

	[cover]  <p style="text-align:center"><u>Diary of</u> <u>James Wickersham</u> <u>March 4, 1917</u> <u>- To -</u> <u>October 7, 1917</u></p>
	[Inside front cover - CARD] INAUGURATION MARCH FIFTH CEREMONIES - 1917 - THIS WILL ADMIT BEARER TO THE SENATE WING OF THE CAPITOL, AND TO THE WEST GALLERIES, RESERVED FOR THE FAMILIES AND GUESTS OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALSO TO THE EAST FRONT THROUGH THE ROTUNDA.
	<u>64<sup>th</sup> Cong. some results.</u> Alaska: Alcoholic liquor, to prohibit sale or manufacture of, in. (H.R. 20361; Mr. Wickersham. Tabled Feb. 2, 1917. S. 7963 passed in lieu. Public law No. 308.) For the protection of the fisheries of (H.R. 17499; Mr. Alexander) Union 360 Homestead law, to amend, in its application to. (H.R. 228; Mr. Wickersham. Public law No. 146.) Juneau, authorizing issuance of bonds by, for school purposes. (S 6839 Public law No. 265.) Mt. McKinley National Park, to establish in. (S. 5716. Passed House Feb. 19, 1917.) Providing for nonmineral entry of certain lands in (S. 1064) Union 355 Schools in, authorizing the legislature to establish, etc. (H.R. 21020; Mr. Wickersham. Tabled Mar. 2, 1917. S. 8317 passed in lieu.)
Diary 28, 1917 March 5, 1917	Monday, March 5, 1917. We have been having bad rainy weather, but the clouds began to clear away this morning and when Woodrow Wilson mounted the rostrum in the center of the grand stand east of the east door of the Capital at noon the sun shone, the band's played & the people applauded as Chief Justice White administered the oath of office at his second inaugural. There is a great crowd & a fine parade.

	5 Notwithstanding the sunshine a keen westerly wind flew & many people will catch colds from the biting blasts. Debbie & some of the Congress Hall Hotel ladies secured seats in a window on Penn. Ave. a& viewed the parade there, while I went with the House to the Senate & saw it reorganized & then led by the President & his cabinet, the members of the Supreme Court, the Senate, the members of the House yet in the city followed out the greatest East door of the Capital to the great wooden stadium where we heard & saw the inaugural ceremonies.
Diary 28, 1917 March 5	-5 <sup>th</sup> continued - It seems the Alaska Canvassing Board is having trouble over our recent election. From the Seattle P. I. of Feb. 27 I copy the following:  [clipping] <p style="text-align:center">ELECTION RULING FAVORS SULZER Attorney General's Opinion Throws Out Several Alaska Precincts. RESULTS STILL IN DOUBT. Canvassing Board Will Review Legal Finding Before Annou- cing Its Decision.</p> By Cable to The Post Intelligencer. JUNEAU, Feb. 28.-Attorney General Grigsby this afternoon filed an opinion with Gov. Strong, Surveyor General Charles E. Davidson and Collector of Customs John F. Pugh, constituting the canvassing board, affecting the contest over the election of delegate to congress, which opinion if followed will make Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat, the next delegate to congress, to succeed James Wickersham, the Independent Republican. The Attorney General holds that the Australian ballot law in Alaska is clearly mandatory and that only these precincts where the Australian official ballots were used or where proper certificates as to

	their non-use has been made can be counted. If the canvassing board follows the opinion it will result in the elimination of the pre
Diary 28, 1917 March 5	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>[clipping continued] cincts of Chogiug and Nushagak in the Third division and Bonniefield in the Fourth and would give the election to Senator Sulzer by a small plurality.</p> <p>The opinion also might eliminate the precincts of Deering and Utica in the second division, but those would only add to Sulzer's plurality.</p> <p>The position of the representative in the territorial legislature from the Second division, however, hangs on the acceptance or rejection of Utica's returns. If the returns were corrected to comply with the attorney general's ruling Philip Corrigan would be certified as representative, but if certain necessary certificates do not reach the canvassing board by tomorrow it is expected Thomas M. Reed will be declared elected. The opinion also affects certain votes in the Third division which will decide the election between Thomas H. Holland, member of the last House, and Joseph Murray.</p> <p>After receiving the opinion from the attorney general the canvassing board adjourned until tomorrow afternoon to thoroughly weigh it before adjournment.</p> <p>Certificates of election were issued to the following named senators and representatives: Senators-John R. Heckman, First division; John Sunback, Second division; John Ronan, Third division; Dan Sutherland Fourth division. Representatives-William W. Casey, Monte Benson, Peter McCormack, First division; J.P. Daly, A.A. Allan, Nate Coombs, Second division; Frank B. Cannon, Thomas Price, Charles Day, Third division; W.T. Burns, L.C. Hess, Andrew Nerl, C.K. Snow, Fourth division.</p> <p>This, added to the telegrams received from Senator Dan Sutherland leads me to conclude that Grigsby and Jennings, judge, have now</p>

	undertaken to advise the Canvassing Board to steal the election - will that's better than if I had it to do!
Diary 28, 1917 March 6	<p style="text-align: center;">- March 6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>In fear that the Board will issue the certificate of election to Sulzer under mistake or coercion, I am now cleaning out the offices &amp; getting my affairs in shape to vacate if that situation is necessary. The P-I, reaching me today has this statement of Juneau work.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM TO STAY IN CONGRESS Canvassing Board Accepts Re- turns Alleged to Have Been Irregular. IGNORES LEGAL ADVICE. Defers Issuing Certificate to Give Sulzer Chance to Attack De- cision in Courts.</p> <p>Special Cable to the Post-Intelligencer. JUNEAU, March 1.- If not enjoined by the courts before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the election canvassing</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 6	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>board will at that time issue a certificate declaring James Wickersham reelected delegate from Alaska. It is highly improbable that any legal action will be taken.</p> <p>The canvassing board this afternoon decided to count all returns from all precincts, irrespective of irregularities that might be on the face of the returns, and to issue certificates of election to those receiving the highest number of votes.</p> <p>Gov. Strong and Surveyor General Charles E. Davidson voted for that course of procedure, and Collector of Customs John F. Pugh voted against it. By common agreement, however, postponement of issuing certificates was taken until tomorrow morning in order to give attorneys for Charles A. Sulzer and any other candidates who might wish to</p>

contest the decision time to apply to the courts for relief.

Wickersham Plurality Thirty-One

The decision of the board as it stands gives the election to Wickersham by Thirty-one plurality. It also gives Philip Corrigan, Democrat, the election as representative from the Second division, and Joseph Murray the election from the Third division.

In arriving at a decision the majority of the canvassing board disregarded the opinion rendered yesterday by Attorney General Grigsby, who held that the precincts of Utica, Chogiung, Nushagal and Bonnifield should not be counted. These precincts gave Wickersham fifty-one votes Sulzer eleven. With them omitted Sulzer would have had nine plurality.

In commenting on the decision, Gov. Strong said: "This board has been placed in a perplexing condition by reason of the fact that it is a partisan board. In speaking for myself and a majority of the board, I will say the question of party politics has not entered into our deliberations. We have been actuated solely by a desire to perform our duties in accordance with our oaths and expressed wishes of the people of the territory at the November election, and the majority of the board, after due and careful consideration, do not consider it our duty to enter into the legal aspects of the vote as cast at the last election. This is a ministerial body and not a judicial one, and if any representative or candidate is not satisfied with our action they have recourse to the courts, and have, in case of the delegate to congress, recourse to a higher court, the house of representatives of the congress.1

Sulzer on Way to Juneau.

Collector of Customs Pugh, who cast the dissenting vote, said he regarded the opinion of the attorney general sound and felt it his duty to follow the legal advice which the board had heretofore followed throughout its deliberations. Senator Sulzer is no en route here for r the opening of the legislature. He will arrive during the night, and at once decide what action he will take regarding the decision of the canvassing board.

<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- Mch 7 -</p> <p>Busy working on books, papers etc. in readiness to pack up if occasion commands it. In spite of my majority of 31 votes over him, as found by the Canvassing Board, Sulzer has started suit:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SULZER STARTS FIGHT ON WICKERSHAM'S ELECTION Prays Out Writ of Mandamus Against Territorial Canvassing Board, Attacking Returns.</p> <p>Special Cable to the Post Intelligencer. JUNEAU, March 2.— Charles A. Sulzer, Democratic candidate for delegate to congress, today started a fight against the issuance of a certificate of election to James W-, independent Republican and present territorial delegate. Judge Jennings, of the United States district court, issued an alternative writ of mandamus commanding the territorial canvassing board to refrain from counting the ballots from the precincts in which irregularities were changed and issue a certificate of election to Sulzer. The writ is returnable tomorrow afternoon.</p> <p>The complaint, which was filed by John R. Winn and John A. Hellenthal, charges that false, spurious and illegal votes were cast in the precincts mentioned and that no certificate accompanied such votes to explain why regular ballots were not used. In these precincts the returns gave Wickersham seventy-six votes and Sulzer twenty-one votes. The canvassing board gave the election to Wickersham by thirty-one plurality.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- Mch 8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>George and I are busy in office on correspondence, papers etc. The P-I this morning says:</p> <p>[clipping]</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SULZER'S CONTEST FOR DELEGATE GOES OVER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hearing at Juneau Adjourned Till Tuesday Because District Attorney is Disqualified as Counsel.</p> <p>Special Cable to the Post-Intelligencer.</p> <p>JUNEAU, March 3.-Hearing on the alternative writ of mandamus prayed out by Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat, defeated by decision of the board of canvassers to give the election of delegate to James Wickersham, independent Republican, now holding the territorial seat in congress, was put over till Tuesday today by Federal Judge Jennings.</p> <p>James A. Smiser, district attorney, who appeared as counsel for the board, announced that the attorney general at Washington, D.C., had advised him he was disqualified because of his position, and hearing was adjourned to permit the board to get counsel.</p> <p>Since a Democratic board of canvassers has decided the election in favor of Wickersham in the face of a ruling by the territorial attorney general, considerable feeling has arisen in the party against Gov. Strong and Surveyor General Davidson because it is held they could have avoided the present trouble by acting on A- G- Grigsby's opinion, which, if followed, would have resulted in Sulzer getting a certificate of election.</p> <p><u>Bully for the Governor &amp; Davidson.</u> Evidently they think better of themselves &amp; their party than to be parties to a</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>ballot box robbery. Grigsby, of course, will not hesitate -that is his, real and true idea of politics - its his idea of patriotism &amp; duty as Atty. Genl. of Alaska. Like Troy he thinks nothing of doing partisan politics — <u>but</u>, the Democratic organization will have much internecine trouble for the Governor &amp; others know that where a candidate has received a majority of the votes at a free and honest election, it is dangerous and a revolutionary act to attempt to throw out the votes</p>

	<p>&amp; to reverse the result! Then the Governor</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>&amp; Davidson are not of the Troy-Grigsby faction - they are honest &amp; inclined to stand up and do their full duty - Troy, Grigsby, Donohoe, Shackelford, &amp; his big interest employers are fighting Strong &amp; Davidson - there is a family quarrel on in the Democratic Party &amp; if their enemies in their own party can use this contest to defeat a renomination of Strong, for Governor, and Davidson for Sec. of the Ter. they will wish to do it - hence the personal element in the Democratic quarrel over me.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Nothing new from the Alaska contest. If anything is done I have asked Dan Sutherland to telegraph - in the meantime I am busy cleaning up the office &amp; preparing to pack.</p> <p>One thing: I have concluded that I must now make an earnest fight in defense of Sulzer's action (1) because being elected by the people it is my duty to do so, and (2) because it is my duty to support Governor Strong &amp; Sec. Davidson, who have incurred the ill will of many by doing their duty fearlessly according to law.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working on library &amp; letters.</p> <p>Nothing new from Juneau. The President has issued proclamation calling Congress in extra session on April 16th -</p> <p>Emily Ann Wellman (Mrs. Emily Dornberg, of Nome, &amp; who lodged at the Golden Gate Hotel in the winter of 1901-2 when I did, is playing at Keith's Theater, in Washington -all this week.</p> <p><u>Also</u>, Constance Reed, the daughter of Mr. &amp; Mrs. J.M. Reed, Jr. of Nome, and one of my friends there in the winter of 1901-2 is playing</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>(rather a minor part) in "Henry VIII." with Sir Beerbohm Pres. Co. at the New National Theater,</p>

	<p>all this week - I sent both ladies tickets to the grand stand on the 5<sup>th</sup> and they heard the President deliver his address. - though neither knew the other was in Washington.</p> <p>When I knew Constance in Nome she was only a long-legged awkward girl of 8 or 10 years of age - she loved dogs and drove them to Arctic sleds like a man - and swore at them on occasion like a trooper</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Sunday - worked in office all day - nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>At work as usual in office &amp; my opponents in Alaska:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLOCK TIES ALASKA SENATE Wickersham and Sulzer Fac- tions Battle for Control of Organization. MANDAMUS IS ARGUED. Demand of Sulzer That Illegal Votes Be Thrown Out Taken Under Advisement.</p> <p>Special Cable to the Post-Intelligencer. JUNEAU, Alaska, March 6.- The territorial senate is hopelessly deadlocked with the Wickersham contingent, desiring adjournment, fighting the open ballot and the roll call. Today's session was a fight for the presidency, Sulzer, Ronan, Aldrich and Sundback voting for Frank Aldrich of Nome, and Hubbard, Gaustad, Sutherland and Heckman voting for Hubbard, of Valdez. After the passage of a resolution expressing confidence in President Wilson and tendering him the support of all Alaskans, the senate adjourned until tomorrow noon.</p> <p>Democrats are prepared to fight the attempt of the Wickersham contingent to gain control of the senate</p>
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March 12	<p>[clipping continued]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">House Organizes.</p> <p>House representatives perfected a complete organization this afternoon, electing Luther C. Hess, Democrat, of Fairbanks, speaker; A.H. Ziegler, Democrat of Juneau, chief clerk; Thomas Williams, Democrat, of Juneau, sergeant-at-arms, and Millard Murane, a University of Washington sophomore and the son of National Republican Committeeman C.D. Murane, messenger.</p> <p>Respecting the memory of John Heid, representative-elect, who died early in February, the house adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sulzer Mandamus Argued.</p> <p>Arguments on an application of Charles A. Sulzer for a mandamus writ compelling the canvassing board to throw out illegal votes and issue a certificate of election to him were taken under advisement by Judge Jennings this afternoon. The canvassing board filed its answer admitting the facts alleged in the application for the writ. Court mandate points involved include whether the court has jurisdiction; whether mandamus as a remedy is available; also what constitutes a legal return. Sulzer asks that all precincts not having certificates should be ordered to show why official ballots should not be thrown out. Decision is expected within a few days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Democrats Control House.</p> <p>Isaac Sowerby, Democrat, is elected representative of the First division territorial legislature over John Reck, Republican, by 300 votes, with a few small precincts to hear from. He fills the place made vacant by the death of John G. Heid, a Democratic majority in the house of representatives is now assured.</p> <p>Chas. E. Herron, Ed. of the Anchorage Times, is in the City &amp; tells me that Tom Donohoe, the Democratic National Committeeman from Alaska is at the Raleigh Hotel &amp; that Shackelford the Alaskan Republican, "boss" is also there</p>
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March 12-13	<p>-&amp; they are engaged in a bi-partisan scheme to control the appointment of Governor &amp; Sec. of Territory in Alaska in the interest of the big corporations.</p> <p>Their scheme is to get one of their men in each office and so clear out all who may be friendly to me, as well as to secure those subservient to their masters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Herron telephoned me just before he left for New York today that he had a long talk with Donohoe last night at the Hotel &amp; that D- is loud in his abuse of Governor Strong &amp; Sec. Davidson,</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>calling them ugly names and especially damns them for being "Wickersham men." He declares he will fight them for reappointment and if he fails he will resign from his office as Demo. Nat'l. Committee man for Alaska and go home in disgust! Oh, Tommy, don't be rash! Later - Herron had a long talk this forenoon with Meyer, who has recently been appointed the head of the Alaska Railway work by Sec. Lane. Herron told Meyer about Donohue and Shackelford - &amp; the threats</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>being made against Gov Strong &amp; Sec. Davidson. Mayer said both would be reappointed and that Donohoe's opposition would not avail him anything. Some time ago when Mrs. Hatcher was here she also talked to Secry. Lane about the same matter - Sec. Lane told her Strong would be appointed to succeed himself - so it comes from all quarters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>The Juneau papers came in today &amp; give a somewhat full account of the proceedings</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>before the Canvassing Board in my case. It seems both the Governor &amp; Sec. Davidson declined to</p>

	<p>follow Atty. Genl. Grigsby's written opinion on the law, and throw out enough precincts to give the certificate to Sulzer, and both of them made public statements giving the reasons for their action. Their courage is creditable and binds me to fight to sustain them in case Judge Jennings shall issue a mandamus to compel them to act in accordance with Grigsby's views.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Working in office - nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Working in office - same as usual. Geo. E. Baldwin, "Copper River Gorge," was in to talk over wagon road up McCarthy Creek to the "Mother Lode Mines," for Jim Godfrey. When I used to see Godfrey in Valdes he was a poor prospector - he is now a wealthy New York mining promoter - the real thing! Telegram from Senator Gaustad at Juneau this morning, - says the Certificate of Election is not issued - that Rustgard has filed a brief for the Canvassing Board -</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Finishing up correspondence and studying up on Election Contests - if the court compels the Alaska Canvassing Board to give Sulzer the election certificate I will institute a suit in contest before the House of Representatives - &amp; I am learning how to do it. Wood, of Iowa, the Ch. of the Rep. Cong. Com. thinks that Judge Jennings will decide in my favor - &amp; he probably would if only the law applicable to the case is considered, but Jennings is a bitter partisan - &amp; hates me for defeating him four years ago.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>I have received many letters of appreciation for the success of our battle to create a National Park around Mt McKinley, and among them one from the Camp Fire Club of New York &amp; the following engrossed Resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>"Resolution"</u></p>

	<p><u>At a meeting of the executive committee of the Boone &amp; Crockett Club, held at the residence of the President, Major Austin Wadsworth, Feb- 22, 1917, it was unanimously resolved, that the Boone and Crockett Club expresses its cordial appreciation of the services of</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p><u>the Hon James Wickersham in presenting to Congress the Bill to establish the Mt McKinley National Park in Alaska, and in urging it forward to favorable consideration. This act of statesmanship shows a vision which reaches far beyond the present moment. It looks forward to the material development of Alaska: to the conservation of its magnificent game, and to making accessible its marvelous scenery. It is peculiarly fitting that Mr. Wickersham, who was the first man to attempt to climb Mt. McKinley.</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p><u>in 1903, should have introduced the bill which establishes on it which establishes a national park, and it is fitting also that the bill should bear his name.</u> <u>In a proposed history of the enactment of this legislation the club will take pleasure in especially pointing out Mr. Wickersham's interest and activities in this matter.</u> <u>The club ventures to hope that in time Mr. Wickersham will publish in detail the record of his arduous trip to the mountain in the summer of 1903.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>W. A. Wadsworth</u> President <u>Kermit Roosevelt</u> Secretary.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>The letters and resolutions of appreciation afford me real pleasure and give me hope that the public interest which they represent will maintain the Park and protect the big game within its boundaries. Mrs. W. &amp; I went out to pay our dinner call on Mr. &amp; Mrs. Charles Sheldon, this afternoon, and I took him my enlarged photograph of McKinley. It was</p>

	<p>taken by Jeffrey in 1903 from the glacial bars on the McKinley fork about 8 miles N.W. of the mountain.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>German submarines sank 3 U.S. ships yesterday - in the zone around England where our vessels had been warned by Germany not to go. There is little excitement about the matter - for such action seems to have been expected. Working in the office - nothing unusual, but I am getting ready to start west in a few days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Deposited \$10,000 in bonds in the Nat. Capital Bank - gave Mrs. W- the receipt &amp; keys - in case anything happens</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 20	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Read copy of Brief filed in case of Sulzer v The Canvassing Board - at Juneau. Following editorial from the Seattle P-I. just in:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE ALASKA ELECTION.</p> <p>Technical violations of the territorial election law have been regarded as excusable by the Alaska canvassing board, considering the handicaps of weather and pioneer life existing in remote precincts. The territory has been trying for more than three months to decide who was elected delegate to congress at the November election, and the canvassing board has only recently decided that James Wickersham received a plurality of thirty-one votes over Charles A. Sulzer.</p> <p>There were important irregularities in the returns from three precincts in which sample and unofficial ballots were used, without explanation being made by the local election officers. Attorney G- Grigsby advised that the votes of these precincts were illegal, and if his advice had been followed by the canvassing board Mr. Sulzer would have been declared elected by a small plurality.</p> <p>Gov. Strong, chairman of the canvassing board, in declaring the returns in favor of Delegate</p>

	<p>Wickersham, said:          "I know something about this territory, I know the conditions that obtain in its remotest precincts. During my twenty years' residence in Alaska I have lived in two such precincts. I know the handicaps that are before our people living in such places, where the means of transportation are extremely limited, and I conceive it to be at least my duty to take the most liberal view of these conditions, to the end that the people of those precincts should not be deprived of their privilege of expressing their choice for members of the legislature and delegate to congress, by their vote.          I do not believe it to be the province of this board to pass upon the legal questions which may be involved, and after much thought I have taken this step."          The disputed precincts are remote from civilization, so remote that it was three months before the returns reached Juneau. It is a questions whether the technicalities of law, rather than the intent of the voters, should be regarded in precincts so handicapped. The courts may, of course, reverse the findings of the canvassing board. W-'s total vote was 6,490; Sulzer's vote was 6,459. Prohibition carried by a majority of 4,237 votes; for prohibition, 9,052; against prohibition 4,815, a remarkable reversal of public opinion from the conflictions of a few years ago.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>The Alaska Senate is having a squabble over organizing - they are divided 4 - 4- and the following clipping shows how they are endeavoring to get together</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA SENATE A          GREES TO DRAW          LOTS FOR JOBS          In Caucus Three Hours as          Crowd Waits and Dead-          lock on How to          Deal Cards.</p>

	<p>Special Cable to the Post-Intelligencer. JUNEAU, March 13.— Senator Frank A. Aldrich, Democrat, of Nome, one of the candidates for the presidency of the territorial senate, at the beginning of today's session, swept opposition senators off their feet by suggesting that the senate deadlock by broken by drawing lots for every office from president down.          "For the sake of the territory's greater good we will sacrifice every political right and advantage and take an Alaskan's sporting chance on organization," he said. 'We must get organized. The people of Alaska demand it and we owe it to them.          Senators Sutherland and Gaustad raised the point that it would lower the dignity of the presidential office if lots were drawn for it. Senator Aldrich contended that it was the only way</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 20-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>[clipping continued]          out of the deadlock. The opposition wouldn't agree to anything else unless it carried a slate.          "My plan does away with all slates in the organization," Aldrich said.          An amendment was passed at the suggestion of Senator Sutherland providing for the elimination of Alfred Maltby and William Eddy, rival candidate, over whom the real issue is supposed to have been, but it was reconsidered when the senators found that Sutherland intended that both men were to be eliminated from candidacy for every office in the senate's gift.          A resolution providing for drawing lots for all offices finally passed. It was seconded by Senator Sulzer. The senate then agreed to caucus one hour in order to determine the method of drawing lots for offices. At the time set for convening, 3 o'clock this afternoon, a crowd gathered to witness the novel proceeding until several hundred people thronged the corridors of the Goldstein building.          Senators were unable to agree upon a method of drawing and adjourned until tomorrow, after they</p>

	<p>had kept the crowd waiting three hours in the foyer. During the discussion on the resolution Senator Sutherland launched an attack upon Senator Sulzer, declaring he had no right to participate in the senate organization because he probably would represent Alaska in the national congress. Sulzer, replying, said he did not care to air any political grievances upon the floor of the senate. President Pro Tempore Heckman called both senators to order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-March 21<sup>st</sup>-</p> <p>The President has, today, issued another call for an Extra Session of Congress, on act. of German threats - fixing the date of the meeting for April 2nd, instead of 16th!</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Well, the expected has happened: [clipping]</p> <p>C.A. SULZER DEFEATS WICKERSHAM. JUNEAU, Alaska, March 21.- Charles A. Sulzer, democrat, and brother of former Gov. William Sulzer of New York, was elected delegate to Congress from Alaska last November by a Majority of nineteen votes, according to a decision by United States Judge Robert W. Jennings. The canvassing board had declared James Wickersham, independent republican, elected, but an appeal was taken to the federal court. Wickersham has served four terms as delegate from Alaska.</p> <p>[telegram:] <u>Juneau, Alaska, Mch. 20, 1917</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham, M.C. Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Jennings today in frankly partisan opinion decided in favor of Sulzer and mandamus may issue.</u> <u>Tremendous political pressure exerted upon Board by entire democratic machine. You owe it to Board and your friends to make contest in House. You were elected fairly ample majority. Unless you fight for rights in Washington it may prove the undoing of Board and your friends. Remain where you are until you receive mail. Immediately</u></p>

	<p><u>following decision Legislature passed memorial endorsing</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>[telegram continued:] <u>Governor Strong reappointment - Sulzer only dissenting.</u> <u>Hubbard, Nerland,</u> <u>Gaustad, Day,</u> <u>Rustgard, Sutherland,</u> <u>Valentine.</u></p> <p>Good for the Legislature! Also recd, the following telegrams from Fairbanks. <u>Fairbanks, Alaska, March 20, 1917</u> <u>James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Juneau brigands report Sulzer your successor.</u> <u>Old guard of the Fourth say you are there to stay:</u> <u>we expected nothing better from the Juneau highbinders. Can we be of service let us know.</u> <u>We expect you to fight this holdup to a finish.</u> <u>Frank B. Mcdonald</u> <u>Dan Driscoll</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>And from Henry T. Ray — <u>Fairbanks, Alaska, Mar 20, 1917</u> <u>James Wickersham, Delegate Als, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Your friends urge take election matter up in House offer assistance financially and otherwise. Vault [Creek] precinct returns in clerks office here, correct in every particular. I notified canvassing Board and entered protest in February. Have you looked into legality soldiers vote. No question this vote result activity certain officials easy proof. Cast almost solid against you. Old bunch loyal as ever send greeting.</u> <u>Henry T. Ray.</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>I replied to Sutherland, Juneau, asking if Vault creek returns had not been counted and why - and asking them to get Governor Strong and Secretary Davidson to make a finding of facts showing total vote and that precincts omitted were so omitted on</p>

	<p>courts order - Ray asking particulars about Vault Creek returns - think he must certainly be mistaken.</p> <p><u>I intend, of course, to fight this barefaced steal to the end as hard as I can - both for the people of Alaska and for the Governor &amp; Secretary!</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Mar 22, 1917 [clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Washington Post: Thursday, March 22, 1917 VIEWS OF WORLD TRAVELERS MET IN CAPITAL HOTEL LOBBIES</p> <p>It will, of course, make no difference in the vote, on the speakership, but the Republicans are probably going to lose one of the present accredited membership of the next Congress. The reports from Alaska are that Delegate Wickersham, who was given a certificate of election, will after all not take his seat.</p> <p>The district court of Alaska has decided that Charles A. Sulzer, a brother of former Gov. William Sulzer, of New York, on the face of the returns was elected by a majority of nineteen votes. T.J. Donohue, Democratic national committeeman for Alaska, who is at the Willard, received a telegram from Mr. Sulzer yesterday, in which it was stated that the latter would be here in time to be sworn in at the opening of the session a week from Monday.</p> <p>"I do not apprehend that there will be any serious contest over the seating of Mr. Sulzer," said Mr. Donohue, "but if Mr. Wickersham makes a contest we are prepared to furnish enough evidence to convince any committee that Mr. Sulzer was fairly elected. To start with, the Democrats claimed the election of Sulzer, but a Democratic canvassing board composed of Gov. Strong, Surveyor General Davidson's and Collector of the Port Pugh, in defiance of all precedent and an opinion of the attorney general, gave a certificate of election to Wickersham. We appealed to the district court and the other day a decision -was handed down rejecting the votes of six precincts - Keggiung,</p>

	<p>Nushagak, Bonnifield, Deering, Utica and Vault - on the ground that they had not a sufficient number of votes under the Australian ballot system to entitle them to recognition. This was according to precedent, and was also justified because the ballots returned were typewritten and irregular. "Mr. Sulzer is 39 years old and went from New York to Alaska fifteen years ago, right after graduation. He has made good there."</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- Mch. 23<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>Went down and had a half hours talk with Secretary Lane, about appointments, (especially that for Governor) in Alaska, I did all the talking - he just looked at me - as George Baldwin says "like a bull at a bastard calf" - and said nothing. Evidently he is being strongly urged by Donohoe &amp; the Shackelford crowd to do things he ought not - yet I am not ready to believe they can get him to make such appts. as Griffin for Governor! I protested especially against Griffin.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-24<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Chas. E. Herron, Ed. Anchorage Times, here today. We have had a talk with Judge Park, of Georgia, about Donohoe &amp; his efforts to remove U.S. Dist. Atty. Spence, of Valdes, Park will take matter up next week on his return from Ga.</p> <p>I telegraphed Dan Sutherland asking about issuance of Certificate of Election to Sulzer - we have not heard anything this week &amp; I am anxious to know what is doing. In case it issues I will go to work to packing &amp; sending my books etc. west, &amp; start my Contest!</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 March 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Received the following telegram from Senator Sutherland:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juneau, Alaska, Mar. 24, 1917 James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska. Wash, D.C. <u>Certificate to Sulzer issued and dated today. Writ prohibited Board from inserting in certificate that it was issued pursuant to order of court. Committee on contest should immediately</u></p>

	<p><u>subpoena Davidson and Shorthill to produce records. Clerk of court Valdes can show ballots were in September mail. Postoffice department can show that September, October, November</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 25	<p>25 <u>not forwarded to Bristol Bay until January. If Jennings ruling were applied to all returns you would be one thousand votes ahead of Sulzer. Rustgard sending certified copies as fast as obtainable.</u> Dan Sutherland. Evidently the Governor &amp; Secretary of the Territory stood fast for honest elections and a fair count of the returns, but Judge Jennings stood for Democratic party in Alaska - the only way they could beat me was to count me out &amp; Jennings did it.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 26-28	<p>-26<sup>th</sup> – Getting office in shape - nothing new. -27<sup>th</sup> – Same as yesterday and studying up the election law. We have begun to pack our quota of public documents into mail bags &amp; I will ship them to Fairbanks. It is a lot of stuff that is not valuable but it comes in handy in a new country. -28<sup>th</sup> - Same as yesterday - nothing new. Have not yet received any part of the record from Juneau, but Waiting for it impatiently. Getting pub. doc's out of office.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 29-30	<p>-29<sup>th</sup> – Nothing new – same as yesterday. March 30, 1917 <u>Fifty years ago today the treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the United States was signed in Washington by Seward &amp; Stoekcl.</u> Have just received a letter from Dan Sutherland from Juneau. He says there is a bitter fight on between the Jennings-Troy faction and Governor Strong, Sec. Davidson &amp; their friends. It did not arise over my election canvass but that has greatly</p>

	<p>exaggerated it.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 March 31	<p>Mch. 31. We are packing many of our pub. docs, in mail bags for storage &amp; moving all the remainder into Room 167, my south room, since I cannot retain two rooms without a certificate of election which Sulzer has now obtained thanks to Jennings writ of peremptory mandamus to the Canvassing Board. It seems hat Valentine filed a set of objections before the Canvassing Board - against counting other precincts but Jennings would not consider them. No copies of court or other official papers received yet.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 1-2	<p>-April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, but am working out the problem of how to get my contest against Sulzer in proper form. -April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Same as yesterday - Congress met today in Special Session. A division in Republican ranks. Champ Clark &amp; full Democratic officers elected - I think the Republicans are better off not to have the burden or organization the House, since both the President &amp; Senate are Democratic. <u>President Wilson delivered his war message tonight, 8:30 p.m.</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 3-4	<p>-April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Charles A. Sulzer, Delegate from Alaska reached the Capital today &amp; was sworn in &amp; took his seat.  [clipping] SWEARING IN OF A DELEGATE ELECT. Mr. RAKER. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Charles C. Sulzer, Delegate elect from Alaska, is present and desires to take the oath of office. The SPEAKER. The Chair has the credentials of Mr. SULZER and they are regular in form. They are signed by the governor, the surveyor general, and the collector of customs, who seem to constitute the canvassing board. Hon. Charles C. SULZER, Delegate elect from Alaska, appeared before the bar of the House and</p>

	<p>took the oath of office.</p> <p>Working industriously in preparation of my Notice &amp; Petition of Contest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">April 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p>[clipping] Mr. SULZER. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to have the Journal and RECORD corrected. On page 57 of the Record my name is given as "CHARLES C." It should be "CHARLES A." The SPEAKER. Without objection, the correction will be made both in the Record and in the Journal. There was no objection.</p> <p>We will probably have a bill tomorrow for "<u>full territorial form of Government.</u>" <u>Senate passed act declaring War</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 4-6	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><u>Against Germany last night. House will pass it today.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p><u>The House passed the bill declaring War on Germany this morning at 3 o'clock - &amp; the President has signed it &amp; we are at war with Germany!</u> Have prepared my Notice of Contest &amp; Petition &amp; submitted it to Merrill Morris &amp; other for criticism etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Same work as yesterday on Notice Contest &amp; Petition -its a long technical paper &amp; troublesome. - but I hope it will oust Mr. Sulzer.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 7	<p style="text-align: center;">-7<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Have finished preparation of my Notice of Contest &amp; Petition &amp; have copy in hands of Hon Merrill Moores, of Ind. &amp; Judge Houston of Tenn. to pass on general plan - will file it Monday - I have today received the final certified copy of the <u>Minutes Of The Board Of Canvassers - Juneau - Gov. Strong, Sur-Genl. Davidson Collector</u></p>

	<p>Customs Pugh, which canvassed &amp; compiled the returns of the elections of Nov. 7, 1916 for Delegate to Congress etc. Also now have certified copy Court Records.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>These records have been made up &amp; sent to me by my friends at Juneau &amp; Gov. Strong &amp; Sur. Genl. Davidson seem to have given them very sympathetic assistance!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Recd telegram today as follows <u>Fairbanks, Alaska, April 7, 1917</u> <u>James Wickersham, House Office Bldg.</u> <u>Wash, D.C. Anxious to know what you are doing about contesting delegateship are ready and willing assist any manner deemed expedient to help right wrong done Alaska citizens and you by men who placed politics above honor and fair play answer collect.</u> <u>Mcphee, Driscoll, Dunham, Smith, Kenyon, Bishoprick, Wiseman, Pratt.</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 8	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>I sent them the following answer: <u>Washington D. C. April 8, 1917</u> <u>William H. Mcphee, Fairbanks, Alaska.</u> <u>Am doing exactly what you boys want done fighting like hell and promise you never quit till receiver stolen goods is thrown out of Congress. Will file contest papers tomorrow with certainty success.</u> <u>Honest congressmen favor fair elections and honest court of ballots -so dont worry.</u> <u>James Wickersham.</u> Sunday. Judge Park, congressman from Georgia, spent two hours in my office discussing &amp; going over</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>contest papers with me - &amp; he promises me vigorous assistance. Sulzer and his bunch are fighting Dist. Atty. Spence, of Valdes who is Parks friend - hence his interest - though he is also my friend.</p>

	<p>John Barrack, Pres. Samson Hd. Co. Fairbanks, called on us this (Sunday) evening &amp; spent an hour giving us the news about the Tanana. Conditions generally are good &amp; Debbie was much pleased to get the benefit of his conversation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working to get Notice of Contest and Petition ready for service. The</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>papers are technical and long, &amp; we have to make copies for service &amp; did not get them finished today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>We finished Notice &amp; Petition for contest vs. Sulzer, and made service on him this forenoon. George A. Jeffery went up to his room and made personal service on him. Judge Houston read my Notice &amp; Petition &amp; yesterday told me he approved them, &amp; today Mr. Merrill Moores, of Ind, who is an expert says they are "artistically drawn" -whatever he means by it. Anyway they are drawn and</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 10	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>served &amp; the case is begun. I am informed that Mr. James T. Lloyd, of Mo, for ten years a member of Congress &amp; a friend of Speaker Clark's, has been employed to represent Sulzer, as attorney. I signed my own papers in <u>Propria Persona</u>. Judge Parks, of Georgia, says he will ask leave to extend his remarks in the record and will then have my Notice &amp; Petition printed for the information of the House. If he does I can then get copies (by paying for them) and send them to the people of the Territory.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 11-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Judge Parks, of Ga. asked leave to extend his remarks etc. to include my Notice of Contest. Mr. Mann of Illinois objected</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Working on my brief in Contest case - studying the law of the case.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Same as yesterday - nothing new, except George saw 'Judge' Erwin U.S. Marshal in the H.O. Building today -evidently he had been to call on Sulzer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Just working –</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Sunday. Ira D. Orton, formerly from Nome, now prominent attorney at Seattle called &amp; visited with me an hour.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Just working on brief. We are all talking War these days and wondering why? Judge Houston informed me this evening that he had a letter from Mrs. Hatcher, at Juneau, saying that Gov. Strong's enemies were making war on him etc. He went up to see Sec. Lane today &amp; showed him the letter and urged Strongs reappointment. Lane seems to be in doubt, but Houston thinks he <u>will reappoint Strong?</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 17-18	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Working on Contest brief</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Judge Park, M.C. from Georgia, told me he had a long talk with Sec. Lane today and strongly denounced Judge Jennings &amp; his actions in deciding my case in Juneau without notice to me. Sulzer was waiting &amp; evidently there to do the same to Governor Strong. Jennings was reappointed District Judge for Alaska yesterday - <u>Parks asked Senator Overman to hold off confirmation.</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Working on brief - letters and telegrams from Alaska urging me to contest Sulzer vigorously &amp; I must do it - much against my personal inclination - for it will not do to give up when the people elected me - &amp; let a few corrupt scamps steal an election.</p>

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	Have just received a long letter from Rev S. Hall Young, containing extracts from a letter from Gov. Strong, who denounces his Democratic friends attempt to steal the election in hearty & most vigorous language.
Diary 28, 1917 April 20-21	20
	Have asked Judge Houston to write to Strong assurances of support. - Houston promised.
	-21-
	Recd telegram from Dan Sutherland asking me to hold up Jennings confirmation until Strong, Governor, can reach Washington in May. I doubt if I can do it but I'll try - Have appointment with Senator Poindexter (member Judiciary Com) for tomorrow to that end. "Judge" Erwin is here urging his candidacy for reappointment as U.S. Marshal, 4th Div. & walking from office to office knocking me & boosting Sulzer.
Diary 28, 1917 April 22-24	-22-
	Sent a telegram to Rev Jules Prevost former printer at St. James Mission, Alaska, where about 1894 he printed Indian books, and who now resides at Glenloch, Pa. asking if I may come & call on him on Tuesday. Recd, answer to come & I'll go!
	-23 <sup>rd</sup> -
	Working on my brief & will go tomorrow to Glenloch, Pa. so see Prevost & get information about early printing on the Yukon.
	-24-
	Off for Glenloch, Pa. and a visit with Rev. Jules Prevost.
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	Reached Phil, at one o'clock but the Glenloch train time was 2:30 so I explored for an hour and a half - an old book store, of course. Reached Glenloch on time and found Mrs. Prevost waiting for me. She reported Dr. Prevost sick in bed - nothing serious, the result of cold - She had with her Mr. Kate, a neighbor & the Misses Lockwood & Mrs. Riley, friends & neighbors. We

	drove to the Prevost home, the vicarage of his church, & I went up & paid my respects & condolences & they then insisted on rushing me off in Mr. Kates automobile - one
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24
	of the Misses Lockwood driving, to Valley Forge, across a beautiful country - W <sup>m</sup> Penns best lands - to Washington's Headquarters up the heights to the old fort, etc, & then to Washington Memorial & Museum Valley Forge. This is the product of the energy and patriotic devotion of Rev W. Herbert Bink, who wrote his autography in a copy of his monograph "The Valley Forge Guide" & presented it to me. We met Mifs Jeannette Richards of Washington, here with a party of friends. After visiting the Observatory on the summit of the highest part of the mountain & reaching its top - we returned to
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24
	Glenloch where Mr. Kate & the ladies left us and returned home. I had dinner with Mrs. Prevost, her mother, and the family, Dr. Prevost being unable to be at the table. After dinner I had my long wished for and really interesting talk with Dr. & Mrs. Prevost about the first printing press in interior Alaska. Dr. Prevost made a journey to Southeastern Alaska in 1890 for the Indian Rights Assoc. of Phil. He went to the Yukon in 1891 for the Episcopal Church & established the St James Mission. The printing press was sent to him by his
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	friends in 1892. He printed a few church songs (in Indian) on the press but these were gathered and printed in "Tennatla by Chilichu Christsun, Fort Adams: St- James Mission 1894." a copy of which he kindly gave me. He began the publication of the "Yukon Press" on this hand press, the first copy being dated Fort Adams, Alaska Jan. 1, 1894." He went over these papers with me carefully and gave me a file &

	assisted me in the preparation of the dates of the publications. My file does not include on No. which he is to send me.
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24 <u>Yukon Press</u> <u>Vol. 1, Fort Adams Alaska, Jan 1, 1894. No. 1.</u> The above is exact title of Vol. 1 No 1, and the entire file date is as follows, Vol 1, No 1 Jan 1, 1894 “ 1, “ 2 May 1, 1894 “ “ 3 June 1, 1895 “ 2, “ 1, Jany 1, 1896 “ “ “ 2, June - 1896 “ “ “ 3, April, 1897 “ 3 was type written & single issue “ 4 No 1, Jan 15, 1899 “ “ “ 2, Jan 21, 1899 “ “ “ 3, Jan 31, 1899 “ “ “ 4, Feb 15, 1899 “ 5, No 1, Feb 28, 1899
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24 Vol 5, No 2, March 17, 1899. “ 5 (Extra Edition) No. 3, March 22, 1899. “ 5, No. 4, April 1, 1899 “ “ “ 5, April 20, 1899 These are all the numbers ever printed, with the exception that Vol. 1, No 2, dated May 1, 1894 was reprinted in the States & I have both prints in my file. After the Dawson stampede the paper was discontinued at Circle - I forgot to say that Vols 1 & 2 were printed at Fort Adams, or St James Mission - about 8 miles below Tanana - below the mouth of the Tanana river on the north bank -
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24 while Vols 4 & 5, were printed in Circle City. A new head was prepared for the paper & used first on the issue of Vol. 2, No 1, Jany 1, 1896. It was prepared by Rev J. W. Chapman of Anvik, & a bull moose drawn on a scroll, hung on an arrow, with the words “Yukon Press” on either side makes

	the head. After Vol V. was completed the paper went out of business until about 1902 when George Hinton Heney leased the plant & took to Fort Gibbon - Tanana - where he started the publication under the old name. He began to criticize Mr. John Bathurst whom I had appointed Commissioner - & Ex officer Justice of the Peace at Tanana. His criticisms became so personal and related so fully to trials pending before the justice that he tried Henry for contempt & sent him to jail. But from his cell Henry issued next weeks paper worse than ever, whereupon Bathurst issued a warrant in rem & put the press in jail! & that stopped the issue of the Yukon Press forever. The old press is now at Tanana where
Diary 28, 1917 April 24	24 it is stored for me to be given to the Fairbanks College when we get one for preservation with my library. Mr. Prevost also gave me a copy of “Programme of the Circle City Minstrels, 4 pages, same size as Yukon Press, dated Feb 25, 1899, filled with programme & advertisements. We talked till late hour & I am now in possession of pretty full date & file of publications of the first press of the Yukon & the press itself awaits my guardianship at Tanana.
Diary 28, 1917 April 25	-25- The Prevosts gave me a good bed and breakfast and the boys took to the depot in their machine & I am now in Phil, at the Walton Hotel. Spent an hour or two in Leary’s Old Bookstore, & bought History of Chester Co. Pa \$12.00. It has the beginning - the early history of the Wickersham family in it & I wanted it for my library. I intend to go to Kennett Square, Pa. in the morning. My people lived in the next township north - East Marlborough - from 1700 till
Diary 28, 1917 April 25-26	25 my great grandfather “ <u>Samson</u> ” went down the

	<p>Ohio river &amp; located at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, about 1780. Saw "Our Country Cousin" tonight. -26- Up at 6 a.m. and took 7 o'clock train for Kennett Square, Pa. Crossed at Chadds Ford of the Brandywine and in Kennett at 9 o'clock. Went to the hotel &amp; rested a while - then inquired for W<sup>m</sup> Wickersham, who a Congressman Butler told me lived in Kennett. Found his house &amp; called. He is tall, spare, scholarly, and is a Quaker of the old stock. He received me in a</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 very friendly manner &amp; his sister May or Mary came in &amp; met me. They sent for their brother Frank, &amp; sister Ann. W<sup>m</sup> has been a teacher and scholar. Frank is a surveyor &amp; contractor - road builder etc. They were all born and raised in and around Kennett, though Frank was in the West for some years in railroad work. After lunch with Frank at the Kennett Hotel, I secured the services of an automobile &amp; we went out to see the old Wickersham family American birthplace. We passed "Cedarcroft" Bayard Taylor's home. Two miles north of Kennett is</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 the old home place. Here Thomas Wickersham and Alice, his wife settled in 1700, and here today more than two centuries afterward, we stood in their original rooms &amp; wondered at the labor and effort put into the great walls of their low ceilinged, old fashioned English country house. The house was built on a sloping hill side, just above a stream of water. It faces east and a beautiful prospect. It was two story, in part, and the general plan is as follows: [Wickersham drew a cross-sectional sketch of the building]</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 Being on a sloping hill side the front part of the House was two stories while the rear part was only</p>

	<p>one story - a Great stone fire place was built in each part, at the west end of the front ground floor - at the west end of the rear ground - raised storey. The big fire place down stairs in the front room is the old hearthstone of the Wickersham family in America. The old fireplace stands out in the fore front and covers the greater part of the west end of the first floor - It is big, wide, deep &amp; built about 1700. It is the old hearth stone by side of which my great grandfather</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 Sampson Wickersham sat when a boy. He was the son of James, the son of Thomas, the first. He was raised here a went to school at Kennett meeting school house. <u>He was born January 20, 1751.</u> (I am greatly pleased to find that the record sent to me by Mrs. Barney Logue, of Harrodsburg, Ky, taken from the Grandfather Sampson Wickershams <u>old</u> family bible, and the record taken from the church records of old Kennett Quaker meeting, correspond exactly in the date of the birth of Sampson). Sampson was married the first time to Elizabeth Jackson, at Kennett Church, Nov. 20, 1775. - Afterward</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 he married my great grandmother Elizabeth Lesenger in Kentucky. Here in these rooms he was born, &amp; here he played &amp; went to school. We then went over to the old Kennett Meeting House (Quaker) found the Sexton, went in &amp; examined its ancient seats, galleries, etc. its old horse block, etc. all made known to the world in "<u>THE STORY OF KENNETT,</u>" by Baycur [?] Taylor. Visited the Deacon, Passmore, &amp; then back to Kennett. Mr. P- told me where I could get a copy of the letter book entitled "1710-1910, Bi-Centennial of Old Kennett Meeting House,"</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 26	<p>26 which contains a special account of the</p>

	<p>“Wickersham family -genealogy. I also bought a copy of “The Story of Kennett,” in the Kennett bookstore, and now I called &amp; bid good bye to my cousins - several times removed, but none the less cousinly &amp; left Kennett on the 6 p.m. train for Baltimore &amp; Washington.</p> <p>I have had an unusually beautiful day - one of the most pleasant, and I take away with me to our Western homes the most interesting traditions &amp; pleasant memories of the old Quaker, Thomas &amp; his sons &amp; daughters of Kennett.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Back in the office at work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working on brief in Contest Case. I received a telegram today saying Fairbanks, Alaska- April 27, 1917 Hon James Wickersham Washington, D.C. <u>The passage of the Agricultural College bill by Legislature brings forcibly to our minds that we are indebted to you for what we hope will prove one of greatest factors in development of Alaska.</u> <u>We will endeavor to build up institution which will be credit</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 28	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p><u>to present generation and benefit those to come.</u> <u>Accept hearty thanks people of Fairbanks.</u> <u>Henry T. Ray, Mayor.</u></p> <p>I understand from this that the Legislature has probably passed the bill - I hope so, certainly. I am anxious to see the college built and in active work as soon as possible.</p> <p>War excitement here at fever heat. Balfour, Joffre, &amp; British &amp; French Commissions here, - Congress passed the bill for draft or conscription last night - amid much feeling.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 April 29-May 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Sunday. Worked in office - in the afternoon had long automobile ride with the Eatons - Debbie's</p>

	<p>friends. <u>Have received an invitation from the Boone &amp; Crocket Club of New York, to attend a dinner May 5, at Metropolitan Club in Washington D.C.</u> <u>Accepted.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working in office as usual. George is off on another drunk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-May 1<sup>st</sup>-</p> <p>Same as yesterday - about done work on brief - that is on the law relating to the Sulzer case.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 2	<p style="text-align: center;">-May 2-</p> <p>We had a hearing today before the United States Geographic Board on the matter of the name <u>Mount Tacoma</u>. Sam Wall is here representing Tacoma, and C.J. Conover, and others representing Seattle. Albert Johnson, M.C. also present for Tacoma, and John F. Miller, M.C. of Seattle representing that constituency. I presented the Indian name &amp; Prof. Farrar, of University of Wash, represented what he called “historical research” &amp; we had a monkey &amp; parrot time.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Jeffery was present &amp; took the statements in shorthand &amp; they are to have them printed. Tacoma &amp; Seattle each presented a printed brief - There was much spirit &amp; the 25 year old fight over the mountains name raged. My pamphlet printed in 1893 was introduced in evidence -it is now reprinted as part of the Tacoma case - the 3rd Edition. The Geographic Board took the matter under advisement &amp; will wait till the evidence &amp; statements are transcribed, corrected and printed! &amp; then?</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 3	<p style="text-align: center;">May 3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>The Wash. Post this morning:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MT. RAINIER'S NAME WEIGHED BY BOARD Arguments in Favor of</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">"Tacoma" Are Heard; Decision Later.</p> <p>The U-S- geographic board gave a full day yesterday to the hearing under the memorial of the legislature of the State of Wash- asking that the name Rainier be taken down from the great mountain in that State and another name substituted. No name was presented for the substitution other than the Indian name Tacoma. Voluminous evidence was presented in support of that name as the aboriginal name, addresses being made by Representative Albert Johnson, Dr. Frank Dyer, S.W. Wall and Judge James Wickersham, delegate to Congress from Alaska. Judge Wickersham is an authority on Indian names – probably the highest authority since Gibbs-lexicographer of the Northwestern Indians. The petition was supported by letters from Theodore Roosevelt, Charles F. Lummins, Prof. Gregory, of Yale; Mr. Le Gorce, assistant editor of the Geographic Magazine; Herbert Quick, and many other authorities, as also of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane.</p> <p>The other side of the controversy was represented by Mr. Charles F. Conover, wealthy real estate operator of Seattle; Mr. Farrar, of Seattle, and Representative Miller, of Washington, who devoted their arguments to discrediting the name "Tacoma" as an Indian word, but proposed no other name in its stead.</p> <p>The board will announce its decision at an early date.</p> <p>George is Transcribing the statements before Geographic Board &amp; witnesses are correcting same for publication.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 May 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working in office finishing my brief so far as I can on the record in the Canvassing Board &amp; Court. I intend to have it printed so as to get it before the Senate Committee in opposition to Jennings confirmation. I understand the Governor is coming on to Washington and that he will object to</p>

	<p>Jennings, and I think it best to get the matter's connected therewith in good form in the hope (<u>if he does object</u>) that I may assist in preventing his confirmation.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 May 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Have about finished my brief &amp; George is copying it. He is also copying at full length the evidence taken before the U.S. Geographic Board. Wall, who represents Tacoma is here &amp; will look after the presentation. Sloane, the Sec. of the Board telephoned today that the Board wants the testimony by next Friday when they intend to give the matter consideration. Charles E. Heifner, Seattle, is here at Congress Hall Hotel - do not know why!</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 May 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- May 6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>[invitation card Boone &amp; Crocket Club dinner]</p> <p>We had a fine dinner last night at the annual reunion of the Boone &amp; Crockett Club. 37 men sat at a great oval table and we discussed the hardships of Alaska, hunting stories, etc. Three officers of the British Mission to the U.S. were present &amp; it was a rare and a pleasant evening.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 May 7-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-May 7- -8<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Correcting my statement before the United States Geographic Board in re the name "Tacoma".</p> <p>Nothing new today - same as usual. About time for Sulzer to serve his Answer - today or tomorrow at farthest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>I find on looking at my records that we did not serve a copy of my Notice of Contest on Sulzer till April 10th -so I expect his Answer today or tomorrow - he will not serve it till the last moment!</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 May 9-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Received copy of Sulzer's Answer in Contest Case tonight at 9 o'clock. Service made by Emil Hurja - a young fellow who represents the <u>Juneau</u></p>

	<p>“<u>Empire</u>” - a newspaperman. Will read &amp; study it tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Sulzer’s Answer is not as vigorous as I feared it might be. He plants himself squarely on the Act of the Alaska Legislature - <u>which I think is void!</u> Have prepared my Reply - but will not serve it before Saturday. Working on Contest pleadings</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 11	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working hard on preparing the record in the Contest case. It is <u>one big job</u>, and takes about all my time. We have just completed the Brief on the law involved in the Sulzer suit, &amp; also the Reply to his Answer. Strictly speaking there is no such thing as a Reply, but he seems to think he has filed a cross - petition in Contest &amp; I have denied etc. its allegations. Cannot tell yet if Congress will adjourn soon - but it threatens to do that.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> –</p> <p>Served copy of my Reply &amp; Answer on Sulzer, today. Intend to take my own Deposition on Wednesday. Gave notice to Sulzer of same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>George A. Jeffery, my secretary has been in my employ for the greater part of the time since 1899, but since I am going away for the summer &amp; even rather indefinitely he has secured employment with senator Vardaman of Miss. &amp; leaves me tomorrow morning. He will assist me in the evenings until I can get my work up &amp; go West. George is a faithful &amp; competent man.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup> –</p> <p>Went down to the Interstate Commerce Commission to inquire about progress in Alaska Investigation - but got no news - Wilson says they will do something soon! But that may mean after the War is ended.</p> <p>Am getting my papers etc. ready for taking deposition on Wednesday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p>

	<p>Spent much of today getting certified copies recorded from war Dept. showing that Soldiers voted in Fort Gibbon &amp; Eagle precinct against me at Nov. 7, 1916 election.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Took my deposition today before D.B. Mull, Notary Public, in Room 160. H.O.B. Sulzer was present and so was Lloyd, his attorney. Got along fine &amp; made up the record just as I had the data - seems to me it is in good shape, and that standing alone it constitutes a complete defense to Sulzer’s position. The stenographer took my statement and it will be written out for my signature tomorrow. It is a relief to have it done, and I can now fight Sulzer’s answer!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 17-18	<p style="text-align: center;">17<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Stenographer brought in my deposition - charge \$12.00 paid. Am now making up the Record for the Notary who will file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. I will now finish &amp; print my opening Brief –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Got the Deposition and all exhibits attached ready &amp; sent them to the Clerk of House of Rep- today. Also took my Brief - the Mss to Sudwarth, printer, who charges me \$113.50 for 500 copies - ordered them printed.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 19	<p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Worked in office preparing for packing my Alaskan library which I intend to ship to Tacoma &amp; put on deposit in Wash State Hist. Soc. until I can get a satisfactory place either in Alaska or somewhere else for its safe storage. The Gov. of Alaska has signed the bill for an Agricultural College at Fairbanks - my work is bearing fruit &amp; I hope to see it in operation within the next five years - wont that be some satisfaction, though?</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Darrell was to visit us today, but last night we received a telegram saying that the Inspector of</p>

	<p>Naval Recruiting Stations was there and he could not be here till tomorrow. Sorry for this is a beautiful day and we hoped to have a long automobile ride with him in the parks and surrounding country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Darrell is down to see us today. Am sending Rustgard copies of Sulzer's Ans. etc. that he may be advised in taking evidence</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 22-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-22.</p> <p>Reading proof on my Brief; writing letters etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23<sup>rd</sup>-</p> <p>Finished proof reading Brief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Brief finished &amp; ready for service. Have prepared notice of taking a testimony of 33 soldiers at Fort Gibbon, who were challenged at the election on Nov 7, 1916, but who swore in there votes and cast their ballots for Sulzer. Intend to serve notice tomorrow &amp; telegraph to Henry T. Ray &amp; Guy B. Irwin to take the testimony.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Senator Walsh told me two days ago that Jennings confirmation was pending before a Sub. Com. &amp; would be heard this morning &amp; I could come before the Com. &amp; be heard. In the meantime Sulzer has forwarded to each member of the Com. a copy of broadside print of Judge Jennings decision in Sulzer v The Canvassing Board. Senator Walsh has telephoned that I may be heard tomorrow morning at 10:30 - and I intend to fight Jennings on his <u>broadside decision, and nothing else!</u> <u>Served notice of taking testimony of 33 soldiers ft. Gibbon etc. on Sulzer. Have written sec. Of war, also, asking</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>that officers &amp; soldiers at Fort Gibbon &amp; Fairbanks be instructed by telegraph to obey the subpoena to issue to require them to testify before Ray, Notary Public. Sent the following telegram to Ray today: <u>Washington, D.C., May 25, 1917</u></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks, Alaska</u></p> <p><u>Have today notified Sulzer in writing that you will take testimony as Notary Public of thirty three soldiers who were challenged in Fort Gibbon precinct election November seventh, See election returns Fort Gibbon precinct for names challenged soldiers.</u> <u>Take testimony on Tuesday June sixth ten o'clock forenoon and daily till completed at public school house in Tanana. Get</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><u>names challenged soldiers off returns in office clerk District Court Fairbanks. You and Irwin go Tanana subpoena each soldier who voted: have Irwin ask each soldier if he voted for Sulzer. Write out his statement and have him sign and swear. Evidence must be taken under chapter eight sections 105 to 130 United States revised statutes 1878. Forward evidence clerk House Representatives under section 127 said chapter 8. Irwin will act as attorney and you as notary. Get every soldier who voted for Sulzer on record. Also take similar testimony every soldier and signal corps man in Fairbanks who voted for Sulzer November 7th. Notice covers Fairbanks hearing also. Hearing Fairbanks fixed for June 12th at 10 o'clock forenoon at city hall.</u> <u>Soldiers</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 May 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><u>are not voters and I want to show they voted for Sulzer. Do not fail ask my friends give you assistance. Contest going along satisfactorily. Expect to go Tacoma for month and then back to Washington. Think advisable keep this telegram confidential and not make it public. Enemy will not take advantage if we keep quiet.</u> <u>James Wickersham</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Hearing today before Sub Committee of Senate Judiciary Com. on the confirmation of Jennings, as district Judge in Alaska; Walsh &amp; Colt. Walsh fought me from beginning to end -</p>

	quarreled, heckled, took
Diary 28, 1917 May 26	26 up my time, led off on immaterial matters, and generally did everything he could to embarrass and distract me. The result was to prejudice Senator Colt, and put into his mind that it was a political quarrel and not a real objection to Jennings. Gov Strong sent in a strong telegram of protest against Jennings - it was vigorous and had more punch in it than I imagined the Governor would put in. Also a bitter letter from Senator Frank Aldrich, urging the Com. to reject Jennings. On the other hand Sulzer & Col. Richardson came on with strong letters in support
Diary 28, 1917 May 26-28	26 of Jennings. But it was in vain. Walsh had the control and brought Colt with him, & the Sub. Com. will make a favorable report to the full Com. on Monday. I am, however, spreading my printed brief & asking Senators to read it - but I do not hope to do more than make Jennings realize that we did all we could to defeat him - and were ourselves defeated! -27 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday, making up Mt McKinley photo book of pictures of 1903. -28- All day packing my Pub. Doc. Alaskan library for shipment to Tacoma
Diary 28, 1917 May 29-31	-29 <sup>th</sup> - Packing books, atlases, etc. -30- Same as yesterday. -31-
	[inside back cover] [invitation to Consecration of the Right Reverend Joseph Raphael Crimont]

Diary 28, 1917 June 1	June 1st Received notice that the Interstate Commerce Commission had on May 17, decided the Alaska Rate Cases against me & against the people of the Territory on each & every point. I regret this because it is a blow to progress in the Territory. It will close down our mines & do much harm - the decision is all the Companies claimed & just a little more. Am about packed & will go west Sunday evening.
	[inside back cover]  [invitation to Consecration of the Right Reverend Joseph Raphael Crimont]
Diary 28, 1917 June 3-5	June 3, 1917. Left Washington this evening at 6:15 for Seattle. 4 <sup>th</sup> Arrived in Chicago – 8 hours to wait – till 10 p.m. -5 <sup>th</sup> - Arrived in St Paul - was met at depot by Mr. West of the West Pub. Co. who asked me to prepare the 5th Alaska Repts & who also offered me certain sets of Law books as a payment for that Service.
Diary 28, 1917 June 6-8	-6 <sup>th</sup> – Along the Yellowstone & over the divide to Butte. -7- Spokane in the morning - Seattle at 8 p.m. & to the Frye Hotel. -8 <sup>th</sup> - Went over to Tacoma to look after my books. Saw W. P. Bonney & found many of them have arrived & are in the rooms of the Hist. Soc. where I am to have shelf room for them till I make other arrangements.
Diary 28, 1917 June 9	-9- Over to Tacoma again today - the painting of Seward & my books, papers, etc. all arrived in Tacoma and accounted for. Debbie went via Auburn & I by N.P. to Enumclaw, to visit Mother.

	We are here tonight & all well - except Charles Hanson & Jen are gone to Mayo Bros, the great surgeons at Rochester Minn. - Charley is in bad health - enlargement of the heart.
Diary 28, 1917 June 10	-Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Good visit with Mother - She is in fine health - & will be 80 years old in Oct - her next birthday . Debbie will remain here until tomorrow but I must go down to Tacoma this evening to be on hand early tomorrow morning at law office on business. -Tacoma at 5 o'clock & took a room at the Tacoma Hotel. My but the old Town is dull & I <u>am a total stranger in it.</u>
Diary 28, 1917 June 11	-11- To my disappointment I find the suit I expected to try this morning in court is to be dismissed. Two little suits have been brought against me here growing out of clearing my valley land, but now that I am here one is dismissed & the other postponed till next September! It is a trick but it costs me loss & much trouble -but no use to groan - at Seattle this evening & at Frye Hotel
Diary 28, 1917 June 12-14	-12 <sup>th</sup> - In Seattle, at Frye Hotel - nothing. Saw W.H. Parsons, V.P. Dexter Horton Bank - bought a box and put away our bonds \$10,000 in same. -13- Went over to Tacoma and spent the afternoon in putting rare Alaskan books in flat topped glass case for exhibition. All my public document Alaskana is there awaiting cases for storing. -14- Bought \$1000. Liberty Bond today through Parsons & the Dexter Horton Nat. Bank. Drew on Geo. T. Reid

Diary 28, 1917 June 14	14 and W.P. Hopping & Co. Tacoma, for \$500. each & put the money into the Liberty Bond - U.S. bond. While in Tacoma yesterday found on inquiry that Reid had \$941. & Hopping had \$ 1027. belonging to me, so invested that much - \$1000 in U.S. War bond. Have had telegram from Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks, saying he took testimony of soldiers at Ft. Gibbon but is having much trouble at Fairbanks where the soldiers, acting under orders from Lt. Faust, U.S.A. Valdes, refuse to be sworn or testify. Have telegraphed Ray instructions &
Diary 28, 1917 June 14	14 also a firm but fair protest to Lt. Faust. Probably a good record of their refusal to testify will serve as good a purpose as a skimpy compliance with the law. A day or two ago (on the 12th) Maurice D. Lechey, lawyer, came to see me with letter from Sulzer & a very much shortened copy of the stipulation in the Sulzer Contest Case - for taking testimony - but I told him I had signed copies & left them in Washington with Mr. Lloyd. Today I received telegram from Lloyd saying Sulzer would
Diary 28, 1917 June 14-16	14 not sign my copies etc. Well, I won't sign his, for it gives him all the advantage & me nothing - so let him give me notice in regular form & we will see what the result is. -15- Came up to Enumclaw this forenoon, via Auburn, & stage line & mother & I came to old home at Buckley. She is very anxious to remodel & repair the house. Have employed Jack Henderson to begin Monday (18) & do work on it. -16- All night at home with mother &
Diary 28, 1917 June 16-18	16 Harry & this morning examined my own lands & lots here. Things look fair & there is slow but

	<p>general improvement hereabouts, especially in building roads, etc. Back to Enumclaw with mother &amp; then back to Seattle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Writing some letters etc. Debbie &amp; I visited our lots on West lake side - on Leary at corner of Phinney Sts. Beautiful sunny day - will go back to Buckley tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Went to Buckley to see that work on Mothers house was begun</p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>&amp; carried on properly. Jack Henderson is in charge &amp; Bill Winslow, Bob &amp; Harry are at work also. I assisted in trimming ivy, shrubbery etc. and looked after general supplies. I telephoned to Tacoma and asked Geo. W. Bullard, architect, to come down tomorrow morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Bullard came this morning and is preparing plans etc. We are to raise the main house &amp; turn it one quarter around &amp; repair &amp; build on additions etc. We are making progress.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Came to Seattle this afternoon &amp; am again with Debbie at Frye.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>We moved from the Frye Hotel today to the "Clark" - a small private hotel on Minor St. near Madison. Debbie will make this her home for the summer - even if I am required to go back to Washington. Nothing new in my Contest Case. Called on Scott A. Bone, Ed. P.I. &amp; other business men today. Find that Alaska is quiet - big preparations for fishing this summer but mining is rather declining.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 22-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-22<sup>nd</sup>-</p> <p>Went to Buckley via Enumclaw to aid in moving &amp; repairing mothers house. Am disappointed at the difficulties experienced in turning the house on its foundations - it is exceedingly heavy &amp;</p>

	<p>troublesome to move.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23<sup>rd</sup>-</p> <p>Returned to Seattle this evening from Buckley. Must be back Monday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Rec. telegram from Henry T. Ray saying he cannot get money &amp; asks permission to sell my</p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 24	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Cowles St. Lots in Fairbanks to help him square his accts. with the government. I answer evasively but write him fully declining to permit him any further use of my property. Also wrote a letter of explanation to Luther C. Hess and am sending a revocation of Ray's power of attorney - I cannot get a very clear account of his trouble but judge the Govt. is crowding him and he is trying to get my property for such use. Have already allowed him too much &amp; will not go further.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 25-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Up to Buckley this morning &amp; at work moving Mother's house.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. House is heavy &amp; our equipment light &amp; inefficient - it constantly breaks &amp; we are in trouble.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Better success in moving house &amp; we will have it on the new site by night. Left Buckley at 3:30 this afternoon for Seattle. Onto stage to Auburn. <u>At auburn I was served</u></p>
Diary 28, 1917 June 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p><u>with Notice of Taking Depositions at Nome, Valdes, Kodiak &amp; Seldovia. Service was made at 5:00 o'clock in afternoon on station platform just before 4:05 train came by which I came on to Seattle.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Donohoe played one of his usual "tricks" on me in the service of Notice of taking Sulzer's Depositions. The papers recite that Depositions are to be taken at Kodiak, Seldovia etc. on arrival of "Admiral</p>

	<u>Evans</u> ," the steamer which makes those
Diary 28, 1917 June 28	28 ports on July 7th - <u>Now the trick is that while service of notice was made on me last night at 5 o'clock the "Admiral Evans" left Seattle this morning at 10 o'clock - before I could get money out of the bank or make other preparations to go on her!!</u> So I must telegraph ahead & have Rustgard at Juneau, or some other lawyer go on her to the points mentioned - if the boat touches at any place where I can get such representation to go!
Diary 28, 1917 June 28	28 Had lunch today at Arctic Club with Scott C. Bone, Ed. P-I, Maurice D. Leahy, & McPherson. Wrote letters to Clerks, Dist. Ct. Juneau, Valdes, Fairbanks & Nome, asking for copies of Judges opinions for 1914, 15, 16, 17 for 5th Alaska. Telegraphed Rustgard, Juneau, asking him to go to Kodiak, Afognak & Seldovia & represent me at taking depositions; also to Judge Lomen, Nome, to appear for me there. Would have gone to S.E. Alaska myself if I had received notice in time
Diary 28, 1917 June 29-30	-29- Debbie & I went to Tacoma. She visited with Mrs. Olds & others while I gave some time to putting my Alaska books in case at the Hist. Soc. rooms, & also gave attention to taxes, roads etc. Recd, telegram from Rustgard: " <u>Will Go On Evans.</u> " and from Judge Lomen, Nome: " <u>Will be pleased to appear and do all I can.</u> " 30 <sup>th</sup> Hurried trip to Buckley - House turned & set on permanent lines.
Diary 28, 1917 July 1-3	July 1 <sup>st</sup> . a beautiful one. Loafed with Debbie. -2- Went to Tacoma today and arranged my books

	(Pub. D?? set of Alaskan material) in shelves in State Hist. Soc. rooms. Telegram from Rustgard asking me to send him information to Cordova about witnesses at Westward points - did so. -3 <sup>rd</sup> - Went to Buckley where I am assisting Mother in rebuilding her home. Am doing
Diary 28, 1917 July 3-6	3 real work - cutting brush - logs -digging etc. -4 <sup>th</sup> . Worked - Mother & Lucille came to Buckley from Enumclaw & we had a family dinner at Uncle Tom's. -5- Worked on house - & trimmed trees & roses, etc. -6- Worked till noon & then back to Seattle. Debbie is all right. Letters from Election officers at Dillingham assuring me of the fairness of the election in
Diary 28, 1917 July 6-7	6 Nushagak & Chogiung precincts. -7- Answered correspondence etc. George Dribelbis called on us this evening - remained from 3 to 10 p.m. <u>talking Alaska</u> . During the conversation he also told me he had a conversation with James M. Lathrop -Pres. of Valdes Dock Co. etc. who said in the conversation that he - Lathrop - had collected & was just then forwarding more money to Alaska to secure affidavits etc. of the natives -Russians & others that they voted for me - While Geo.
Diary 28, 1917 July 7-9	7 made no further statement I understood from the remarks of Lothrop's which he repeated that L- is financing the taking of Sulzer testimony at Kodiak, Afognak & Seldovia! -8- <u>Acting on the above information I sent John</u>

	<p><u>Rustgard a telegram this morning to Kodiak, telling him what Lathrop said and urging careful &amp; vigorous investigation.</u></p> <p>-9<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Was served today with another notice of taking testimony of a lot of Indians, Halfbreeds,</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 9	<p>9</p> <p>etc. at Craig, Alaska, on July 25th, the object being to show that these were refused the right to vote for Sulzer.</p> <p><u>Wonder if the money Lathrop was raising for Sulzer last week was to secure this Craig testimony?</u></p> <p>Loaned Bob Coles \$10.00 yesterday. Poor Bob is "busted," but was hopeful as an optimistic Alaska Prospector usually is. On the other hand "Jimmy" Ryan, Dick Ryan's brother, committed suicide today by shooting himself with a revolver. Poor Jimmy went to Nome in '98 &amp; never found the rainbow's end!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 10-11	<p>-10-</p> <p>Up to Buckley &amp; helped the boys move the old wood shed &amp; clear that corner of the yard.</p> <p>-11-</p> <p>Back from Buckley today - Had dinner tonight at residence of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dickey - on the beautiful shores of Lake Washington. Present besides Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dickey: Mr. Geo. Brackett, Dr. (aged 82). Mr. &amp; Mrs. Al Brackett &amp; daughter, Bertha &amp; their friend Mifs Russell, Mifs Dickey, Debbie &amp; I. It was a fine dinner in a beautiful home – an enjoyable Alaskan dinner.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 11-13	<p>-11<sup>th</sup> continued.</p> <p><u>Also served this evening with notice of taking depositions of Gov. Strong, Sec. Davidson, Clerk of Court Bill, Gov. Sec. Shorthill etc. on July 18th at Juneau.</u></p> <p>-12<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Wrote Cobb this morning to protect my interest in above depositions etc. Went to Buckley with Debbie.</p>

	<p>-13-</p> <p>Working at Mothers house – Jack Henderson, Bob McHaney, Bill Winslow, Harry &amp; I &amp; the work goes along slowly.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 14-15	<p>-14<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Worked till noon on House etc. &amp; then took the auto stage from Buckley via Enumclaw to Seattle. Debbie &amp; Mrs. Ivy Crouch Zeren - Debbie's niece - met me at E- and came to Seattle. Was served with another notice of taking depositions at Juneau - same names as notice served on 11th except Col. Customs Pugh. New notice simply adjourns the hearings until July 24th!!</p> <p>-15-</p> <p>A rainy quiet Sunday - Mr. John Barrack from Fairbanks sick at the Frye. Called on him yesterday evening</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 16	<p>-16<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Cut coupons = \$200 - &amp; got cash. Got telegram from John Rustgard: "Anchorage, Alaska, July 16, 1917 James Wickersham, Clarke, Seattle. <u>Depositions finished charges of fraud not sustained in any particular. Rustgard.</u></p> <p>Also saw Billy Owens, just from Fairbanks, who tells me Ray examined 36 soldiers at Tanana - and after much trouble to get them to testify they did so under the order of the commanding officer - &amp; 35 voted for</p>
Diary 28, 1917 July 16-17	<p>16</p> <p>Sulzer and one for me! If I can get these thrown out it will certainly offset any claimed by Sulzer! Have made preparation to go to Craig in person &amp; take the depositions of Indians and half breed there. Will go on Friday evening on the SS Humboldt. <u>Just received telegram from Hunt, Ketchikan, Saving I can catch Craig mail boat on 24th - Ok.</u></p> <p>-17<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Made reservation on SS "Humboldt this morning to</p>

	go to Wrangell &
Diary 28, 1917 July 17	17 Craig, Alaska, where Sulzer is to take testimony on the 25th. Was surprised when I went to the Hotel Frye to find <u>Gov &amp; Mrs. Strong there!</u> They say (confidentially and regretfully) that they think he will not be reappointed, but have not yet quite given up all hope. Both say the Jennings - Donohoe ring is fighting him most viciously in Washington & has made some considerable impression. Democratic politics in Alaska badly disrupted -the anti-
Diary 28, 1917 July 17	17 Strong combination has combined on Riggs - & may succeed in pushing him into the office. Sorry - but can't do much to assist the governor - would gladly if I could. Also saw Ballou, from Rampart, who was with George Dribelbis when Jim Lathrop announced that " <u>We have just sent \$500. to Juneau to fight Wickersham in his contest against Sulzer.</u> " "We" means the transportation and fishery companies! D & B. both permit me to subpoena them if Lathrop denies the statement.
Diary 28, 1917 July 18	-18- Lunch with Geo. Dribelbis at Frye Hotel. He gave permission to use his name frankly in the matter of the Lathrop statement. Also saw W. B. Ballon who was with Dribelbis when Lathrop made his statement & he told me to use his name. Was served with a notice of Taking Deposition of <u>Charles A. Sulzer, on July 26th Washington D.C.</u> I cannot go there and also take Depositions in Alaska etc. I have engaged young
Diary 28, 1917 July 18-19	18 Dwight D. Hartman to assist me in taking the Depositions of witnesses Lathrop, McGowan, Ballon, Dribelbis & myself here in Seattle on Aug 6. & sent copy notice to Washington to Elliott, my

	office, for service. -19 <sup>th</sup> - Up to Buckley this morning on Auto Stage, and made arrangements to have work continued on Mother's house during my absence. Back to Seattle & Gov & Mrs. Strong took dinner with us at the Clark (our) hotel. They gave
Diary 28, 1917 July 19	19 as much new gossip & many facts about things in connection with fight against the Gov. in Washington. It seems that Vance McCormick, Ch. Nat. Dem. Com. was drawn into the matter and took sides with Sulzer against the Governor - at which he is very angry. They think Riggs will be appointed - but I am not satisfied yet that the Democratic Administration is ready to remove a good Governor because -merely - because he is honest. Still they think so - though Senators Walsh & Pitman are urging him on the President for reappointment.
Diary 28, 1917 July 20	20 <sup>th</sup> - After my long talk with Governor & Mrs. Strong last night I have concluded to write letters to my friends in Washington to look after Sulzer's deposition, while I shall go to Ketchikan & thence to Craig, and take the depositions of Indians, etc. Shall also try to start a hearing at Sulzer Precinct, where a lot of British Columbia Indians were voted for Sulzer. <u>Am to leave Seattle tonight on the S.S. Humboldt" via Wrangell for Craig - back on Humboldt.</u>
Diary 28, 1917 July 21-22	-21 <sup>st</sup> - Recd a nice letter from Hon. Wm R. Wood, M.C. from Indiana just before leaving Seattle yesterday asking me to send him a copy of my brief & suggesting that I secure evidence to connect the "big interests" with financing Sulzer's fight - I am doing that! A beautiful day on Gulf of Georgia. Tonight we are heading into a bitter wintry wind storm - it is cold & disagreeable. -22-

	Passed through the Salmon flat off Prince Rupert tonight
Diary 28, 1917 July 23	-23- Left the "Humboldt" at Ketchikan this morning at 6 o'clock Breakfast at K- long talk with Forest J. Hunt, & at 8 o'clock boarded the "Teddy" - a gasoline boat - bound for Chomly & thence across the Portage. A rough trip across Chatham Strait up Cholmondeley Passage - through the North Arm, across the portage to Hetta Straits & thence down to Sulzer, P.O. Mr. Wm Holzeimer & "Billy" Winston got on the
Diary 28, 1917 July 23	23 "Teddy" at K- & seemed greatly surprised even if not pleased to see me. H- is a Dept. Dist. Atty. & goes to Craig as Mr. Sulzer's atty. & representative while Mr. Billy Winston goes as Notary Public etc. My appearance seems greatly to have altered the face of things - there has been much whispering & many private meetings & what they may do depends! Tonight they suggested that we remain over in Sulzer & go on in a local boat in
Diary 28, 1917 July 23	23 the morning - & I agreed. Mr. Stewart - former Mayor of Juneau, who is now the manager of the Sulzer copper mines invited me up to his house after dinner & of course I went & spent a pleasant hour. Am glad I came - the trip through a new country is always pleasant, & then it has been a surprise to my opponents
Diary 28, 1917 July 24	-24 <sup>th</sup> - The Sulzer lawyer asked me to go out to Craig on the boat which they are sending for their own comfort & convenience, and this morning at 8 o'clock we set sail (gasoline) in the "Lydia," with "Scotty" in charge & Harvey Seller's, crew. Sellers is the man who went through Alaska last campaign posing as a Labor representative boosting Sulzer. He was merely a hired man - paid

	out of the "Big Interest" donations.
Diary 28, 1917 July 24-25	24 We passed Hydaburg, & stopped at a cannery for gasoline, etc. A fine trip & of great interest to me. We came into the Spanish sea & am delightfully surprised at it. Craig is on a nice level spot - good harbor etc. Got rooms in the Moose Hall. Supper with Harris at the Cannery. -25- Took the testimony of Hibbs U. S. School teacher on Klawock Ind. Res. & his wife. Also Rev. Bromley, Pres. miss
Diary 28, 1917 July 25	25 =ionary & Calhoun, U.S. Dep. Marshal & 1 halfbreed. Long hard days work, but with little real profit to any one. So far they have offered no evidence whatever to show that these Indians have any legal right to vote - for it is admitted by all the witnesses that the Indians live on Indian Reservations, with 300 other Indians - in the fisher stage. Tonight our launch with Hibbs in charge has gone off after more Indian witnesses
Diary 28, 1917 July 26	-26 <sup>th</sup> - We waited all forenoon for the launch to come in with more witness - about noon it returned with <u>one</u> , and the tale that all the witnesses are off fishing & cannot be found!! Evidently the Indians are not as much interested as Hibbs & Bromley. We examined this witness who said he was a full blood & lived on Ind. Res. with his tribe. We then closed the case - they have made a water haul - not a fish!
Diary 28, 1917 July 26	26 Hibbs & Bromley then invited us all to go - in our launch -to Klawock Indian village and have supper with them etc. We went - it is six miles from Craig in a little harbor -there is a cannery on the west side of the harbor - the Ind. village on the East side. It is the typical Indian village -disorder, brush, no roads - fish refuse, etc. Had dinner with Hibbs -

	attended a moving picture show run by Bob Petrovich - & then returned to Craig - 12 o'clock midnight - to bed.
Diary 28, 1917 July 27	-27- Left Craig this morning at 8 o'clock - Waterfall Cannery - stopped at Hydaburg for an hour & reached Sulzer town at 7 this evening. It rained some during the day, but generally it was fine. Am greatly interested in this group of islands - it is a fine damp country - will be a dairy - fishing & mining country. Am tired - <u>but</u> my enemies have failed entirely to make any proof against me.
Diary 28, 1917 July 27-28	27 Some of my friends at Craig: J.K. Halvorson Jack Doyle, A. L. Brown, J.P. Smith, F.E. Butler. At Sulzer last election I received 2 votes - Aaron Shellhouse - of Pennsylvania Dutch Stock was one & a Norwegian was the other. -28- All day loafing around the Sulzer boarding house - we are here till Monday. Mr. & Mrs. Stewart, Sulzer's foreman invited 3 of us to dinner tonight - good dinner!
Diary 28, 1917 July 29-30	-29- Still waiting - will leave here tomorrow - across the Portage & thence to Ketchikan. Attended Church this evening - preaching by Rev. Howe, of Hydaburg. -30 <sup>th</sup> - Paid my bill & left Sulzer this morning in the little mail launch for the head of the bay - accompanied By Messrs Holzheimer & Winston & other passengers. Walked across the portage - 2 hours in the dense tropical forest. Reached
Diary 28, 1917 July 30-31	30 the Chomly Arm at noon & met by the "Roughrider" at 2 o'clock. Stopped at Chomly Cannery for the mail - and got to Ketchikan at 8 o'clock. Holzheimer & Winston took dinner with me at the

	Poodle Dog Restaurant, & am in bed at the "Revilla Hotel" -31 <sup>st</sup> - Sent telegram of instructions to Rustgard, Juneau, to serve notice & take deposition of Hawksworth, U.S. School Supt - make him testify that the Hydaburg natives voted at Sulzer precinct at
Diary 28, 1917 July 31	31 Sulzer precinct on Nov. 7. <u>The telegram reads as follows:</u> <u>Ketchikan, July 18, 1917.</u> <u>John Rustgard, Esq.</u> <u>Juneau, Alaska.</u> <u>Returned from Craig last night opponents failed utterly. Only found two of their Indian witnesses and evidence overwhelmingly that Indians all reside on Klawock Indian reservation and not qualified voters.</u> <u>Prepare notice in my name you sign as my attorney serve on Hawksworth, Superintendent United States Indian Schools take his deposition Monday August Sixth before Le Fevre, Notary Public, without fail. Serve notice on Helenthal &amp; Winn. Sulzer's attorneys. Get copy poll of votes cast Sulzer postoffice and make Hawksworth name all Indians thereon from Hydaburg who voted at Sulzer, November seventh last. Only two votes were cast for me in that precinct and both were cast by white men. All Haida Indians are from Queen Charlotte Islands British Columbia and Hydaburg Indians are also all occupants Indian</u>
Diary 28, 1917 July 31	31 <u>reservation. No white men are allowed reside there except as United States officials and missionaries. United States built their wharf. Will you attend to this promptly? Answer quick Ketchikan.</u> <u>James Wickersham</u> This completes my work & I will go south - to Seattle - on the first boat. Am visiting friends & talking with the people. Just recd telegram from Rustgard saying

	Hawksworth is in Seattle so I sent him telegram saying:
Diary 28, 1917 July 31	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>“Get proof by any witness of the names of Hydaburg Indians who voted at Sulzer. Get Hawksworth or any one who knows the names and parties.” Also sent a telegram to: <u>Dwight D. Hartman, Atty. Burke. Bldg. Seattle.</u> <u>Serve notice taking deposition on Leehey and subpoena on Hawksworth Superintendent United States Indian schools Alaska for next Monday.</u> <u>Hawksworth probably offices United States Bureau of Education Seattle.</u> Will take Admiral Watson in the morning - for Seattle.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>“Admiral Watson” in port this forenoon &amp; I am on board south. Clipping from Ketchikan Miner, July 31<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EX-DELEGATE RETURNS TO THE CITY Asst. District Attorney and Wm. Winston, Report a Successful Trip {Ketchikan Miner, July 31}</p> <p>Ex-Delegate James Wickersham, accompanied by Asst. District Attorney Wm. A. Holzheimer, and Attorney Wm. Winston, returned on the Teddy last evening from a week's visit touring the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island, stopping in Craig, Sulzer, Hydaburg and Klawock. Mr. Wickersham, who arrived on the Humboldt last Monday from the State of Washington, where he has been visiting his parents for some time, went over to Craig, to hear depositions of witnesses with reference to votes alleged to have been refused several people by the judges of election, at the time of the Wickersham-Sulzer contest for Delegateship of Alaska. Mr. Wickersham went on his own behalf and Mr. Sulzer's interests were</p>

	taken care of by Harvey Sellers, of the Sulzer Mine. Attorney Wm. Winston took the testimony, which will be sealed and sent to the House of Representatives at Washington.
Diary 28, 1917 August 1	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>In speaking of the affair this morning, Mr. Holzheimer, who went on business connected with the Indian liquor traffic, said that in his opinion, it was conducted to the satisfaction of both parties concerned. Several of the important witnesses for the Sulzer side were not present, and could not be located, being out fishing in Icy Straits, for the summer. However, without question, the testimony taken was favorable to Mr. Sulzer's contention, he stated.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham's technical point lies in the claim that natives on a reservation are not allowed to vote, claiming of course, that the natives of Klawock, are upon Government reservation, whereas, it is claimed by the other side that Klawock is not a reservation, being merely a small portion of ground reserved for a school for the natives.</p> <p>After arriving at Portage, while on the trail to Sulzer, Mr. Holzenheimer wrenched his knee, making it very difficult for him to get around. At Sulzer Mr. Wickersham was invited by Mr. Sellers to join the District Attorney and Mr. Winston on Mr. Sulzer's private launch, the Lydia, to make the tour of Craig and Klawock.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham, when seen this morning by a representative of the Miner refused to commit himself on any subject, stating that he had nothing to communicate that would be of interest to the people of Ketchikan. He is leaving for the south on the first boat. He stated that it was his first trip to the West Coast, and that he found it to be a very beautiful country and had enjoyed the trip immensely.</p> <p>This is a clipping from the Ketchikan Miner, - Sulzer's paper - I declined to be interviewed -</p>

	Holzheimer is very "cute" - but it won't aid him or Sulzer either. We were slow in getting away from Ketchikan - The above clipping shows that my opponents are not so pleased with their Craig testimony!
Diary 28, 1917 August 2	-Aug. 2- Our boat went into "Ocean Falls", B.C. to load paper -we spent the afternoon there - I went through the mills -up to the dam and thence up the valley a mile or so to the big lake which forms part of the pond behind the dam. It is a huge & well planned enterprise for which. Nature has done much in the original arrangement of her forces. Enjoyed the visit greatly - off again southward about 9 o'clock -
Diary 28, 1917 August 3	Aug 3 Crossed Queen Charlotte sound about 3 o'clock this morning. We came through Seymour Narrows too early - we entered at great speed & when we struck the tide rips & cross currents at the outlet we came near capsizing! Everybody was scared - the sailors & boatmen all came running to the deck & I thought sure we were gone over! The boat is top heavy - badly loaded & pushed around the curves too fast.
Diary 28, 1917 August 4-5	-4 <sup>th</sup> - We reached Seattle this morning at 8 o'clock - Debbie was all right & I soon washed the pain of travel out of my limbs & feel fine. No mail of importance - Sulzer's testimony in Washington was not important.  -5- Sunday. We went across Lake Washington & spent the afternoon with Mr. & Mrs. Parson & Mrs. Joslin. Had a fine lunch under the madrone trees on the point at Bozart - & watched the children in bathing - home.
Diary 28, 1917 August 6	-6 <sup>th</sup> - I took the testimony today of J.M. Lathrop, W.B.

	Ballou, Geo. Dribelbis & myself - the last testimony in the contest case with Sulzer. Lathrop denied saying "We have just sent \$500 to Alaska to assist Sulzer in the case against Wick," - said he only declared his willingness to give that sum to prevent frauds in elections. Ballou & Dribelbis both swore positively that he declared in their presence that "We have just sent \$500 to Alaska"
Diary 28, 1917 August 6	6 for the use mentioned - so the record clearly shows that either he or they committed perjury - and no one doubts that Lathrop did - who knows the men. He also admitted that he had collected & forwarded \$300 to Donohoe before the election to be used against me - I testified fully about the Haida Indians, Klawocks and generally about the corruption fund gathered & used by Thompson & McGowan in bribing 11 newspapers at the 1916 election.
Diary 28, 1917 August 6	6 <sup>th</sup> - continued. Tonight I received copy of the record of the depositions taken at Kodiak - Afognak & Seldovia in my Contest Case -for Sulzer. The evidence discloses that Klawock & one other man are - were probably illegal voters - but nothing else. They fell down completely on showing fraud - or even that illegal votes were cast for me at those places. Rustgard appeared for me and did it well. There is now nothing left for them except <u>errors</u> .
Diary 28, 1917 August 7	7 Went up to Buckley today to go over Mother's matters & look at her new house. Things seem all right. To my surprise I find that Frank has enlisted in Co. C. 18 Eng. Corps as buglar and is on his way to France. He is 40 and I supposed his services and sickness in the Phillipine War would bar him out. <u>He had to give up his Phillipine pension of \$30 per month - but he wants excitement.</u>
Diary 28, 1917	-8 <sup>th</sup> -

August 8-9	<p>Called &amp; had long talk with Dan Driscoll - from Fairbanks. He is one of my staunch friends but has made a small fortune in Alaska and is now going back to Yamhill, Oregon, to live on his farm.- 9<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Went to Tacoma &amp; put up the balance of my books- into shelves in the State Hist. Soc. rooms. Have my public Doc. Alaskana there - Debbie went with me to visit our farm. Fine day &amp; enjoyed it.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Packing, fixing up my affairs - sending John Rustgard \$207.34 expenses in re Kodiak Afognak-Seldovia trip, etc. Got my finances arranged ready to go East tomorrow. Fixed up deposition matter with Dwight D. Hartman -Hugh Halbert, of Minneapolis, Minn, is at Harman's &amp; wrote a long friendly letter to Schall, M.C. from Minn, for me. Sent big file of newspapers to Wash, by mail - Alaska papers, <u>Empire</u>, etc.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 11-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Got my money matters O.K. Left \$500 for Debbie and leave Seattle at 7<sup>10</sup> this evening for Washington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Spokane for breakfast Butte tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Across Montana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>St Paul early this morning. Chicago at 9 tonight. Room 543 LaSalle Hotel. Bath &amp; clean clothes—my but they are grateful!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Left Chicago at 10<sup>30</sup> a.m. on the Manhattan Limited -Pittsburgh Pa. 10:30 tonight. Rather hot &amp; dusty.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Reached Washington this morning at 10, about 2 hours late. Have spent most of the day in bathing - washing - scrubbing. Got a room at 201 A. St. S.E. = \$20.00 a month - (paid) but will take my meals at restaurants.</p>

	<p>George and Elliott came over to see me - things seem all right. Wrote Debbie good long letter. Thunder shower -cooler –</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 17-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Busy getting settled - paid \$12.80 excess baggage on my trunk. Wrote long letter to Debbie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Arranging papers etc. in office. Also preparing notices to the Clerk of the House of Representatives asking for immediate action in opening Depositions &amp; the printing of testimony. Will serve them on Monday —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Sunday. Worked in the office - with George - writing letters, etc.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Served letter - notice on the Clerk of House today that the time for taking testimony in Contest Case had expired &amp; asking him to give notice to both parties of the time and to <u>open the depositions &amp; have evidence- printed!</u> Also served him with proof of <u>service of my brief on Sulzer</u>. Letter from Debbie - well - says Mother's Mexican War Pen. has been increased to \$20.00 per mo. &amp; has back pension.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNOR OF ALASKA MAKES APPOINTMENTS Regents of School of Mines and Members of Dental Board Are Named. Special Cable to The Post-Intelligencer. JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 12.-Gov. J.F.A. Strong yesterday made the appointment of the board of regents of the Alaska agriculture and school of the Alaska agriculture and school of mines, being erected at Fairbanks, honoring Mrs. Luther C. Hess, wife of Speaker Hess, of the Third house of the territorial legislature, lawyer and banker of</p>

	<p>Fairbanks, as member of the board. Mrs. Hess is a woman of exceptional ability, and before her marriage was a member of the staff of teachers of this city. Other members of the board are H.B. Parkin and A.C. Nordale, of Fairbanks; Phil Ernst, of Nome; Dr. L.S. Keller, of Skagway; L.F. Shaw, of Anchorage; R.C. Wood and A.R. Heilig, of Fairbanks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Called at Int. State Com. Comm. office &amp; interviewed a M. Hopkins, who in the absence of Gov. Folk general counsel, was in charge of their law office about the decision in the Samson Hd. Co. Case - <u>the Alaska Rate Case</u> -</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 21	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>I told him I Wished to have the case re heard by the Com. or such an arrangement made as would enable me to have it tested in the U.S. Supr. Ct. After quite a long discussion he advised me to file my Application for a Re-hearing - which I shall do, without in the meantime I discover a quicker means of testing the decision - which was not only adverse but so bad as to greatly injure Alaska and to prevent present development and extension of trade.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 22	<p style="text-align: center;">-22<sup>nd</sup>-</p> <p>Have noticed in the papers that the Navy Dept. is gathering information about the actual cost price of copper - &amp; this morning I called up Asst. Sec. of the Navy F.D. Roosevelt &amp; told him about the N.W. Stock Exchange statement of the Kennecott Copper Co. wherein that Co. states that their Kennecott copper costs less than 5c per pound - while, they &amp; other copper companies pretend great patriotism at selling to the Government for 16<sup>00</sup>!!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23<sup>rd</sup>-</p> <p><u>Am drawing my petition for a re-hearing in the Alaska Rate Cases, Docket No's 8975 - 6.</u> Sent P.O. Money orders today to pay for taking testimony at Juneau and Nome in Sulzer Contest Case.</p>

	<p>Darrell came in to see me - He is to take his examinations tomorrow - to find if he is incapacitated for service on account of Sea sickness - it has retarded his promotion &amp; given him much trouble and concern.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 24	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 24, 1917.</u></p> <p><u>60 Years old today!</u> Received telegram from Debbie: Seattle, Wn. Aug 24, 1917 "Hon James Wickersham, Room 167, H. "O.B., Washington, D.C. "<u>Many happy returns of the day with love, Debbie.</u>" Darrell and I had dinner together at the Ebbitt House, and afterward went to the theater. Am busy preparing petition for re-hearing in the Alaska Rate Case!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26 Sunday</p> <p>Darrell &amp; I spent the day out at Great Falls on the Potomac. It was a pleasant day &amp; we both enjoyed the very rare chance of a days visit. He is quite excited &amp; nervous over his failure to be promoted on account of serious &amp; almost fatal sea sickness - &amp; my presence here seems to be a comfort to him. Recd, a good letter from Debbie. Also a letter from Hess, at Fairbanks saying Henry Ray had sold the west half of my Cowle St. lots! He had no authority to do so and I have sent Revocation of Power of Attorney.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 27-29	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Working on my Rehearing in Alaska Rate Cases - dinner with Darrell at Ebbitt House this evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Darrell is taking his physical examination before the Navy Medical Board yesterday &amp; today - Dinner with him at Raleigh this evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>President Wilson's reply to the Pope's Peace note is in this morning's papers. It is a very shrewd, diplomatic paper, and does <u>not</u> close down</p>

<p>Diary 28, 1917 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>the bar to peace - rather, it seems to me, to invite further consideration.</p> <p>This morning sent letter to Sec. I.C.C. in Alaska Rate Cases asking for use of the Reports of the White Pass &amp; Yukon Ry. Co. Ltd. for use in preparing my petition for rehearing!</p> <p>The second reading of President Wilson's message leaves a good-impression - he is right! <u>but</u> he does appeal to German people to become traitors etc to their <u>own</u> government - he denounces that principle in the U- S- maybe he is right for Germany but <u>turn it the other way in the U.S.!</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 August 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Aug 30<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FAIRBANKS BOY IS WITH PERSHING</p> <p>In a telegram to his mother at Fairbanks, Howard Rolston, cousin of Mrs. J.W. Ward, announced his departure for Europe "soon," as an officer in one of the first volunteer contingents sent to France.</p> <p>Rolston was one of Wickersham's appointees to West Point, which school he attended for two years, when a slight defect in his hearing demanded his resignation. The military experience he had acquired, however, made him a valuable man to the government at this time and he was allowed to re-enter the service.</p> <p>On account of the censorship he was not allowed to give the exact date of his departure, but is supposed to have already arrived in France.</p> <p>Bully for Howard. I had lost sight of Howard &amp; am glad he is making his own way in the army.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FAIRBANKS NEWSPAPERS TAKE FIGHT TO COURT</p> <p>FAIRBANKS, Aug. 9,— W. F. Thompson, editor of the Daily News Miner is complainant in a libel suit instituted today against J. H. Caskey, owner of the Alaska Citizen.</p>

	<p>Owing to the fact that Thompson heretofore has been in the habit of fighting his own battles and never going to the courts for protection, it is asserted by many of Caskey's friends that the suit is merely an attack on Caskey by the federal ring, which has been fought consistently by the Citizen.</p> <p><u>Both fought me! Let em fight</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 August 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30<sup>th</sup> – continued.</p> <p><u>Have just had a conversation with Judge Houston in which he told me in the strictest confidence that he had had another talk with Sec. Lane who told him that Gov. Strong would be reappointed &amp; Houston told me he did not doubt it and that it would happen. He also told me that Judge Jennings from Juneau is here - had been to see him - fighting Strong. He is, I am informed - also fighting me and will assist Sulzer in preparing his brief &amp; will also do what he can for Sulzer.</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 August 31- September 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-31<sup>st</sup>-</p> <p>I invited Judge Houston to take dinner with me tonight -Darrell also - at the Raleigh Hotel, after which we went to the "movies."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Working in the office as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2<sup>nd</sup>-</p> <p>There are three Election's Corn's in the House No's 1 - 2 &amp; 3. No 2 is presided over by Hamill of N.J. - a Sulzer man! and cases have been referred, now, to 3 &amp; 1, leaving me No. 2!</p> <p><u>I am going to protest against the reference of my case to No. 2.</u></p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 September 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2<sup>nd</sup>, continued. Sunday.</p> <p>Just had a talk with Judge Houston, Chairman Com. on Ter; he told me he had written, yesterday, a strong letter to the President urging the reappointment of Gov. Strong. He said he talked yesterday with Senator Pittman who had, also, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ter. written an especially vigorous one in Strong's favor. He tells me the real fight against Strong is being made</p>

	by Atty Genl Gregory! - of course that influence comes from Judge Jennings! Judge <u>Houston</u> also told me that a day or two ago Judge
Diary 28, 1917 September 2	2 <u>Alexander, the Ch. of the House Com. on Merchant Marine &amp; Fisheries, called on him with his son, and complained of the fish tax levied upon the Alaska fish canneries by the Alaska Legislature. Alexander's son then said he was one of the attorneys of a fishing - cannery in Oregon!! No wonder Alexander is opposed to me &amp; introduced the Alexander Fish Bill - to give the canneries title to trap sites in Alaska - his son's retainer may be large enough to justify the father in giving him at least a fatherly support</u>
Diary 28, 1917 September 3	-3 <sup>rd</sup> - Have just come from the office of the Clerk of the House of Rept. who told me he would open the depositions in the Alaska Contest - Wickersham v Sulzer, on Thursday & have the evidence printed. Also had a talk with <u>Dowell</u> , Rep. member of Election Com. No. 3 & he told me that Watson, of Va. Chairman of the Com. <u>Told him my case was referred to his com!! Or would be when it came before the house.</u> I Am pleased - if that is true, for if I can't get justice before that com I can't anywhere. <u>Good.</u>
Diary 28, 1917 September 4	-4 <sup>th</sup> - Big parade today in honor of the drafted men drawn into the Army. Dinner with Darrell at the Raleigh - he is feeling fine & thinks his troubles over sea sickness etc. will come out all right. He is going back to Buffalo today. Just received copy of depositions taken at Nome to show that Eskimo voted for me at Unalakleet & that they were not citizens etc. On the contrary the evidence even fails to show that a single <u>one</u> voted for me - the deposition is a fizzle & Sulzer will get nothing in comfort from it. <u>It is strongly in my favor!</u>

Diary 28, 1917 September 5-6	-5 <sup>th</sup> - Same old grind. Working in office on Alaska Rate Case. Have cold gripping me - hot weather cold - the worst possible. -6 <sup>th</sup> - The Clerk of the House has just told me that he put off the opening of the depositions in the Contest Case until next week - that Lloyd asked -him to - that Sulzer told him the depositions are not all here! Called Lloyd up on the telephone but he wont do anything says he will be gone for 10 days! Have asked the Clerk to talk with Lloyd.
Diary 28, 1917 September 7	-7 <sup>th</sup> - The Clerk of the House yesterday refused to open the Depositions in my Contest case because Lloyd, Sulzer's attorney, asked him to postpone it until he returned form Missouri on the 17th inst. Called up Lloyd but could not get him to act. Today I see that in the Record yesterday Sulzer was given a leave of absence, indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family & he has gone to California - so there you are, -there is nothing in the case so they want it postpone as long as possible.
Diary 28, 1917 September 7-8	-7 <sup>th</sup> - continued U.S. Marshal Jordan, from Nome was in the office today. He is here trying to get reappointment - & Sulzer, Donohoe, Grigsby, Jennings et. al. are fighting him. I advised with him & told him to go and see Judge Park of Georgia. -8 <sup>th</sup> - Recd, letter from Gov. Strong today enclosing a certified copy of Grigsby's first opinion to the Canvassing Board in the Sulzer - Wickersham matter. It seems Grigsby then gave the Board an official opinion diametrically opposed to what Sulzer & Grigsby now are faced to rest on in their defense against my Contest!
Diary 28, 1917 September 9-11	-9 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday - nothing new - just working in office as

	<p>usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Same as usual - study the law in the Alaska Rate case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Jordan, the U.S. Marshal from Nome was in - Sulzer &amp; his organization is fighting Jordan &amp; I am doing what I can by way of suggestion to aid him - it adds to the widening of the breach etc. in Alaska. Also tonight Clarence Hawkins another Nome candidate for the same office was in - Sulzer is not supporting him either.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 September 11	<p style="text-align: center;">11<sup>th</sup> – continued.</p> <p>Hawkins was stenographer at Unalaska in 1901 when I tried Fred Hardy, for murder. He has resided in and around Nome ever since. He is very bitter against Jordan &amp; seems to think it is a close fight between Jordan &amp; Corrigan of Nome, whom Sulzer &amp; Donohoe have both endorsed. Jordan told me that Sulzer asked for absence from Congress because of the death of his brother John in New York - last week.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 September 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Working on Rehearing in Rate Case. Went to the National Theater tonight to see George Arliss in "Alexander Hamilton," an adaptation of the old Reynolds scandal. I went more because a Nome girl was playing the part of "Melissa," the bar maid, than anything else. "Katherine Hayden" was a young girl when I was last at Nome in 1910, &amp; even in 1902 - She makes the third Nome girl on the Stage in Washington this year: Emily Ann Wellman, Constance Reed, &amp; now Katherine H-. She and her</p>
Diary 28, 1917 September 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>mother called at the office today &amp; I went with them over to the Congressional Library - [theater program with list of cast] ["HAMILTON" A new play in four acts, dealing with the life of Alexander Hamilton during the period of Washington's administration.]</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Recd, a letter from the Clerk</p>
Diary 28, 1917 September 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>of the House of Representatives today notifying me that he would open the Depositions in the Alaska Contested Election Case Wickersham v. Sulzer, on Monday Sept. 17, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Judge Houston, Chairman Com. Ter. told me today that he spoke to the Clerk House, yesterday &amp; asked WHY he did not give notice &amp; have depositions opened etc. Probably that accounts for the Notice which I received just after Judge Houston made the inquiry!</p>
Diary 28, 1917 August 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14<sup>th</sup> – continued.</p> <p>At work on Petition for Rehearing Alaska Rate Case -George A. Jeffery is helping me with typewriting the Petition &amp; Argument - George has a good position in the Office of the House File Clerk - under the patronage of Gaudy, M.C. of South Dakota. I am also from time to time getting returns from letters hunting up rare books pamphlets etc. for my Alaskan Library. It is growing from day to day, &amp; I am trying get it complete with misc. books etc. while I am in the East.</p>
Diary 28, 1917 September 15-17	<p style="text-align: center;">-15<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Same as usual - George &amp; I are working nights in arranging Alaska newspapers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Sunday – same as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>The Clerk of House of Representatives opened the depositions today in the Alaska Contested Election Case etc. Lloyd, Sulzer's attorney appeared &amp; we got through the matter without any trouble - very agreeably in fact. Am still engaged at work on the Petition for Rehearing in the Alaska Rate Case.</p>
Diary 28, 1917	<p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup> continued.</p>

September 17-18	I met Judge Watson, of Virginia, on the street & he was very cordial - if my case is referred to his Com. I will, at least, get a square deal. -18 <sup>th</sup> - Note from Darrell says he is unofficially advised that he is to be ordered before Retiring Board. This will take him from service during the war, but will assure him of retirement after the War, on half pay, which was what he desired. He then intends to get into private business. I am sorry to have him quit the Navy but it seems necessary on account
Diary 28, 1917 September 18-22	18 of his constant and incurable sea sickness - when at sea. Ever since he had typhoid fever at Norfolk Navy Yard he is unable to go to sea, & a sailor who cannot go to sea & do his work is better on shore. Hence his retirement. -19 <sup>th</sup> - Same old grind -20- Just working. -21- Same. -22- do.
Diary 28, 1917 September 23-24	-23 <sup>rd</sup> - Sunday & worked all day in office except took a walk through Anacostia and along the new sea wall. -24- Called on the Clerk of the House - he told me the depositions in case Contested Election had gone to the printer & he hoped soon to send me "proofs" etc. Things seem to be moving - which is what I want. Recd, telegram from Debbie & letter at same time saying she wants me to telegraph if she can come - Here. I think she can come now as soon as she wants to & so telegraphed her.
Diary 28, 1917 September 25-26	-25- Surveyor Genl. Chas. E. Davidson from Juneau, came in today - he tells me he is to see Sec. Lane

	this evening. He feels quite safe - <u>but</u> . -26- The bill to give the Shipping Board power to permit foreign vessels to enter the U.S. Coastwise trade - <u>with</u> a proviso that it shall not apply to Alaska has been favorably reported & Chairman Alexander is trying to push it through the House. Have been working up data begging members to oppose the proviso.
Diary 28, 1917 September 26	-26- continued. Judge Houston has promised to "move to strike" the proviso from the bill - & I am preparing matter for him to use. Will also try & get Copper, of Wis. Rep. to help. Davidson, Sur. Genl Alaska was in - he told me that he had a very satisfactory talk with Sec. Lane, and thinks that he and Strong will be reappointed. Lane told him to go and see the Senators who will have charge of his confirmation - the Com. I took him up & introduced him to Judge Houston. Lane warned Davidson to keep way from any public alliance or support of me - etc. - evidently to protect him from Sulzer's criticism & assaults.
Diary 28, 1917 September 27	-27 <sup>th</sup> - Recd, letter from Debbie this morning expressing a wish to come on to Washington. I telegraphed her to <u>come</u> - on the first train. Spent yesterday & last evening and this forenoon gathering data for Judge Houston & Dowell (Rep) of Iowa in opposition to the <u>proviso</u> in the H.R. 6195 (Rep. No 162) which excepts Alaska from the benefit of the bill. I carried the data to Dowell & posted him fully & he promised to assist Houston earnestly. The House held no session today on account of the news of the death of Hon. Ebenezer J. Hill, of Conn.
Diary 28, 1917 September 28	-28 <sup>th</sup> - Shipping bill with "Alaska proviso" did not come before the House yesterday but will probably today. Have been able to get a lot more data for Judge Houston which he will incorporate in his speech.

	<p>Postal telegraph Co. informs me that telegram to Debbie at Seattle was not delivered <u>Because she left there for Washington on Wednesday.</u> Have also requested Knudsen of Minn &amp; Copper, of Wis, to assist Judge Houston &amp; Dowell in opposition to the "Alaska proviso" in the Shipping bill - today –</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 September 28- October 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p><u>Later:</u> We got licked - through Judge Houston &amp; Dowell fought well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Got telegram from Debbie from Chicago saying she could get here tomorrow afternoon - Good. Sent Maggie McNichols, Buckley, \$25. to get mother a nice new bedstead &amp; mattress - her birthday is Oct. 12, &amp; she is moving in the new house.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p><u>Darrell is here &amp; Debbie will be this afternoon - good.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Octo. 1st</p> <p>We are getting settled temporarily at 201 A.S.S.E. Office work the same as usual.</p>
<p>Diary 28, 1917 October 2-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>-</p> <p>Same as usual nothing new. Am getting "proofs" printing Depositions in Contest case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3<sup>rd</sup>-</p> <p>The Petition for re hearing in the Alaska rate case is technical full of statistics, dry &amp; gives one a headache - <u>still</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Same as usual, just working. Congress is threatening to adjourn, but doesn't.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Jamison Leslie Wickersham, son of Frank Wickersham, of Kennett Square, came in to see me - he is 26 years old and seeks a place in the Eng. Corp. of the Army. Sent him to the War Dept. with a letter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>The Extra Sess. of Congress adjourned today, until November.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Beautiful sunny fall day. Debbie &amp; Darrell &amp; I went for an automobile ride around Arlington, Va.</p>
	<p>[inside back cover] [Admittance card to inauguration ceremonies, March 5, 1917]</p>