton - Mrs. W- & I.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 20</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hearing today on the matter of issuing a permit to a cannery of salmon on the Yukon - before Bower - of the Bureau of Fisheries, in the Smith Building. Large number of Alaskans - Bishop Row & Stefansson, the Arctic Explorer presented objections & the cannery & N.C. officials appeared for the Carlisle Packing Co. the appellant. At the end of the hearing Bower asked me to express an opinion as to the desirability of issuing the permit and to the surprise of the Cannery Co- I approved their application!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 21</p>	<p>-21-</p> <p>Went over to Tacoma & to Camp Lewis Military Hdqts. - Jack & Mrs. Dalton, Debbie & I. A fine day & a very pleasant trip - over the Gravelly Plains of old days. W^m. Stockonder & wife - friends from Springfield who came out to Puget Sound years ago & have grown rich visited this evening. He is now Vice. Pres. of the Scandinavian Nat. Bank. He, also,</p>

	<p>urges me to come to Seattle & open a law office & promises to give me all the assistance possible - It may be - if I am defeated in the Election!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM 103 AHEAD.</p> <p>Special to Associated Press. JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 15.-- Returns from the election of November 5 in Alaska for territorial delegate to congress are still incomplete, thirty-six precincts not having been reported. Figures complete for all other precincts now give James Wickersham Republican a lead of 103 votes over Delegate Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat.</p> <p>Figures reported to date are as follows: First Division, two precincts missing, Sulzer 1,381, Wickersham 1,380; Second division, three precincts missing, Wickersham leading by 170; Third division, eighteen unreported precincts, Sulzer 1,370, Wickersham 1,245; Fourth division, thirteen unreported precincts, Sulzer 1,104, Wickersham 1,163.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM IS STILL GAINING IN THE REGURNS Second Division Increases Lead of Former Delegate; Hope Later Returns Will Change It.</p> <p>According to the latest election returns Judge James Wickersham is leading Delegate Charles A. Sulzer by 77 votes in the race for Delegateship, but the supporters of the latter are still hopeful that this will be changed by unreported precincts.</p> <p>Delegate Sulzer leads by 66 in the First Division, and this will be increased.</p> <p>A late dispatch from the Second Division puts Wickersham's lead there at 17. It is expected this will be reduced.</p> <p>In the Third Division Sulzer leads by 105, and the Sulzer supporters expect this to be increased.</p> <p>In the Fourth Division Wickersham is leading by 71 votes, and it is expected that this will be reduced to 30, if, indeed, it is not entirely wiped out.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Hearing today before Bureau of Fisheries in Smith Bldg. in the matter of closing the Copper River to commercial fishing. Many cannery men present & much interest. At the close of hearing I was asked to make observations & did so- It was a fight by the N.W. Fish Co (Guggenheim) against the smaller canneries & I spoke in favor of the latter, - to their great satisfaction. Both sides offered me</p>

	<p>employment as attorney - which, <u>of course</u>, I refused. Have made all my financial arrangements through the Dexter Horton Nat. Bank – with Parsons.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd –</p> <p>Looks as if I am elected! Am in the lead now 44 votes - out of a total of nearly 8000! very close - too damned close in fact - but think I will gain. <u>Have gained 25 in the Nome division.</u></p> <p>Will attend Arctic Club banquet tonight! Debbie over Tacoma visiting today.</p> <p>The Arctic Club entertainment was rather flat - we had a formal dinner - I on one side of the Pres. of the Club Sulzer on the other! Then we had a smoker and some “bum” vaudeville stunts. Many Alaskans present; Senator Jones made some patriotic remarks etc.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 24-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Sunday - Writing letters & catching up on my correspondence Debbie is back from Tacoma where she visited with the Olds - our long time friends there. Congressman Carl Hayden (Now Major at Camp Lewis, U.S.A.) took dinner with us this evening</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SULZER CLAIMS LEAD IN ALASKA DELEGATE VOTE Wickersham, However, Is Not Giving Up and Sourdoughs Have Lots on Which to Bet.</p> <p>Charles Sulzer, delegate from Alaska, according to dispatches received by him from Juneau, Alaska, has been re-elected by thirty-three votes, with fifteen precincts still to be heard from. Sulzer arrived yesterday from the North and is a guest at the Hotel Frye. Sulzer's opponent, James Wickersham, who also is at the Frye, received telegrams which indicate that he has been elected by forty-one votes. I fence the betting on the election is still somewhat uncertain.</p> <p>Sulzer said last night that he is very sanguine of election. Wickersham is equally confident, and the sourdoughs who are in Seattle for the winter are finding considerable excitement in the situation-to say nothing of a subject for discussion and opportunities to back their opinions.</p> <p>That Alaska has been depopulated by the war, Sulzer says, is indicated in the election returns. A little more than 6,000 votes were cast this year, and about 18,000 voters went to the polls two years ago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nov. 25th</u></p> <p>Hearings on Alaska Fisheries - nothing much. Alaska Bureau Seattle Chamber of Commerce asked me to lunch tomorrow - <u>decline</u>. <u>Bot tickets</u></p>

	<p><u>for Wash. D.C. for Thursday.</u></p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 26-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 26th</p> <p>More mis-information from Troy & "Empire," as follows.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM AND SULZER IN CLOSE RACE</p> <p>JUNEAU, Alaska, Tuesday, Nov. 26.</p> <p>-Alaska presents the remarkable situation of the same two candidates running for the same office in a common-wealth-wide constituency finishing two consecutive campaigns so close that the very last returns from the remotest precincts will be necessary to determine the result. Eleven precincts casting 255 in the last election in the third division and one precinct casting nine votes in the last election in the fourth have not been heard from.</p> <p>Conflicting reports have been received from Hadley, first division, Bethel, second division and Ophir, fourth division, also conflicting reports on the footings in the fourth division. Excluding three precincts from which two or more reports have been received, but accepting the footings favorable to Wickersham in fourth division, Sulzer leads by thirty-six. Accepting reports most favorable to Wickersham in all cases, Sulzer leads by eight. Accepting most favorable to Sulzer in all cases, the latter leads by sixty-eight.</p> <p>The missing precincts gave Sulzer sixteen plurality the last election, counting votes that were excluded because of violation of the Australian ballot. Sulzer is running 12 per cent better this year than last election in third division, where eleven precincts are unreported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Busy getting tickets etc. will go to Wash. D.C. tomorrow. Sent \$2000. Canadian Bonds to my own address by U.S. Ex. Co - Nothing new about Election. Writing letters to Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 November 28- December 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>We left Seattle this morning at 9:45 over the Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul Ry. for Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Sulzer left yesterday for the same place.</p> <p>Across Wash. State</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Across Montana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>Across South Dakota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Dec 1.-</p> <p>We arrived in Chicago at noon and had lunch at</p>

	<p>Congress Hotel; wandered around the streets for air; attended a bum movie show, & left City at 5;30 on the Penn. Ry. for Washington.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 2-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Dec. 2-</p> <p>Arrived in Wash. D.C. at 5 p.m. and went to Congress Hall Hotel. Our room was reserved for us and we were delighted to find ourselves back in the old home hotel - Debbie is very fond of this hotel for many of her friends are here & the life here is comfortable - our room & board costs us \$210. per month!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd-</p> <p>I called on Judge Wilson, of La. Chairman Elections Com. No . having my case - <u>he tells me he will file his final report today or tomorrow</u> Meeting many friends and hope I win out!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p><u>Judge Wilson, Ch. Com. Elections filed the unanimous Report of the committee in the Alaska Contest Case today: I have read it and find it quite satisfactory: the Com. finds in my favor on both the points</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. Find that Judge Jennings was wrong in throwing out the 6 precincts, and</u> <u>2. Find the soldier votes at Ft. Gibbon Fairbanks & Eagle were illegal and cast them out.</u> <p><u>The report is full and complete and is well written: it gives me an increased majority: the canvassing board gave me 31 votes over Sulzer, on the face of the Returns, which</u></p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><u>the Report affirms, and then credits me with 16 more on account of soldiers illegal vote - thus making my majority over Sulzer 47!</u></p> <p><u>Received a telegram from John B. Marshall, Juneau, saying that at present my plurality over Sulzer on the whole is 31 - what do you think of that? It looks like a repetition of 2 years ago.</u></p> <p><u>"Unga gives you plurality eight reducing Sulzers plurality third division to 99 only Bristol Bay precincts and Kenai unreported Third. No change Fourth. Empire admits Sulzers plurality first 69. Dime gave Sulzer 26 plurality. Your plurality in Territory</u></p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 4-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><u>thirty one. Empire persistently denies Bethel returns.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>John B. Marshall.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Dec. 5th -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS AND COMMITTEES IN BRIEF HOUSE</p> <p>Met at noon and adjourned at 4:10 p.m. until noon today.</p> <p>Opposition of Republican representatives to a bill</p>

	<p>establishing a sanitarium for soldiers at Dawson Springs, Ky., at a cost of \$1,850,000 caused tentative adoption of an amendment locating the institution at Amarillo, Tex. The fight will be resumed today, with Republicans seeking to kill the measure.</p> <p>James Wickersham (Republican) was elected Alaskan delegate in 1916 by a plurality of 47 votes over Charles A. Sulzer (Democrat), the House elections committee formally reported in deciding the election contest. Mr. Sulzer obtained a certificate of election after court litigation in 1917 and since has occupied the seat.</p> <p>James W- (rep-) was elected Alaskan delegate in 1916 by a plurality of 47 votes over Charles A. Sulzer (Democrat), the House elections committee formally reported in deciding the election contest. Mr. Sulzer obtained a certificate of election after court litigation in 1917 and since has occupied the seat.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Wednesday, <i>December 4, 1918.</i></p> <p>The House met at 12 o'clock noon. The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.</p> <p>LEAVE OF ABSENCE.</p> <p>Mr. CAMPBELL of Kansas, by unanimous consent, was granted leave of absence for one week, on account of illness.</p> <p>CONTESTED ELECTION CASE-WICKERSHAM AGAINST SULZER.</p> <p>Mr. WILSON of Louisiana, from the Committee on Elections No. 1, presented a privileged report from said committee in the contested election case of Wickersham v. Sulzer, which was ordered printed and to lie on the Speaker's table.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 5</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Have obtained printed copies of the report No. 839, 65th Cong. 3d. Sits. in Alaska Contest, and find that the com. found in my favor & recommended the expulsion of Sulzer & my admission. Called on Majority Leader Kitchin & Minority Leader Mann, also Judge Wilson & advised them of my presence & readiness to be sworn in as soon as the House acts on the Report. The Report is full and <u>correct</u> on all questions except that relating to Indians & Russians - there I do not think the Com. findings and law are clear or correct.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 6</p>	<p>-6th -</p> <p>No change in Contest Case in House. Am interviewing my friends & getting them advised. Recd. telegrams from Nome saying my opponents are seeking evidence to contest the Unalaska</p>

	<p>precinct: they must be scared! Debbie and I are settled in room 432 Congress Hall Hotel. Sulzers are across the street at "George Washington Inn". At our Hotel are Speaker & Dirs. Clark and half a hundred other members of the House and at least one Senator (Kirby) & his wife - Arkansas. It is a pleasant place - \$210. a month for us two board & lodging.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 7-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th – Sunday.</p> <p>Yesterday I consulted both Senators Jones & Poindexter, of Wash. about opposing the confirmations of Roth & Bunnell - for Dist. Atty & Dist. Judge, respectively at Fairbanks Dist. Today we are laying out the facts shown in the Record of the Alaska Contest Case to see if there is sufficient to justify a fight against them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th –</p> <p>Speaker Clark told me this morning that I would be settled today - but nothing was done. Sent a copy of the Committee's Report to Gov. Strong, now at Fremont Hotel, Los Angeles. It's a good well written Report & I wish it was adopted!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 9-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Am informed the House will consider the Report Contest Case on Thursday! I will advise my friends & get them there to sustain the Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Nothing new-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p>Judge Wilson, of Elections Com. told me today the Report would not be considered until next week. House is very busy - no time to talk over an Election Case. Sulzer is moving every string for postponement - and is succeeding. Hope it wont be long, for I am tired waiting.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th –</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM WON IN 1916 ELECTION House Committee Makes Re- port, Declaring Sulzer Has No Right to Seat</p> <p>By ASHMUN BROWN.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.-- In exactly the form and text I described in my dispatch of July 3 last,--the house committee on elections, by Chairman Wilson, today presented to the house its report unseating Charles A. Sulzer as delegate from Alaska and declaring James -- to have been lawfully elected delegate at the election of 1916. At the time I sent my dispatch in July it was the intention to present the report within a week, but</p>

that intention was changed at the instance of the Democratic party management in order not to place Mr. Sulzer, Democratic candidate for office in this year's election, in an unfavorable position in the campaign against Mr. Wickersham, Republican nominee. In fact, it was asserted in the Alaska campaign that the committee had not decided the case at all, which statement was untrue.

Each Draws Full Salary.

The only effect of the delay, beyond the political effect, has been to cause the government to pay full salary to two delegates from Alaska for the whole time. The procedure now will be for Chairman Wilson, of the elections committee, to call up the report in the house at his convenience. That it will be adopted goes without saying. Mr. Sulzer then will be deprived of his seat and Mr. Wickersham will take it for the remainder of the session. No doubt at that time he will get in touch with the sergeant-at-arms' office and draw his accumulated back pay and expenses, amounting in all to about \$15,000.

The report finds that Mr. Wickersham was elected in 1916 by a plurality of 47. Originally the canvassing board gave him only 31 plurality. Curiously, Mr. Wickersham received a telegram from Juneau today saying he was just 31 votes ahead in the count of the November election.

Offers Two Resolutions. {31}

The conclusions of the committee in its report follows:

"Mr. Wickersham had a plurality of the vote as returned and canvassed. There has been no serious dispute about this fact. A certificate of election which was about to issue to him upon the completion of the canvas was withheld and awarded to the contestee by the judge of a court, based upon a construction of law with which your committee cannot agree and which was not in keeping with precedents established by the house of representatives. For the reasons assigned, your committee recommends to the house the option of the following resolutions:

" '1. That Charles A. Sulzer was not elected delegate to the house of representatives for the territory of Alaska in this congress, and is not entitled to retain a seat therein.' "

" '2. That James Wickersham was duly elected delegate to the house of representatives from the territory of Alaska in this congress and is entitled to sit therein.' "

Nothing new about Contest Report. Since my friend Sulzer the Federal Bunch Begun it I intend to oppose the Confirmation of Roth & Bunnell - wont do any good - but will do it anyway!

<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Hon. Merrill Moores, M.C. member of Elections Com. Rep- leader - tells me this morning that Judge Wilson Chairman, says Sulzer & his friends will make a fight on the floor of the House against the Report.</p> <p>Wilson is parceling the case out to members of the Com: He will take the soldier vote - Moores the Indian question etc. and he says the Com. will make a fight - strong & earnest - in defense of its Report. I shall go to work at once to get others to assist them & will put the briefs etc. in the hands of the members friendly to me.</p> <p>Working on charges etc. against Roth & Bunnell.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Hon. James Frawley, Nome, Alaska, came in to see me today. He and his wife are taking their honeymoon trip - its his first trip out of the Nome country in twenty years. He was elected Senator in the Terry. Legislature - which meets at Juneau in March. He is, also, a candidate for Dist. Atty. Nome but I am trying to persuade him to make a fight for Collector of Customs! He is a Democrat but fights the Sulzer crowd to the bitter end. He and his friends supported me for Delegate and opposed Sulzer, so it will mean that the Sulzer-Riggs-Troy crowd will oppose him.</p> <p>Of course that is good politics for me & my friends to aid Frawley.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Sulzer has sent out a letter to the Members of the House, with a copy of his Brief, so today I have had a letter of transmittal printed & pasted on front of my Reply Brief, and I will put a copy in the mail box of each Member Monday morning. A mutual friend today told me that Sulzer feels defeated in both the Contest & the present election.</p> <p><u>Sent copy of Charges and printed data against Confirmation of Roth and Bunnell to both Senator Jones & Senator Poindexter.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Have addressed letter (printed form) attached to copy of my Reply Brief addressed to each member of House in P.O. tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th - Monday.-</p> <p>Letters & Briefs - mailed to every Member House Reps. - today nothing new in contest case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Recd. telegrams from Alaska Soldiers in Camp Lewis, Wash. saying they are to be discharged but given only 3 1/2 cents per mile travel pay - which will not take them home. Went to see Adj. Genl. - suggested that if they could not be given more than 3 1/2 cents they be sent to a Military Post in Alaska and discharged there. Suggestion met friendly response - answer tomorrow.</p>

	<p>Saw Merrill Moores, M.C. from Ind. who is preparing to assist in my fight to sustain the Report.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM LEAD STILL INCREASING ----- {Dispatch Nov. 30}</p> <p>The lead of James Wickersham in the Delegate race is gradually increasing and will no doubt reach the same figures as two years ago 31 votes. All precincts except Kenai and Bristol Bay are now in for the Third Division, decreasing Sulzer's lead in that division to 99 votes. Unga, the last precinct to report, gave Wickersham 31 and Sulzer 23. Also good healthy Wickersham majorities were reported from Susitna, Chisana, which reduced the Sulzer vote very materially.</p> <p>In the Second Division Wickersham has a lead of 202 votes. Judge Holzheimer, correspondent of the Juneau Empire, wired out "this division as previously reported is 201 for Wickersham"</p> <p>Holzeimer also says "unofficial reports seeming to come from Nulato that Bethel went 29 Wick, Sulzer 3, seem to be out of proportion to all previous reports."</p> <p>At Valdez Thomas J. Donohoe is reported "up in the air." There is no daily paper at Valdez, and with no mail boats arriving, the "sage of Democracy" has depended upon estimates in wiring out the returns to the Empire and other papers.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, SEATTLE MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1918 TWICE-TOLD TIE NEW IN POLITICS Sulzer-Wickersham Repetition of Contest Is Without Precedent. RUNNING NECK AND NECK Fight for Congress Sure to Go Farther, No Matter Which Way Board Decides.</p> <p>A political situation exists in Alaska today unprecedented in the history of the United States.</p> <p>Two years ago Charles A. Sulzer and James Wickersham, running for congress, both claimed election, as there were but a few votes' difference between them, which resulted in a contest before the house of representatives. This year the same two men, again running for the same office, are</p>

	<p>once more so close that they are both claiming victory, with a great probability that the matter will again be settled in Washington. Never before in the history of congress have two men contested for the election twice in succession.</p> <p>In 1916 Mr. Wickersham claimed the election by thirty-one votes. Mr. Sulzer asserted that he had received a plurality of nineteen votes. The canvassing board at first announced its intention of giving the certificate of election to Mr. Wickersham, but after the case had been taken before the United States district court a writ of mandamus was issued, ordering the board to give Mr. Sulzer the certificate. This was done and then Mr. Wickersham started a contest.</p> <p>The committee of congress hearing the case has held that Mr. Wickersham was entitled to the seat that he was rightfully elected. A report to that effect was made to the whole house a few days ago and reports from Washington indicate the matter will be disposed of finally within a short time.</p> <p>This year Mr. Wickersham and his friends declare he has a majority of approximately forty votes, with a few precincts still to hear from.</p> <p>All agree that it will take the official count by the canvassing board to determine who is elected and tat there is a great probability that there will be a further contest, whichever way it is decided.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>of the Com. in contest case. He thinks the Report will be called up this week – otherwise it will go over till after the holidays.</p> <p>War Department today issued an Order that Alaskan soldiers at Camp Lewis be discharged there if they wish, or be sent to any Army post in Alaska and discharged there - which is just what we want. War Dept. sent order by telegraph to Camp Lewis; Brown sent it to the Seattle Post-I-while I telegraphed it to Halstead and Dunham who are at Lewis. It seems to me to be just what our boys want and to set a good precedent for all future case from Alaska!</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 18-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contest Case postponed till Jany 4!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Damn it!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>John E. Ballaine, of Seattle is here starting another fight against Sec. Lane's mismanagement of the Government Ry. in Alaska. He has talked to me, - I sympathize with his views but will not do anything publicly until I am seated - until Jany 4!</p> <p>In the meantime I will prepare a letter to Lane giving him my view of his failure - it will probably result in a row and an investigation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-21-</p> <p>Working in office - much correspondence about</p>

	discharging Alaska soldiers - many trips to War Dept. about same.
Diary 30, 1918 December 22	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MALADY SWEEPS ESXIMOS. Nearly 1,000 dead on Seward Peninsula from Influenza.</p> <p>NOME, Alaska, Dec. 20.- Estimates compiled by the health authorities and relief workers of the Bureau of Education here place the mortality among the Eskimo population of Seward Peninsula, due to pneumonia resulting from Spanish influenza, at nearly 1,000.</p> <p>In the outlying sections of the peninsula the disease continues to take an appalling toll of life among the natives, the adult population of some half dozen villages in the Nome vicinity having been wiped out.</p> <p>Cape Prince of Wales Village, the second largest in this district, reports about 25 adults and 100 children left of an Eskimo population formerly numbering approximately 300.</p> <p>Although held in check immediately north of Nome by rigid quarantine regulations, the influenza epidemic is <u>spreading rapidly</u> along the entire northern coast.</p> <p>The influenza is about to destroy the natives of Alaska - It is world wide also - estimated that 6,000,000 people have died from its ravages within a year! They are dying even here in Washington - a dozen or more daily, and in equal proportion over the U.S. It seems to be a malady similar to the "black death" - a "<u>pneumonic plague</u>"</p> <p>While Congress has not adjourned the members are going home for the holidays - things here are quiet - but Wilson is keeping the old world stirred up with his presence there & his ideas of world wide peace and disarmament.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 December 23-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Nothing new - just working.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Congress Passed a joint Resolution No. 372, H.J. to extend the time for complying with the Resolution of Oct. 5, 1917 about assessments on mining claims. It does no harm - and no good. Sulzer has also introduced a Joint Reso. for appointment of a Joint Committee to consider Alaska legislation etc. An attempt to muddle things, I fear, and to postpone action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Darrell came down from New York & spent the day with us - a very happy day.</p>
Diary 30, 1918 December 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>[Clipping]</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM BEAT SULZER HADLEY VOTE</p> <p>KETCHIKAN, Dec. 5. - The official vote for delegate at Hadley was: Wickersham 6, Sulzer 4.</p> <p>This message today from the Weekly Pioneer to the Dispatch settles the question of how Hadley voted at the delegate election, and cuts Sulzer's lead in the first division to less than 70 votes. It increases Wickershams plurality in the Territory to 31 votes, which is the plurality the Dispatch has for over a week been claiming for W- on the official count.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA MEN NEED NOT BORROW FARE Government Will Send Those at Camp Lewis Desiring It to Posts Near Home.</p> <p>Special to The Post-Intelligencer.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Alaska's draft contingent at Camp Lewis, now about to be discharged, will be able to get home without borrowing money, because of the activity of Delegate Wickersham in their behalf. Seventy-seven of them joined in a telegram to him saying that the government proposed to discharge them now, paying them only 3-1/2 cents a mile to their homes, an entirely inadequate sum. Mr. Wickersham took the matter up with the war department, which today telegraphed to the Camp Lewis commander as follows:</p> <p>"Discharge at once enlisted men drafted from Alaska as hereinafter provided who are eligible for discharge under general instructions of this office. Discharge at Camp Lewis all of above men who desire discharge to army posts in Alaska nearest their respective homes those of above men who desire discharge as above provided. Later will be discharged in spring, when transportation is available to all points in Alaska."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Judge Frawley, of Nome, tells me that he has just had a talk with the Treasury Dept. and is informed that Gov. Riggs, Grigsby & Sulzer have unitedly urged the appointment of Troy for Col. of Customs - but there is doubt if it will be done - that it will not be done before the Pres. returns home from Europe, etc.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>This is Sulzer's day in the Election. Returns as follows:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SULZER MAKES GAIN.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Gets 21 to 2 for Wickersham in Two Precincts.</p> <p>Special to the Associated Press. JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 20.-- The November 5 election returns just received from the precincts of Iliamna and Chisana, in the Third division, giving Charles A. Sulzer, Democratic candidate for territorial delegate to congress, 21 votes, and James Wickersham, Republican, two, increase Sulzer's lead in the territory to 40 votes, according to unofficial compilations here.</p> <p>Precincts still unreported in the Third division are Kenai, Ninilchik, Chignik, Sanak, Choggiung, Nushagak and Naknek. In the 1916 election these precincts gave Sulzer 54 and Wickersham 63.</p> <p>While these figures are from the "Empire" still they are "mighty near" according to those of my own friends and I dont like their look!</p> <p>Frawley in again & I sent Dan Sutherland, Juneau, telegram saying, <u>Have some square Democrat forward Secretary Treasury charges against Troy promptly. Mail Chatham country record and also charge factional fight against other Democrats with newspaper. Will have powerful influence. Make it strong after Troy style. My case will come before House January third: Wickersham.</u>"</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 28-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Frawley & I went to the War Dept. and interviewed Chief Engineers office about the Nome Harbor improvements. We think we got an arrangement by which the work at Nome will begin this spring. I sent a telegram to Polet, Sec. Nome Cham. of Commerce about matter, and wrote a letter to Jas. P. Daly, Seattle (from Nome) to go to the District office there and urge action from that point.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Sunday – nothing doing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday- except office routine & writing a mean letter to Sec. Lane, showing him his delinquencies in failure etc. to build the Alaska Ry. as well as I would have done it.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 30-31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Daily Alaska {Dec}. Dispatch, {17th} ED. C. RUSSELL, Publisher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONCEDES ELECTION</p> <p>Thomas J. Donohoe, Democratic national committeeman, wired A.A. Shonbeck, of Anchorage, confirming the election of Delegate</p>

	<p>Wickersham. Donohoe conceded Wickershams election by 22 votes.</p> <p>This sounds good, but – “fishy” - I do not believe anything that Donohoe says. -31st -</p> <p>Telegram from young Slippern from Camp Dodge, Iowa, asking me to use my efforts to get the Alaska boys there released & sent home, etc. Went down to the War Dept. and saw Genl. Anderson, in charge of that branch of the service - he demurred but finally agreed to send out a telegram to Commander at Camp Dodge & see if it cannot be done - I will follow up on next Thursday etc.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1918 December 31- January 1, 1919</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>I have a letter from Marshall at Juneau this evening he writes very discouragingly and says that he thinks Sulzer is elected - his friends claim about 40 - Marshall thinks it is only about a dozen.</p> <p>Jack Underwood, Seattle Times came in tonight - says he is here to reorganize the news service - but <u>that</u> may not be it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan 1, 1919.</u></p> <p>Debbie and I called on Senator & Mrs. Wesley L. Jones, State of Washington, at their residence at the Cairo - New Years call - and also at reception of Speaker & Mrs. Champ Clarke at the Congress Hall Hotel, where we live.</p>
<p>Diary 30, 1919 January 2-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>Working in office & waiting for Contest Case tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jan 3rd</p> <p>Contest Case in House today. Chairman Wilson, La. called it up offered Reso. unseating Sulzer & spoke an hour in favor of Report. Rose (Rep) of Penn. supported Report, 15 min. Sulzer then obtained floor & no limit of debate & spoke till time adjournment. He made a strong statement & gained support. Wild charges against Com. & everybody else - making hard fight.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">House</p> <p>Met at noon and adjourned at 5:40 pm. until noon today.</p> <p>Alaskan delegate Sulzer (Democrat), speaking on the floor during consideration of a committee report holding that he is not entitled to his seat in Congress because the 1917 election was won by James Wickersham (Republican), argued that he was legally elected, criticized the committee report and denounced his opponent. Final action on the report is expected today.</p>