

	[cover] <u>Diary of</u> <u>James Wickersham</u> <u>October 8th, 1917</u> <u>- To -</u> <u>Aug. 22, 1918</u>
	[Inside Front Cover] Republican Ticket Total vote of the Second Division, by Precincts
Diary 29, 1917 October 8	Washington, D.C., Octo 8, 1917. Congress adjourned Saturday (this is Monday) and the place seems rather quiet. I shall not go west for it will convene again the first Monday in November & I could not more than get to Alaska and back so I shall stay here. I have three important matters to engage my attention (1) the preparation of my Contest Case, (2) the preparation of the Brief etc. in the Alaska Rate Investigation (3) the arrangement of the mss. & preparation of the syllabi in the 5 th Alaska Reports & also the work on my Trip to Mt. McKinley. So I will just stay here & work. Darrell is taking an examination today before the
Diary 29, 1917 October 8-9	8 Navy Retiring Board. He thinks he will be retired – but not, of course, until the Present War is over, though in the meantime he will probably not be sent to sea. -9 th – We went to Keith's Theatre last night – vaudeville. Darrell went back to Buffalo N.Y. today. the retiring Board reported unanimously in favor of his retirement – on account of his terrible sea sickness which utterly incapacitates him from duty, & which was brought on by the severe typhoid fever he had at Norfolk in 1909. Am busy yet on my brief in the Alaska Rate Case. It rained today – the fall is on & it is disagreeable – rain & cold.
Diary 29, 1917 October 10-12	-10- Just working in office. -11-

	Same as usual. Sent a telegram of congratulation and love to Mother on her Eightieth (80 th) Birthday which is tomorrow, as follows: "We wish you many happy birthdays" Jim, Debbie and Darrell. -12 th - Mother's 80 th Birthday. She was born Mary Jane McHaney, in Tennessee (50 miles north of Nashville) 80 years ago today. Her father & family drove an ox team through to Marion County, Ill. when she was 7 years old. She married my father there in 1856. I was born Aug. 24, 1857. Ten children were born to them. 7 are yet living.
Diary 29, 1917 October 13	-13- Just working in office on the same old Rate case - its full of statistics - and the transportation companies are better at figures than I am. They are literary experts in that line & have a poetical license which is not confined by fact, truth or justice. About the last thing Congress did was to pass a Joint Resolution to suspend the assessment work on mining claims for 1917 and 1918. It was, of course, intended to apply it to Alaska, <u>but</u> , the act only suspends the operation of Sec. 2325, U.S. Rev. Stat. which requires such work to be done - but it <u>does not</u> suspend Sec. 3 of the mining Act of 1915, passed by the Legislature of Alaska. If Sulzer had remained here and attended to it the miners of Alaska would not have been jobbed.
Diary 29, 1917 October 14-15	-14- Sunday. Our movements on Sunday differ but little from those on other days - I usually go to the office and write and Debbie reads & sometimes rides on the streetcars. Once in a while we take an automobile ride, but generally we are very quiet. -15- Called on Clerk House of Representatives - saw Mr. Ellis who has charge of the preparation and printing of the Record of the Contest Case, & he told me he would have it finished by Saturday - I asked for 100 extra copies. Henry W. Elliott is preparing a very interesting

	painting of the gorge at Mt McKinley through which the upper snow-fields join Peters Glacier.
Diary 29, 1917 October 16	-16- The brief in the Alaska Rate case is a burdensome task & its completion is giving me much trouble. Still I am doing it the best I can & will be glad when I get it printed. <u>Henry W. Elliott has just completed and presented to me a water color picture of the view from the high view on Mt McKinley that our mountain party had on June 22 - 3, 1903. It is a beautiful picture & Jeffery & I gave him the outline and the best description we could of it & the geography was aided by the Geo. Ser. Maps etc. No one, however, except my party has ever yet been to that high point or ever saw the great glacial lake seen in the picture.</u>
Diary 29, 1917 October 17-21	-17 th - Same old grind. -18 th - do. -19 th - This is Howard's birthday. Had he lived he would be 24 years old. -20 th - Working on the Rate Case. -21 st - Have today about completed my Mss. of my brief in the Alaska Rate Case. It has been a very great burden, for I am having to make a 'stern chase,' trying to persuade the Interstate Commerce Commission to reverse its former decision against me. <u>I think</u> I have prepared a showing that will compel them to give me the relief!
Diary 29, 1917 October 22	-22 nd - On Saturday (2nd) the Clerk of the House of Representatives gave me 10 completed & well printed copies of the Record in the -Contested Election Case of Wickersham v. Sulzer. Am trying today to get him to serve copies on Lloyd, Sulzers attorney, with copies of my brief, so as to compel Lloyd to prepare and serve his reply brief within 30 days! Later: Am personally informed by Mr. Ellis of the

	Clerks office that he sent 2 copies of my brief and 2 copies of the -printed Record to Mr. Lloyd, attorney for Sulzer on last Saturday (20th) for service, & also copies to Sulzer. Timble promises me 75 copies for distribution.
Diary 29, 1917 October 23-26	-23 rd - Finishing up my Brief on Alaska Rate Case - Petition for Rehearing. -24- Finished brief today - it is <u>done</u> & I will go to the printer with it tomorrow. It has been a long hard work - full of statistical tables etc. It has been a backbreaker - and I am glad its done. <u>Hope it brings some good results.</u> -25- My Brief has gone to the printer. Am now clearing up the office & will then begin on the Mss. for the 5th Alaska, parts of which are coming in rough form from the Clerks of the courts. -26- Brief will cost me \$175.00 for printing. Fine fall weather. Writing letters.
Diary 29, 1917 October 27-28	October 27 th , 1917 <u>Thirty seven years ago today Debbie and I were married at the little church in Rochester, Ill. About 7 miles east of Springfield. We had just built a modest home there and went home after the wedding & a wedding dinner with Aunt Kate & Uncle Tom in Springfield.</u> -28 th - Am now at work on Mss for the 5 th Alaska Law Reports. I am in receipt of certified copies of the opinions of the Judges at Nome and Valdes, but not yet from Fairbanks or Juneau - although I have letters from the Clerks at both places saying they would forward copies of all opinions as soon as they could prepare them.
Diary 29, 1917 October 29- November 1	-29 th - Same as usual - 5th Alaska though when I get tired of that I work on my Mt McKinley Mss. -30 th - Same as usual. George comes over to the office of evenings and we also work on arranging Alaska newspapers, binding etc. Mr. Morrison also

	<p>assisted me two hours this afternoon on some belated bibliographical data in regard to Alaska pamphlets.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st-</p> <p>Same grind as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 1</p> <p>Working on 5th Alaska Called & gave Victor Murdock copy my brief in Alaska Rate ease - <u>am trying to get him interested.</u></p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 2-4	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2.</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 3</p> <p>Saw Victor Murdock this morning and discussed the transportation conditions in Alaska with him to considerable extent - he expressed interest in the matter and is reading proof sheets of my Petition for Rehearing & Brief in the Alaska Rate Case. I am to see him again on Monday morning. Have finished preparing the syllabi of Nome cases for the 5th Alaska Reports.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th-</p> <p>Debbie has been complaining for a year about a rheumatic knee which compels her to limp & today she went to the Wash. Sanitorium, Tahoma Park, for a weeks treatment.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th-</p> <p>I am disappointed that Victor Murdock who is a member of the Federal Trade Commission will not give me support or encouragement in the Alaska Rate Cases.</p> <p>He gives sympathy, but will not read my Brief & understand the situation. Well, I will just fight it by myself - to the end – and maybe will get a turn in the affair which will finally get the result which I & justice demand. Am pressing the matter as hard as I can in my Brief on Re-hearing. - I ought to win and get the Rehearing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th-</p> <p>Same as usual - correcting proof on Brief on Petition for Rehearing in the Alaska Rate case & working on Mss on 5h Alaska Repts.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 6	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>[clipping] TULSA DAILY WORLD, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5,</p>

	<p>1917 THE TULSA DAILY WORLD OFFICIAL CITY AND COUNTY PAPER Published by World Publishing Company. EUGENE LORTON Editor F.O. LARSON Business Manager GLEN CONDON Managing Editor HARRY E. HUDSON Advertising Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVENPORT HAS ALLY IN PUBLISHER PAGE Candidate, in Turning Other Cheek for Voters to Slap, files Libel Suit.</p> <p>As the initial step in announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress James S. Davenport has filed a libel suit against The World and Congressman Bert Chandler for \$50,000 each charging that the publication of the official records in which he was indicted for introducing intoxicating liquor into the old Indian Territory and also tried for murdering a poor woodchopper in the early days, resulted in defeating him for congress a year and a half ago.</p> <p>Davenport is a candidate for the Democratic nomination again. The only time he ever gained any national prominence while he was in congress was when he undertook to defeat the bill backed by President Wilson providing for the building of a government railroad in Alaska which was bitterly opposed by the Guggenheim interests who were endeavoring to monopolize the coal fields which would be opened up by the government road.</p> <p>During the debate on the floor of the house of Representatives, in order to discredit Representative Wickersham of Alaska, who had charge of the bill, Davenport undertook to read into the records private correspondence which would only have been secured from the files of the Guggenheims. It acted as a boomerang on Davenport and the grilling he received on the hands of Representative Wickersham was one of the most notable incidents that has ever occurred in the halls of congress.</p>
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	<p>The Guggenheims own several smelters in the First congressional district which Davenport aspires to again misrepresent in Congress. A significant fact connected with his belated suit against the World and Congressman Chandler is the fact that the attorneys representing him are the private attorneys for Charles Page.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Getting my brief in Alaska Rate Case in printed shape about done on it. Am working on 5th Alaska. Am doing all the work, writing the syllabic and then printing on typewriter & pasting on head of cases as sent me by the Clerk. Getting along O.K.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Done on Brief - will have finished copies from printer tomorrow for service. Telephoned Debbie - she is getting along satisfactorily. While I say nothing about the War in this diary it is not because I am not very greatly interested in it. Things are going badly now - Russia is making peace with Germany - & Germany & Austria are crushing Italy - things look bad over there.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 9-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Brief in Alaska Rate Case Rehearing finished - and served copies by mail this afternoon. Am satisfied with it, though I could shorten it somewhat if I could do it again - on the whole, though, I am satisfied with it. I hope it does some good for I have worked long and hard on it - Am getting along well with the 5th Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Filed 12 copies of my Petition for Rehearing & Brief with the Interstate Commerce Commission today. Working on 5th Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Sunday. Debbie is home today from Wash. Sanatorium - thinks she is better - & so do I -</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Same as usual. 5th Alaska. We moved our rooming place today from 201 A. St. S.E. to 214,</p>

	<p>same street, where we can have more comfortable and warmer quarters for Debbie.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Same as usual - 5th Alaska.</p> <p>[clipping] New York Tribune, Nov 13 Rehearing Asked in Alaska Rate Inquiry. Petition Based on Increased Demands for Copper Caused by the War</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.- A petition for rehearing in the so-called Alaska rate investigation was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by former Delegate James Wickersham. The Commission, on its first consideration of the case several months ago did not sustain most of the complaints that transportation facilities to Alaska were dominated by certain large mining interests.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham bases his petition on increased demands for copper caused by the war. Copper production in the territory is now curtailed, he charged, by high rates charged by the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad, which, he said, is a subsidiary of the Kennecott Copper Corporation.</p> <p>The Commission is also asked to regulate rates on the White Pass and Yukon Railway, a British road, running from Skagway, Alaska, through Canadian territory to Fairbanks and other Alaska towns. Discrimination by these railroads against small independent copper producers is charge in the rehearing petition.</p> <p>Same story in the N.Y. & Phil. Papers. <u>Served copy of a letter on each member of Interstate Com. Com. calling upon him to give Alaska case his personal consideration & a square deal. An impudent letter but necessary.</u></p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Mr. Charles M. Johnston, of Chickaloon, on the Matanuska, came in yesterday. He resides in Matanuska, but is on a visit to his brother at Cannauqua, N.Y. where his brother runs a metal</p>

	<p>sheet plant - he is here trying to get a contract from the War Dept. – He thinks he has it fixed so the brother will get the contract. Today I gave him a letter to the Com. Genl. Land office & he went there to get his homestead at Chickaloon straightened out – and thinks he got that done - so when he left for home in N.Y. he was pleased. Lloyd, Sulzers attorney, called & says he will have his brief ready for me on the 24th - That sounds good - Hope we get it referred to Com. promptly.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th-</p> <p>Have worked up all the copies of decisions from Nome & Valdes - those from Fairbanks & Juneau not yet -arrived - Called on the Mifsos Jackson, - the daughters of Sheldon Jackson (who so long managed the Bureau of Education Work in Alaska) at the Concord Apartments (New Hampshire & Oregon Ave.) and talked Alaska books etc. with them & especially these smaller publications which go to complete a library -they very kindly gave me a cartload of old pamphlets etc. which their father had saved, & I picked out an armload! & brought away with me - They are very much interested in Alaska and like to talk of the things their father was connected with there. They gave me, also, a "Life" of their father by Stewart - writing their presentation in it.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 16-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th-</p> <p>Received the copies of Opinions from Fairbanks today for the 5th Alaska Reports - 20 in number. Am sending out to Alaska copies of my last Brief in the Interstate Com. Case - the Alaska Rate Case. Am writing letters to a number of the newspapers asking them to copy pages 120-122, for general information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th-</p> <p>Same as yesterday - nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18th-</p> <p>Sunday – nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Recd, letter from Darrell saying his matter in the Dept. is lost, or mislaid and he cannot get any</p>
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November 19-20	<p>thing done; he asks me to go to the Bureau of Navigation and ask for information etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Went to Bureau of Navigation today - saw Commander Senn & Capt. Ellis, - they told me the papers in Darrells case were mislaid, but Com. Senn asked Capt. Ellis to go to the point where they were last used & follow them up till he found them. I told Com. Senn, that the Board unanimously recommended that Darrell be retired in line of service - he said if that was the report his Bureau would approve it, for he, personally, thought it ought to be done. Later = Capt. Ellis reports papers found & started on their regular course. I wrote Darrell fully.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 21-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Same as usual in office. Went to see Zeigfelds "Follies of 1917," at New National Theatre with Debbie - a fine spectacular play –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Same office work. Began today on the preparation of my answering brief in the Sulzer contest case. Expect their brief on Saturday so I am preparing to answer it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Lloyd, Sulzers attorney did not appear today & this afternoon I telephoned to him but he said he could not serve the brief until next week, -? <u>till Sulzer gets here</u></p>
Diary 29, 1917 November 25	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>The Post this morning has a telegraphic dispatch from New York saying that Capt. Klenschmidt, the son-in-law of Dr. S. Hall Young was arrested yesterday at the Hotel Astor in New York as a German sympathizer. Apparently McKenzie got to the department & secured results. Some time ago I told McKenzie about him, how he was an officer in the German Army, wounded etc. & McKenzie insisted he ought to be "pinched". It was all the more agreeable when I learned how</p>

	brutally he treated his wife and 3 children. Dr. Young calls him "Kaiser" in his letters to me - he knows also. Busy at work on my final brief in the Sulzer contest case.
Diary 29, 1917 November 26-27	-26 th - Recd, letter from Geo. T. Reid, Tacoma sending me (enclosed) draft, No. 34495, date Nov. 20, '19 on J.P. Morgan & Co., drawn by Bank of California, Tacoma, Wash for \$4196.69 being the balance in his hands loaned for me. He has been very good about it, and I have written him a very good letter expressing my appreciation of his kindness. This money puts me in a very good conditions to meet our future expenses etc. in Washington, in respect to the Contest, etc. Its satisfactory. -27 th - Working industriously on my Reply Brief in the Sulzer contest case. Bought a fine copy of "Voyage around the World," by Lutke, 1827-29, published in the original Russian at St Petersburg, 1835, from Lowdermilk & Co. - paid \$25.00 for it. Fine copy. It was once in Commodore Charles Wilkes library & has his bookplate in it.
Diary 29, 1917 November 28-30	-28- Same work in office. Debbie and I went over to Vienna, Virginia, today to the Golden Wedding of the father & mother of our Fairbanks friend, Dug. Morgan. They sent us an invitation & we went with a great basket of golden roses - It was a pleasant visit. We found a great crowd of their neighbors present - Dug was glad we came -and it was a pleasant visit generally. -29 th - Thanksgiving Day - Worked in office - same as usual. Nothing new. -30- Same as usual.
Diary 29, 1917 December 1	December 1st Sulzers attorney, Lloyd served his brief on me this afternoon - Of course I am partisan & have fixed views etc, but I am even then amazed at the brief.

	He clearly does not begin to understand - have knowledge of the facts or the law - the brief makes a poor case for Sulzer and relieved me very much. I feared a carefully prepared & cunningly arranged statement of the law & facts - but it looks as if it was prepared by the office boy. It does not give Lloyd any credit as an attorney to put out such a brief - & he had a good opportunity - suppose he shall win - then what?
Diary 29, 1917 December 2-3	Dec. 2, (Sunday) Have my Reply Brief ready done - now that I have Lloyds I can finish mine without delay - Congress in session tomorrow. December 3, 1917 Congress convened today in regular session., I did not go over - it was informal & nothing done - so far as I know. Took my Reply Brief to the printer - but am yet working on Conclusions. An operator in the Secret Service came to see me today about Capt. Kleinschmidt, who is interned as a German spy! Told him what I knew which was not much - nor new.
Diary 29, 1917 December 3-4	3 rd Continued Deposited in the Nat Capital Bank to my credit check \$4196.69 which Geo. J. Reid sent me. -4 th - Got Mss for my Reply Brief in Contest Case in the hands of the printer today. Chas. E. Herron called - is in the East on business - mining deal. President Wilson read his message to Congress today - urges war & recommends declaration against Austria. Called & saw Gillette, leader on Republican side in the absence of Mr. Mann, Rep. leader, who is in the hospital sick - G. told me he would ask Speaker Clark <u>not</u> to send my case to Elections Com. No. 2 - Hamill - unfriendly.
Diary 29, 1917 December 5-6	-5- Had consultation this morning with Judge R. Houston & Ms Hatcher about matter of Reappointment of Gov. Strong. Mrs. H. wishes to

	<p>see the President & Judge H. is to see Sec. Lane. I make such suggestions as I can, but am politically powerless to aid them. Mrs. H. took dinner with Mrs. W. tonight & spent the evening visiting with her. -6th- Saw Judge Houston this morning. We saw Sec. Lane yesterday trying to make an engagement for Mrs. Hatcher to see the President. Lane suggested that he write a letter to the Pres. asking for the interview for her - Houston thinks Burluson & Gregory are against Gov. Strong & Lane seems discouraged.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 7	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Have got Judge Houston to take enough interest in my contest that he has promised to see Speaker Clark & say that he thinks (as Chairman of the Com. on Territories) the Wickersham v Sulzer contest involves Gov. Strong greatly - ought to be assigned to Election Com. No. 3, presided over by Judge Watson, of Va. who is a good lawyer & a square man, and who will decide it on the law & evidence & will not be controlled altogether by partisan politics. If I win it aids Gov. Strong – if I lose it must be on the ground that Gov. Strong & Sur. Genl. Davidson were wrong in their action as members of the Canvassing Board!</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 7	<p style="text-align: center;">7th continued.</p> <p>I have just sent a telegram to “<u>Guy B. Erwin, Fairbanks, Alaska.</u> <u>Mail certified copy list voters Nenana precinct last election Promptly. James Wickersham</u> I am informed that both, Mrs. Thomas Riggs & Mrs. Creamer, voted at that election though not having been in the territory one year. - it is a felony and their husbands are equally guilty if they knew & connived in the crime. The Democrats are fighting Gov. Strong for standing up for an honest administration of the Election laws & supporting for his place - <u>who does not!</u> Have also just</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 7-9	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>written to the Secretary of State of New York for</p>

	<p>copy of the Charges against and Trial of Sulzer, Governor, when he was removed for cause from the Governorship. -8th- Wrote letter and delivered with it 60 copies “<u>Reply Brief</u>” in Contest case to Clerk House Representatives. He said he would forward the papers at once to the Speaker for reference to a Committee on Elections, No 1 – 2 - or 3? Telegraphed to Davidson, Surveyor General, Juneau, for certified copy of Nenana precinct list of voters - can get it 10 days quicker than from Fairbanks. -9- Cold & windy Sunday – nothing</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>The Interstate Com. Com. notified me today - that it <u>denied my petition for Rehearing in the Alaska Rate Cases.</u> I t seems the order was made on the 3rd - a week ago today. Well, I thought I had made a good presentation of that matter and would win - but evidently the present tendency first to give the Railroads greater freedom, or, second the more active tendency to take them in to Federal control -one or both worked against me hard - or maybe I just failed to make a good case from sheer stupidity - but I am not discouraged - I'll try it again.</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10- continued.</p> <p>Judge Houston told me that he and Judge Hamlin of Mo. had a brief interview with Speaker Clark & asked him to refer the Alaska Contest case - Wickersham v Sulzer - to Election Com. No 3. Judge Watson, Chairman. They put it on the ground that Watson is a good lawyer etc. and that the case involves Gov. Strong!! Mrs. Hatcher, President Alaska W.C.T.U. has been in the office all day preparing her letter to the President in support of Gov. Strongs reappointment. I asked her to go and see Tallman, Com. G.L.O. about “Banzinzi” Jacksons record as U.S. Min. Surveyor at Fairbanks. Jackson,</p>

	Richardson & Sulzer are here working together - against Strong & me.
Diary 29, 1917 December 11-12	-11 th – Worked in the office - nothing new. -12- CONTESTED ELECTION CASE - WICKERSHAM V. SULZER (H. DOC. No. 561). The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House, which, together with the case, was referred to Election Committee No. 1: House of Representatives Clerk's Office, <i>Washington D.C., December 11, 1917</i> The Speaker, <i>House of Representatives.</i> Sir: I have the honor to lay before the House of Representatives the contest for a seat in the House of Representative for the Sixty-fifth Congress of the United States for the district of Alaska, James Wickersham v. Charles A. Sulzer, notice of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the House, and also transmit herewith original testimony, papers, and documents relating thereto. The Clerk has opened and printed the testimony in the above case. In compliance with the act approved March 2, 1897, entitled An act relating to contested election cases, each portion of the testimony in the above case as the parties in interest agreed upon or as seemed proper to the Clerk, after giving the requisite notice, have been printed and indexed, together with the notices of the contest and the answer thereto, and such portions of the testimony as were not printed with the original papers have been sealed up and are ready to be laid before the Committee on Elections. Two copies of the printed testimony in the aforesaid case have been mailed the contestant and the same number to the contestee. The law in reference to the briefs of both the contestant and contestee has been complied with as far as possible upon receipt by the Clerk of said briefs. So far as the briefs have been furnished to the Clerk, they are ready to be laid before the

	Committee on Elections upon the order of the House, together with a tabulated statement which has been prepared by the Clerk, showing the number of pages of testimony and the present status of said contested election case, and all papers in connection therewith. Yours, respectfully, South Trimble <i>Clerk of the House of Representatives.</i> I did not notice yesterday that my case had been referred & did not know it until this morning; the foregoing appeared in the Record. I went at once to see young Watkins, of La. to inquire about Judge Wilson, of La, Chairman.
Diary 29, 1917 December 12	12 Watkins told me that he is a good lawyer, and will treat me fair - that he had already talked with him about the matter, etc. As soon as Judge Houston learned about it he went at once to see Judge Watkins - who is Judge Wilson's colleague and neighbor from La. - and asked him to put Gov. Strong's case to him as a very important part of the case. My Democratic friends are at work - Merrill Moores, of Ind. is the leading Republican member of the Committee & my staunch friends - so I think I am in a fair way to get a square deal - may be rather a favorable hearing & I am satisfied!
Diary 29, 1917 December 13	-13 th - I am not so satisfied to have my case before Com. No 1. as if it had gone to No. 3, but cannot help myself - so must accept the situation. I also learn that Com. No. 1, has charge of the Scott case from Iowa, and mine must wait till that is out of the way - <u>so I may not be reached for months!</u> Went to see Senator Poindexter about Alaska transportation matters - he says he will ready my Petition & Brief for Rehearing & talks as if he would assist Senator Cummins to work for relief. Long talk with Mrs. Hatcher & Judge Houston - they think Gov. Strong's case is not
Diary 29, 1917 December 13	13 as hopeful as it was. Mrs. Wickersham had a letter from Mrs. Strong today - clipping from Seward

	paper enclosed, saying Riggs will be appointed in January - that the President has refused to appoint Strong, <u>etc.</u> Poor Mrs. Strong is about broken hearted - well, I am doing all I can - just staying here and making a fight against our mutual enemies. Mrs. Hatcher went to see Tallman, Com. G.L.O. & has succeeded in getting R.A. Jacksons bad record, & in stirring up Tallman to fight for Davison, bitterly. And now, Mrs. Strong says, <u>John W. Troy is en route to Washington to fight both me & the Governor.</u>
Diary 29, 1917 December 14	-14- <u>before Riggs or anyone else but Gov. Strong will be confirmed!"</u> He gave me an idea or two and I intend to follow them up & get some benefit out of them.
Diary 29, 1917 December 14-15	14 <u>before Riggs or anyone else but Gov. Strong will be confirmed!"</u> He gave me an idea or two and I intend to follow them up & get some benefit out of them. -15- Am sending out 500 copies of my Reply Brief in the Sulzer Contest case - to all those who were in any way interested in the taking of the testimony as witnesses etc. in Alaska. I am specially getting them into the hands of the Russian - Aleut voters of Kodiak - Afognak, Seldovia, & St Michael & the natives at Hydaburg & Craig - Klawock. Also sending them to my friends throughout the Ter. so there will be a clear understanding of the facts & the law.
Diary 29, 1917 December 16	-16- Sunday. Mrs. W- & I are living at 214, A. St. S.E. - that is rooming there and taking our meals at Mrs. Mortons - 200 A. St. S.E. We have a large sunny front room on the 2nd floor, well furnished & warm & get good food & plenty of it at Mrs. Mortons - and all for less than one half what it cost, and would now cost us, to live at the Congress Hall Hotel. In view of the fact that we are not in receipt of any salary - Mr. Sulzer is drawing that - we have to be very careful and economical. For almost a week now we have had snow and

	freezing cold weather, and we are promised same for another week.
Diary 29, 1917 December 17	-17- Called & saw Senator Smith of Ga. about helping Alaska in Transportation matters - he is friendly & kind, but too busy to talk long - must go again when the time comes. Also had talk with Senator Poindexter who is giving the matter the most careful study & promises active assistance <u>when satisfied!</u> Have been sending out Reply Briefs to people in Alaska - in re Sulzer Contest - 400 sent. Getting data on "Food Fishery Monopoly" for Pinchot and Victor Murdock - got long detailed statement from the Bureau of Statistics today & will make statement some day this week.
Diary 29, 1917 December 18-19	-18- <u>Nothing much</u> - called & met Judge Wilson, Chairman of the Com. No 1, Elections, before which my case is pending. -19- <u>Called to see Chairman Foster of House Com. on Mines & Mining & told him the Reso. suspending the Assessment law -did not apply to Alaska & explained the situation to him - he asked me to prepare a bill to cure the situation & he would get it through Congress after the meeting in Jany.</u> Wrote to Senator Dan Sutherland, Juneau, & sent him pages from Cong. Record with Sulzers full record for last session of Congress.
Diary 29, 1917 December 20-21	-20- The Seattle papers report Riggs on his way to Washington & intimate he will be appointed Governor. In view of this rumor I wrote to Rev. S. Hall Young, 156 Fifth Ave. N.Y. today to come over next Wed- & help block the Riggs drive. I do not hope to do that, but I can get him to put Riggs crooked votes at Nenana before Nelson who will fight Riggs confirmation if he can get facts to back him, & Dr. Young can get him the facts. <u>I do not want to do it!</u> -21- Working in the office on Fish Price Chart showing

	how price of Canned Salmon has flown skyward - Pinchot is interested in it also.
Diary 29, 1917 December 22-24	-22- <u>The Winter Solstice</u> is here & passed. Working on Fish Chart same. Debbie and I went to Belasco Theater matinee to hear Harry Lauder sing. It was a great crowd - President & Mrs. Wilson present. -23 rd - Sunday. Darrell came this day from Buffalo, N.Y. to spend Christmas with us. -24 th - We are greatly delighted today to learn that the President & Secy, of Navy have signed orders making Darrell a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy & providing for his retirement <u>after the war</u> , on account of his health induced
Diary 29, 1917 December 24-25	24 by sickness at Norfolk etc. He now becomes Lt. Com. however, & is now sure of the successful ending of his application on account of long continued liability to sea sickness - he will not have to go to sea anymore - but will continue in Naval work. <u>James Haney from Fairbanks was in to see me today.</u> He will wait here till Dr. S. Hall Young comes on Wednesday & will assist Young & others in defending Gov. Strong etc. from the Troy-Jackson crowd here. -25 th - Merry Christmas! Debbie and Darrell and I visiting quietly - dinner at Congress Hall Hotel.
Diary 29, 1917 December 26-27	-26 th - Dr. S. Hall Young and Frank Shaw came in this morning - they are at the Congress Hall Hotel. Owing to the absence of many members we are slow at getting to work but the purpose is to do some work for Gov. Strong & block as many of our opponents moves as possible. James Haney, from Fairbanks, was also present - but he left on a prospecting trip around the corridors. -27- Dr. S. Hall Young, Frank Shaw, James Haney, Dug Morgan and Chas. E. Herron, Alaskans have been

	in my office today. We were scheming to do what we could to assist Gov. Strong & to defeat
Diary 29, 1917 December 27	27 Sulzer, Troy, Jackson, et. al. Riggs is also here & Sulzer went over to New York & brought Joslin over to assist them. Dr. Young called at the Com. Room & talked with Judge Wilson, Chairman Election Com. having my Contest in charge. He asked to see the Nenana Election Returns but since they were in the certified Record & sealed, Judge Wilson declined to open them up until the Com. met so he could break the seal before the Com. met so he could break the seal before the Com. - <u>he was right!</u> In the conversation <u>he told Dr. Young he was friendly to Gov. Strong!</u> Evidently Judge Houston & Judge Watkins, of La. got that clear to him, for which I am thankful - if the Gov. was right - <u>so am I in my contest!</u>
Diary 29, 1917 December 28	-28 th - Frank Shaw saw Sec. Lane today & talked with him about Gov. Strong but got little information or encouragement. Dr. Young visited Tallman, Com. G.L.O. who is outspoken in favor of Strong & Davidson, but may have no influence in the result. Dr. Young also saw Bertholf, Commandant of the Coast Guard & got satisfactory arrangements made to go to Point Barrow on a revenue cutter this summer. Both Shaw & Dr Young agree that Gov. Strong's opponents are busy but not yet successful in securing a satisfactory promise not to reappoint him as Governor. However, they are busy - but so are Gov. Strong's friends.
Diary 29, 1917 December 29-30	-29- Shaw went back to New York but Dr. Young has remained over till Monday when he is to see Sec. Lane - Tallman told Dr. Young he was strongly for Gov. Strong - but I fear Sec. Lane & want Dr. Young to see him to overcome as far as he can the

	<p>Troy influence. Very cold -3°- below zero, late tonight & a north wind blowing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th-</p> <p>Last night was the coldest weather in Washington for 5 years & a shortage of coal. <u>The U.S. has taken over the control of all Railroads in the U.S. - as a war measure - it is a remarkable event in history.</u></p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 31	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st-</p> <p>While it is the dying day of the year it has brought us some satisfaction. Dr. Young had a long & satisfactory interview with Secretary Lane about the reappointment of Gov. Strong. Dr. Young was invited to talk freely and questioned quite fully, and finally Sec. Lane called his stenographer & dictated a long letter to the President giving the strongest points made by Mrs. Hatcher., Shaw and Dr. Young in favor of the Gov. This letter was a full and strong presentation of the reasons why Gov. Strong should be reappointed & Dr. Young thinks it was meant to Sec. Lane to secure that result. It seems Sulzer & Troy were with the</p>
Diary 29, 1917 December 31- January 1, 1918	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Sec. Saturday morning & if our last appeal has really had the good effect that Dr. Young thinks it has we may hope to have the Gov. reappointed. Certainly Dr. Young came back to the office confident & Happy - I wrote the Gov. a long letter this afternoon giving him a fairly full account of what the enemy is doing to him & what we are doing to offset them. Am working on my Mt McKinley diary - of 1903. <u>January 1st 1918</u> Nothing much going on - I am at work in the office writing up my trip to Mt. McKinley, 1903 cold & clear - zero weather.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-Jany 1, cont-</p> <p>Recd certified copy of the voting list of the Nenana Precinct from Guy B. Erwin, of Fairbanks & find, as a fact, that Thomas Riggs, Ry Com. <u>did</u> actually vote his wife on Nov 7, 1916, though she had only</p>

	<p>been in Alaska since about June previous, whereas the law requires a residence of one year! and provides that if any such person shall vote he (or she) shall be guilty of a <u>felony!</u> The scheme is to remove Gov. Strong for being honest in Alaska Elections, and to put Riggs in his place, who is dishonest & a violator of the law in the same matter of elections! <u>I intend to fight hard if Riggs is appointed.</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Jany 2nd.</p> <p><u>Made examination today of the marriage records here in D.C. and ascertained G. Fenton Cramer, and his wife, Florence E. were -married here in Washington on Feb. 19, 1916, and went with the Rigg's to Alaska in the spring - & Mrs. Cramer also voted in Nenana on Nov. 7, - long before she was there a year.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Working on Pioneering Round McKinley.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Sent John Rustgard \$250. for services as my atty. in Contest case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Chas E. Herron in the office - nothing exciting.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 6	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Letter from Darrell today- he has received his official notification of his retirement as Lt. Commander in the Navy & which relieves him from sea duty, but will not take effect until the war closes. He is greatly relieved, however, that he does not have to go to sea - since he nearly dies with sea sickness resulting from <u>Typhoid Fever</u>, which he took in line of duty at Norfolk years ago. While I am greatly disappointed that he cannot remain in & secure the rapid advancement which his class is now to have - it cannot be. So I am satisfied to have him retired as well as he has.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 7-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Working on Mt. McKinley data. <u>Mss. for Jennings Juneau decisions for 5th Alaska recd. & have gone to work to finish that - after which I will return to Mt McKinley.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p>

	<p>Working on 5th Alaska - Interview with Merrill Moores of Ind. Republican leader on Election Com. No 1. with Parks of Georgia & about "Food Supplies" – Increase Prices of Canned Salmon, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Senator Poindexter telephoned me to meet him at office of Francis J. Heney, Atty. for Federal Trade</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Commission this morning - We saw Heney & I told him the Alaska fish story & gave him the chart showing the increased & increasing prices of canned salmon. Went over that whole situation very fully with him & he seemed very much interested. He sent an assistant to my office today and we went over the whole matter fully & I gave them hearings, evidence etc. etc. and they are to begin the preparation of a statement for the Commission. Heney also expressed interest in the Rate Case & asked for a copy of my Petition for Rehearing which I sent to him. He seemed greatly interested in the excessive prices of Copper sold to the U.S.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Working on 5th Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11-</p> <p>Went with Senator Poindexter & called on Chairman [Edward N.] Hurley of the U.S. Shipping Board & gave him telegram from Petersburg Board of Trade - Chamber of Commerce protesting against proposed raise of shipping rates from Seattle to Alaskan points. The matter was referred to a Mr. Carry - Rateman, and I am to prepare a statement for him. I intend to make it brief & let the Board do the work - just enough to make Senator Poindexter have a good view & get him to exert pressure to bring an investigation if it can be done.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Heard a rumor yesterday that the Elections Co. No. 1 intended to take up my case & let the case ahead of it wait - this morning I met Judge Wilson, of La. in the corridor & he told me the Com. had concluded to hear the oral arguments next Friday &</p>

	<p>this afternoon I was served with this notice: <u>"House of Representatives, Committee on Elections No 1</u> <u>Contested Election Case of James Wickersham vs. Charles A.</u> <u>Sulzer, Contester, from the Territory of Alaska.</u> <u>Hon James Wickersham, Washington, D.C.</u> <u>My dear Sir: Please take notice that in the above styled contest oral argument will be heard on behalf of the parties thereto beginning on Friday, January 18th, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock. a.m. before committee on Elections</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 12	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p><u>#1, of the, House of Representatives to which said contest has been assigned.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Respectfully,</u> <u>C.A. Barnette,</u> <u>Clerk to the Committee.</u></p> <p><u>By Order of the Committee.</u></p> <p>That sounds good to me - and I am of the opinion that the Chairman & the Clerk of the Com. are fair and friendly and I hope I'll get a square deal - think I will. They are the friends of Judge Watkins, of La. and he and his son are very friendly to me. All in all I do not feel that I am going up against a partisan and unfriendly crowd. Judge Houston was very much pleased at the turn of events & thinks good will come of it to our side – I hope so.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 January 13-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Debbie has been sick for four days with a disagreeable attack of grippe, but is now slowly recovering. Very cold spell for two weeks - same zero weather uncomfortable in this region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> <p>Working on data relating to SS. rates from Seattle to Alaskan points - wrote letter to U.S. Shipping Board Senator Poindexter & the Petersburg (Alaska) Chamber of Commerce about that matter. Am also getting ready for my presentation of Oral Argument in Contest Case before Com. No 1, on Friday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>As usual in office.</p>

<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>As usual. Am today preparing an outline of my Oral Argument in the Election Contest Case vs. Sulzer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Heard "Billy" Sunday, the famous exhorter at the great flat wide spread tabernacle recently put upon the vacant space south of the Penn. Station for his particular effort to whip the Devil. He is cunning, shrewd, and skillful in the use of slang; he talks loud & fast and with an irreverence and wit that holds great audiences and actually enthuses clean Christian people with a holy zeal - He is a</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>curiosity, to me, and makes great collections of money. He was not in good voice tonight but 15,000 people crowded his tabernacle a will continue to do so as long as he remains. I used to go to the "Sandy Branch" campmeeting, out in Illinois - 50 years ago - well Sunday's tabernacle is the same kind of an appeal to men & women and gets the same kind of results. - I think much good is done, and little harm - for those who do not feel moved to "come to the Lord," are moved to come to the circus & both classes get the worth of their money - its interesting for all and helpful, in a church way - so let it flourish!</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 18-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p><u>My case, postponed until 22nd.</u> Saw Senator Poindexter yesterday & Senator Cummins this morning & talked with them fully about bad conditions in transportation & rates etc. including the probable "failure of the Alaska-Govt. Ry." plan under Mr. Secretary Lane. They both sympathize with me but seem unable - under the War conditions which now exist - to suggest any relief to Alaska! <u>Secretary Lane is making a failure out of the Alaska Government Railroad Scheme!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Am working hard on Mss. of 5th Alaska hoping to get it out of my office in another week. Same as usual.</p>

<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 20-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>We have had a month of steady cold weather - something unusual in Washington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p><u>The Alaska contest was set for, oral argument on last Friday but Lloyd. Sulzers attorney asked for a continuance till Monday (today) on account of important engagements made before the case was set, I consented and the com. adjourned the hearing till Tuesday (tomorrow). Yesterday Judge Wilson, the chairman of the Com. fell on the ice and broke his leg - and is in the Hospital! and we are now up in the air! it may have to go over for weeks - or go to trial without Wilson!</u></p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 21-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21st continued.</p> <p>Judge Houston, Chairman of the Com. on Ter. has just told me that he has notified the people of his District down in Tennessee, <u>that he will not be a candidate for reelection to Congress this fall!</u> That's a bad decision for Alaska, for he is brave, honest and a friend of good government, and the big interests have never been able to control him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Nothing new - working on the 5th Alaska Reports. <u>On Saturday Sulzer laid the long talked of "full territorial government bill" egg-</u> John W. Troy, Editor of the Juneau Empire is here and assisted</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>in the performance and will now probably do the "cackling", for I am informed he drew the bill. It consists in my bill, with many of the checks against crooked legislation left out - & <u>provides for the repeal of the Prohibition law</u> - It also provides for the repeal of the license taxes against the fisheries - the cannery tax etc. & <u>the tax on the Copper Trust</u>. It seems to me that it contains every "job" the big corporations in Alaska will want. It is just what one would expect a bill to be when drawn by Sulzer, Troy & George Grigsby - its full of "jobs."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Nothing yet done in regard to my Contest - Am informed the Com. will</p>

<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 23-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>consent to its being transferred to Com. No. 3, Watsons Com. but I fear Lloyd, Sulzer, Troy, et. al. will oppose that & try to hold me up till Judge Wilson gets well. Telegram today from Buffalo - Darrell is getting along OK, he has a severe cold - only.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Recd. letter from Dr. Alfred H. Brooks, now major in the Engineer Corps in France from "<u>Somewhere in France</u>," with a fine copy of a small rare French book "<u>En Alaska</u>." He says he is well but hungry for word from Alaska. Also I received a letter & card from Tom McSmart, in France who wrote me a short but friendly letter - both good letters.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 25-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Working on syllabi of the 5th Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Same as yesterday! Have completed Syllabi in the 5th Alaska Reports & will now prepare roster of court officials, Preface, etc. & forward to West Publishing Co. Am having much trouble about Alaska Contest – the accident to Chairman Wilson puts us back without date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Have put the Mss. of the Alaska Reports together today & am preparing the preface - will get it off to the West Publishing Co. St. Paul, Minn. about Tuesday</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th –</p> <p><u>Forwarded the Mss. For Fifth Alaska reports to West Publishing Co. today.</u> Am glad to get it into shape for I am proud of my labor in the publication of these Alaska Reports. I have never received a cent for all the work and expense I have put into them, but the satisfaction I have in beginning the organization of judicial business in Alaska has repaid me many fold. Wrote good letter to Major Brooks (Dr. Alfred H. Brooks) and Tom McSmart who are both with the Army in France.</p> <p>It seems now that when Lloyd, Sulzers attorney,</p>

	<p>wrote me the letter asking me to postpone the</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>oral hearing from Friday, Jan 18th to Tuesday following because he had an important case or business which required him to go to New York that Friday - <u>was a lie</u> - for he did not go after the case was postponed & on Monday the Chairman, Wilson of Louisiana, fell & broke his leg and now the case is hung up indefinitely. The real reason Lloyd wanted the continuance was to wait till George Grigsby, the Atty. Genl. of Alaska, got here! so as to assist them - now that the case is postponed so long I assume they will hatch up some other job. Of course I can meet them - but a broken-legged Chairman is hard to cure - that beats me! & I must grin & wait.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 29-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Am getting data ready for Senator Poindexter in re. Alaskan Transportation Rates. Writing letters etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>Letters to Attorney General asking executive clemency for David Carmack and Billy Clark, two Fairbanks men in the U.S. Penitentiary for alleged crimes - the circumstances in each case justify the Department in recommending that they be either paroled or pardoned. Carmacks people are from Colorado and I have asked Hon. Edw. Keating to look after the case - after I have prepared the record – he says he will. I will look after Clark who is an old Circle City man. <u>Snowing & bad weather.</u></p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 January 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-31-</p> <p>Had a talk today with my friend Watkins, son of Judge Watkins of Louisiana about Judge Wilson, and my case. He is a close personal friend of Judge Wilson, Chairman of the Com. on Elections before whom my case is pending & he strongly advises me to let the case rest patiently till Judge Wilson can get out of the Hospital where he is now confined with his broken leg. He assures me Judge Wilson will give the case a square decision on the law & the facts & that Sulzer cannot move</p>

	<p>him to decide against me for partisan or political reasons. I have determined to accept Watkins advice & wait! Heavy snowstorm last night.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 1-2	<p>-Feb. 1st 1918- Am slowly writing up my trip to Mt McKinley - 1903. Feb. 2. Prepared my "<u>Declaration of Candidacy</u>" of Delegate from Alaska - prepared & signed & forwarded it to Dan Sutherland, & Rustgard. In it I declare my purpose to submit my candidacy to a vote of the Republicans in Alaska at the Primary Election held on April 30, 1918. Have sent it to Dan with instructions to consult with my friends in Juneau & file the Declaration if in their united judgment it is the best thing to do; <u>Have learned that Sulzer made & signed his Declaration as a Democrat yesterday.</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 3	<p>-3rd - Working on Mt McKinley Trip, 1903. We have had a long hard winter - for Washington. Since December - the last days, it has been winter with snow sometimes a foot deep on the ground, and the temperature for a week at a time ranging from zero to 20 above. Today there is a foot of snow from the last fall, but it is melting and we hope for warmer weather tomorrow. We now expect rains and a big flood in the Potomac. One of Darrells chums at Annapolis was "Bill" Greene. The poor boy died a few weeks ago - but his brother and sister eat at our table at Mrs. Mortons - and they seem to be nice people- He is a professor of English History etc.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 4-5	<p>-4- Working on my journey to Denali - Mt. McKinley. -5- This morning Judge Houston Chairman Com. on Ter. called me to come to his office hearing is to be held on Sulzers "<u>Game Bill</u>" for northern Alaska, and he wanted my judgment about it. I told him and pointed out on the face of the bill that it was solely in the interest of the "<u>Cold Storage Company.</u>" Also told Dowell, Rep- head of the Com. same, and I think Mr. S. will have hard</p>

	<p>sledging to get his bill reported. <u>Sulzer & Riggs, & Nelson</u> from Dept. of Ag. were present to support the bill!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 6-9	<p>-6th - Working in the office on trip to Mt. McKinley in 1903. Nothing new - Letter's from Dan Sutherland & J.B. Marshall at Juneau, encouraging and suggest my renewal of the fight for reelection this fall. -7- Writing Mt. McKinley memoirs. Nothing new or important. -8- Same as yesterday. -9th - Spent the day at the Federal Trade Commission discussing Alaska Salmon canneries etc. with Com's Colver & Murdock. They are showing a real human interest in Alaska & protection of food fish supply.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 10-11	<p>-10th Sunday - Debbie and I went over to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for Insane to see our friend Will Southard, who we knew 25 years ago on C. St. in Tacoma. His wife wrote to Debbie that he had broken health and had been sent there - from Seattle - and we went over to see him so she could write to his wife about him. He is well cared for and seemed to know us - though he is very weak. -11- Working on a "Memorandum" given to me Saturday by Com's Colver & Murdock, of the Fed. Trade Com. in re Report on Alaska Salmon Prices, which is to made part of a report to be made by the Com. on Canned Goods Investigation before them!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 12-16	<p>-12- Same as yesterday. -13th - Turned in my additional data in re. Report on Alaska Salmon to Federal Trade Com. today. Mrs. Hatcher sent me copy of a letter which Sulzer wrote to her saying that he is strongly for Prohibition in Alaska notwithstanding the clauses in his full Territorial Govt. Bill. <u>It appears he used my</u></p>

	<p><u>bill for copy!!!</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-14-</p> <p>Working on McKinley Trip, 1903.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-15-</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-16-</p> <p>Took a walk today to look at the ice conditions on the Potomac</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>from Georgetown down to the bridges leading across to Alexandria. We had nearly two months of vigorous winter weather and a deep set in the river ice. This week the high water in the Potomac broke up the ice and carried it down to the flats & wider part of the river, and here it is piled solidly on the bottom - grounded, and ten feet high above the small currents of the river. It looks more like a scene on the Nome coast than anything I have ever before seen in the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th</p> <p>Sunday. Took Debbie and one of her friends, Mifs Arrick out in an automobile to look at the Yukon ice fields piled in the Potomac R. grounded far out into the Bay.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 18-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Todays New York Sun contains more than a column attack on the Sulzer Alaska Game bill, & the Boone & Crockett club repudiates Sheldons action in pledging its support to the bill. The matter is to be heard further on the 26th & I expect Honaday & a Com. from the Camp Fire Club will also be here to oppose it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Wrote the Chap. "<u>On the Slopes of Denali</u>" for copying by Jeffrey. I dont imagine anyone else will but I do enjoy the Trip to Denali which I made 15 years ago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Am usually answering correspondence</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 20	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>these days or writing on my Mss. of our Pioneering Trip to Denali in 1903, but also there are matters of public interest in connection with Alaska almost every day - fisheries, transportation or some matter</p>

	<p>of legislation to take part of my time. Just now Sulzers trying to put through a bill to give the right to kill Moose, cariboo & Mt. Sheep, in interior Alaska without limit & to permit the meat to be tagged & sold, etc. It is a bill to throw the door wide open to commercial killing. Judge Houston, Ch. Com. Ter. asked my opinion, I told him it would greatly benefit the Cold Storage Co. destroy the game etc.</p> <p>They had a hearing two weeks ago - the testimony of Sulzer,</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 20-23	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Sheldon, Nelson & Riggs was taken and is now printed. The Boone & Crockett Club & the Camp Fire Club, both of New York, are now preparing to fight the bill, & are to be before the Com. next Tuesday. I do not intend to make any public appearance but I will see to it that the opposition is fairly made, for I consider the bill one to monopolize the food supply of the interior by the Cold Storage Co.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-21st –</p> <p>Same as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-22nd –</p> <p>Snowing again. Work in office as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-23rd –</p> <p>Elliott has letters from Dr. Honaday & other members of the Camp Fire club</p>
Diary 29, 1918 February 23-27	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>saying they are coming over on Tuesday to appear before the Com. on Territories in opposition to Sulzers Game bill.</p> <p>Working on my McKinley Diary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-24th –</p> <p>Spring weather at last.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-26-</p> <p>Have been working on McKinley Trip.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27th –</p> <p>Have about finished first draft of My McKinley Trip of 1903.</p> <p>Hearing today before the Com. on Ter. in Sulzers Game Bill. Honaday, Belmore Brown & others appeared in opposition & Elliott, who was present,</p>

	thinks it is pretty near dead. Hope so - its a Pac. Cold Storage bill to further monopolize food.
Diary 29, 1918 February 28	-28- Our hard winter weather is over - the worst I have ever seen in Washington. Herron, Ed. Anchorage Papers - was here yesterday. Nothing much doing - he says he will support me at election with his paper as usual. Have just received letter from Gov. Strong denouncing Sulzer, et. al. and expressing doubt as to his reappointment - but I think he will be reappointed & especially if I can win my contest - which I think I'll do. Just recd. letter from Mrs. Hatcher who tells me she fell & is hurt quite seriously - will prevent her from going Alaska to fight Sulzer
Diary 29, 1918 March 1-3	-Mch 1 st - Working on McKinley data -2 nd - Same as yesterday. -3 rd - Received telegram from John Rustgard, Juneau, saying there were the following candidates filed for Primary Election of April 30. Francis Connolly, Socialist James W-, Republican Chas A. Suber, Democrat & William Maloney, " The telegram says Maloney is being run by Governor Strong & a combination of labor unions to beat Sulzer out of the Democratic nomination! Good I hope it succeeds!! The
Diary 29, 1918 March 3-5	3 fact that the Shackleford crowd has not put up a candidate against me seems to assure me the nomination as the Republican Candidate at which I am pleased, for it will put me in good standing whether I am elected or not if a Republican is seated President two years from now. -4- Working in office as usual -5- Hearing today before Com. on Ter. Riggs and

	Sulzer tried to push Sulzers Game bill - & Troy talked "Full Territorial Form of Gov Bill" as introduced by Sulzer. Before the hearing I went
Diary 29, 1918 March 5	5 over the Sulzer "Full Territorial Form of Govt. Bill," with Chairman Houston & pointed out that it would (1) make the Repeal of the Prohibition Law passed by Congress, and (2) enable the Ter- Legislature to do all the Fishery Corporations have been trying for 8 years to get Congress to do - repeal their tax law, and give them title to the Fisheries! <u>I did not attend this or any former hearing.</u> This afternoon had an interview with Meyer, in charge of the Alaska Eng. Com & Ry. in regard to the suspension of the Alaska 8 Hour law. Am to prepare a written
Diary 29, 1918 March 5-6	5 argument against suspension and file it soon. The hearings before Governor Strong are now concluded & the record is expected in Washington soon. -6 th - The opponents of "Sulzers Bill" are busy as the following from the <u>Wash. Star</u> shows [clipping] NEW YORK, March 6.-- The defeat of the Sulzer bill, a war measure now before Congress which would provide for the killing and cold storage of big game in Alaska, was urged in a resolution adopted by the American Game Protective Association at the final session of its annual convention here yesterday. Before adjourning the association appointed a committee to go to Washington and urge the passage in the House of the enabling act by which may be put into effect the new treaty between the United States, Canada and Great Britain to protect migratory fowl. The committee comprises Maj. E.C. Bradford of Illinois, M.L. Alexander, game commissioner of Louisiana; George Graham of Massachusetts and Frank D. Glain of Minnesota.

	Have begun the preparation of a Brief in opposition to the suspension of the Alaska 8 Hour Law - but I think Meyer & Lane will suspend it.
Diary 29, 1918 March 7	-March 7 th – <u>Am shocked this morning with the announcement in the morning papers that the President appointed Riggs, Governor of Alaska yesterday</u> Ashmun Brown tells me that Sec. Lane told Senator Pittman of Nev. that he had a resignation from Gov. Strong! It seems that Lane anticipated trouble with Sen. Pittman and “blocks” it by getting Strongs resignation “to save disclosures” etc. I asked Judge Houston today for the copies of the papers which John W. Troy filed with him in attack on Gov. Strong. It is a mass of affidavits, statements, massed to show that Strong
Diary 29, 1918 March 7	7 was born in New Brunswick, Canada that he was married there, had 3 children & abandoned his family - came to the U.S. & married Mrs. S- his present wife without any divorce from his first wife who is yet living. It seems that some Govt. examiner for the Dept. of Justice also “sleuthed” for Troy & his fellows - possibly at Sec. Lanes suggestion & thinks the story is true. <u>Judge Houston gave me the papers Troy left with him & I am having them copied.</u> I have heard that old story long ago - it may be true, but the Gov. will have to admit it before Ill believe it, and even
Diary 29, 1918 March 8	7 then he is a better man than Troy who brought the papers to Wash. and has destroyed the Gov. with them. When Troy came to Olympia down & out, busted and in need, Gov. & Mrs. Strong gave him work, aided him to get a start, sold him their paper on credit & when he got a chance he murdered them with this brutal story! It makes Mrs. S- <u>not a wife</u> , after she had done so much for Troy. If there is no hell there ought to be for a dog of that kind, & Riggs gets to be Governor on that basis - it was his only chance & he is no better than Troy, & we will make him feel it in Alaska before he is much older!

Diary 29, 1918 March 8	-8 th - I have started active proceedings to prevent the confirmation of Riggs as Governor of Alaska. Will get someone, preferably Dr. S. Hall Young, a Presb Missionary to Alaska & Gov. Strongs personal friend of more than 20 years standing to sign them - Henry W. Elliott on account of Riggs attitude on commercialization of game moose, cariboo & sheep in Alaska is willing - anxious & demands the right to make the charges - These will be voting his wife in violation of the U.S. statute of Nenana Nov. 7, 1916, when she was not qualified by a years residence in Alaska etc. and
Diary 29, 1918 March 8	8 probably his inefficiency and incompetency as Ry. Com. & dragging the railroad work into politics etc. Another hearing in Senator Poindexters office on Alaskan Rates. I protested, in writing, against increasing the rates until a hearing is held at Juneau, & was promised the hearing should be held. It will make no difference in the result because <u>Kent</u> , the man in charge has repeatedly declared the rates ought to be increased - & they will be - but I want him to go there & hear the proper object - I want consent & he is mad & I am just about ready to object to him as an examiner!
Diary 29, 1918 March 9	-9 th – Getting papers etc. ready in proposed objection to confirmation of Riggs for Gov. of Alaska. Got certified copy of marriage certificate of Cramer & wife. He is disbursing officer of the Alaska Eng. Com. at Nenana, and Mrs. Riggs & Mrs. Cramer & husbands went to Alaska together in May or June 1916, before they voted on Nov. 7, 1916. This certificate and the certified copy of the list of voters of Nenana precinct, which I now have, gives exact proof of their presence there then & their having each cast the vote objected to. Telegraphed for Rev. S. Hall Young to come over from N.Y. to sign charges.
Diary 29, 1918 March 10	-10 th – There is another “Kink” in the case. The appointment of Riggs sent to the Senate says in it

	<p>is "vice Strong <u>"term expired and resigned."</u></p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOMINATIONS. <i>Executive nominations received by the Senate March 7, 1918.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. Thomas Riggs, jr. of Alaska, to be governor of Alaska, vice John F.A. Strong, term expired and resigned.</p> <p>Senator - Pittman telegraphed Gov Strong & I <u>hear</u> he says he has not resigned!</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA HAS TWO GOVERNORS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President Names Thomas Riggs, Jr., but Strong Denies He Resigned. Juneau, Alaska, March 9.-- Despite the fact that President Wilson has nominated a new governor for Alaska and announcement has been made in Washington that Governor Strong has resigned, he declared today he never offered his resignation and knows nothing about it. Thomas Riggs, Jr., Democrat, has been nominated for the governorship.</p> <p>Jeffery, Elliott & I have just finished preparation of documents constituting charges vs. Riggs, - will be filed with Committee tomorrow.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 March 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p><u>Charges against Riggs filed today.</u> Henry W. Elliott signed the papers & filed same with Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Committee - & <u>"the fight's on"</u> Have this day finished & filed a Statement against the Suspension of the Alaska 8 Hour law- with Sec. Lane! Meyer, the young man in charge of the Alaska Govt. Ry. seems to have this also in charge! - controlled also by Riggs - who will suspend the law - of course - if requested. Andrew Furnseth, Pres. Seamens Union, approves fight against the suspension - but I fear the Dept is</p>

	<p>against us.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 March 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th –</p> <p>I sent copy of my Statement & Brief against the Suspension of the Alaska 8-Hour Law to Sec. Lane yesterday. Also called up Furnseth who came to see me this morning. Delivered copy and a letter to Sec. W.B. Wilson, Dept. Labor to Furnseth <u>who</u> <u>agreed to put it into Sec. Wilsons hands!</u> We may get results from it but not from the copy going to Lane which will be passed to Myers, his former office boy - <u>now head of the Alaska Ry!</u> who will talk it over with Riggs & both of whom will do what the big interests want done. Furnseth may get good results with the Wilson copy!</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 March 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th –</p> <p><u>John E. Ballaine is here fighting Sec. Lane & the Alaska Eng. Commission.</u> He was just in the office and showed me a letter from President Wilson asking him to take up the charges he has made against Lane & Riggs with Atty. Genl. Gregory! Ballaine had a long interview with Gregory last night and is to have others immediately. I told him about C.W. Joynt, - who was Supt. of the Tanana Valley Ry. for Joslin & arrangements will be made to have Joynt see the Atty Genl. - when he gets here in a few days. Charges are piling up against Riggs - and <u>I now have real hope that his nomination may be withdrawn!</u></p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 March 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> <p>Chairman Wilson of Election Com No 1, called me up & I went to his office. He is walking on crutches but thinks he is getting along satisfactorily & <u>will not</u> have a stiff leg in consequence of his fall & long confinement. He had the Clerk call up Lloyd Atty. for Sulzer and give notice of the hearing of our Oral argument in the Wickersham-Sulzer Contest Case <u>for</u> <u>Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.</u> That sounds good, and now to get the oral argument ready for the burden is on me to open & close it.</p>

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	Moved the admission of Mr. J.J. Finnegan to the
	[inside back cover] [receipt for \$40.00] Received from Jas. Wickersham for D.A. Sutherland Declaration of candidacy, Delegate to Congress, Primary Election 1918 filed [Signed] Charles E. Davidson Secretary of the Territory of Alaska.
Diary 29, 1918 March 15-16	-March 15 th 1918. continued - Supreme Court of the U- S- today. He lives at Seward, Alaska. Writing letters to my friends in Alaska - on politics.- 16 th - Charges against Riggs, were served on him yesterday, and he lend is not yet! Got a letter from Edgar saying there will be an effort to indict him at Fairbanks, for illegal voting but Roth & Bunnell wont permit it! If I can get my case settled before his confirmation I'll join in on the fight - through the Atty. General. There is a row
Diary 29, 1918 March 16	16 Charges against Riggs, were served on him yesterday, and he lend is not yet! Got a letter from Edgar saying there will be an effort to indict him at Fairbanks, for illegal voting but Roth & Bunnell wont permit it! If I can get my case settled before his confirmation I'll join in on the fight - through the Atty. General. There is a row on now between the Atty. Genl. and Lane - <u>Look at this from todays Washington Times:</u> SEC. LANE DENIES PROTECTING LAND SHARKS IN CLAIMS Sharp denial has been made by Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane to charges by Assistant

	Attorney General Francis J. Kearful that he “failed to safeguard the interests of the public,” and had “violated the statutes” in his administration of the public lands. The result has been to bring into sharp outline the friction which long has existed between the Interior Department and the Department of Justice. Kearful in testifying before the House Public Lands Committee in effect made the broad charge that Secretary Lane was protecting fraudulent claimants to Government oil lands through entering agreements with these men that barred prosecution by the Department of Justice, and further, that when the oil leasing bill was enacted the Secretary intended to make these agreements permanent, allowing the claimants to escape with the fruits of their frauds. This testimony has not yet been made public, but will be shortly. <u>Secretary Lane’s answer was a detailed denial. Inasmuch as Kearful has the support of Attorney General Gregory the controversy thus started will have far-reaching consequences.</u> Riggs was served with copy of charges yesterday.
Diary 29, 1918 March 16-18	16 [clipping] Wash Post, 15 th Riggs Meets Opposition Washington, March 15.-A fight on the nomination of Thomas Riggs, Jr. as Governor of Alaska, to succeed Governor Strong, caused the Senate Territorial Committee today to postpone a report on the nomination until investigation has been made. [clipping] PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS AND COMMITTEES IN BRIEF SENATE. Met at noon and adjourned at 5:35 until noon today. The committee on Territories postponed action on the nomination of Thomas Riggs, jr., to be governor of Alaska until an investigation could be

	<p>made of protests that have been filed. -17th –</p> <p>Am getting my argument ready for Com. on Elections for Tuesdays presentation - orally - Briefs already filed.</p> <p>-18-</p> <p>Have spent the day in preparing Memo Brief - getting books ready, etc. for Oral argument tomorrow before the Committee on Elections on my case. Am as ready as I can get & confident.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 19-20	<p>-19th –</p> <p>I have just completed the argument in my contested election case against Sulzer, and I am not satisfied - I am satisfied with my effort, but I fear the members of the Committee will make it a political issue - if they do that I am defeated. Of course I have the utmost confidence in my position on both the law & the facts - but not on the politics.</p> <p>-20-</p> <p>This morning I saw Geo. Grigsby Atty. Genl. Alaska, going toward Judge Wilson's room & it struck me he was on an errand. Waiting a short time I went there for a book & found Grigsby & Judge</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 20	<p>20</p> <p>Wilson in close conversation! Now ordinarily that would not mean anything <u>but in this case it means that Grigsby was engaged</u> - after the arguments in my case are ended - <u>in trying to prejudice the Chairman of the Com.</u> with tales which he could not tell in open session with an opportunity for me to answer! Some other big portly man was with Grigsby - they are now beginning to apply the political work "up the back stairs." Charles W. Joynt, from Fairbanks came in this evening am trying to get him in line to assist in defeating Riggs nomination! for incompetency etc. in Alaska Ry work at Fairbanks end of track.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 21	<p>-21-</p> <p>Maj. Ballaine & Joynt in my office engaged in consultation in re. Alaska Ry. work in opposition to Riggs etc. We are making as much of a case as possible & hope to defeat him, by getting the Pres. to withdraw his appointment. I have much</p>

	<p>confidence in the defeat of Riggs because the charge of illegal voting which I prepared & Elliott signed & filed is <u>certain</u> & without any doubt - a crime - a felony, and if the President or the Attorney General get it once in their mind correctly - it will be as startling that he must be withdrawn! I just got a letter from Edgar telling me the facts & that there is to be an effort to indict him for the crime in Fairbanks.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 22-23	<p>-22nd</p> <p>The latest paper yesterday evening said the President during the afternoon had filed a document with the Senate with instructions that it was not to be opened till the Senate met in executive session today. While we have not yet had any public announcement <u>we think it was the withdrawal of Rigg's nomination.</u> Corrected my proofs of oral argument before Election Com.</p> <p>-23rd-</p> <p>I cannot get positive proof that Riggs nomination is withdrawn - but <u>some</u> proof - just enough to make me hope its true. Nothing new from Ballaine attack on the Eng. Com - fear he is running true to form - just a fraud!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 24	<p>-24-</p> <p>Went over to St. Elizabeth's Hospital today to see Wm H. Southard, one of our Tacoma friends of years ago who is suffering from a general mental & physical breakdown. He is in bad shape but seems better than when I last saw him - 2 weeks ago. Am working on the introduction to my trip to Mt McKinley in 1903. I am inclined to make sport of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names & the system of nomenclature in vogue in applying names to natural objects in Alaska. Very largely they are the names of officials of some Washington Bureau - or their friends - it is a matter of preserving family pride.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 25-28	<p>-25th –</p> <p>Working on Introduction etc.</p> <p>-26-</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p>

	<p>Mr. & Mrs. McKinnon, from Fairbanks took lunch with Mrs. W- & me today. She was formerly Mrs. Leonard - an old sourdough - he is foreman of bridge work for the Richardson wagon road work. -27-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Darrell came over from New York on his way to Pittsburgh, Pa. where he has been assigned for recruiting duty. -28</p> <p>Saw Senator Jones (Wash) this morning for C.H. Joynt who wants to be connected with</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 28	<p>28</p> <p>McAdoo's U.S. Ry. work - Made an arrangement for him to see Senator Jones so they too can plan for further effort with the Secretary.</p> <p>The greatest battle of the European war - to date - is now on. The Germans are advancing on Americans - in the general direction of Paris - steadily & if not halted will soon cut the French army off from the English - & disaster may result to the Allies. Our American troops are south of the center of the line of attack - on the French side: My brother Frank is with the American engineers but whether his command is engaged in the battle I do not know.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 29	<p>-29th -</p> <p>Darrell went to Pittsburgh, Pa. today to begin his service there as recruiting officer for the Navy.</p> <p>Charlie Joynt saw the Director of Railroads today but did not get what he wanted - but came away satisfied since he had a good fair talk with the head officials & got fairly to present his ideas of what he thought about the national coordination of railway work etc.</p> <p>Judge Houston told me he had a talk with Judge Wilson Ch. of the Election Com. - who says Jennings decision in my case was unfair, etc. Judge Houston thinks he is favorable to my side in the Contest Case.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 March 30-31	<p>-30th -</p> <p>Am preparing a memo, of citations on a law point in my contest case where the Chairman wants them - 31st</p> <p>(Sunday). Went over to St Elizabeth's Hospital to</p>

	<p>see W^m H. Southard - once a bright young fellow and a friend of ours when we resided on C St. in Tacoma. Poor Will is now broken - gray-and so depressed mentally & physically that I fear he will never fully recover.</p> <p>Big Battle in France raging with the advantage somewhat against us.-</p>
Diary 29, 1918 April 1-2	<p>April 1st.</p> <p>Am preparing my Expense Act. in Contest Case vs. S I am allowed such an account not to exceed \$2000 b U.S. Statutes.</p> <p>Filed my Memo Brief in Contest Case on the Question whether the Ter. Act, requiring the judges of election to certify to the facts which prevented the use of the official ballots was Mandatory & required the casting out of the precincts - Judge Houston suggested filing it & read it and said it was <u>strong!</u></p> <p>-April 2.-</p> <p>Darrells Birthday - 36!</p> <p>Same as yesterday in office.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 April 3-4	<p>-April 3-</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS AND COMMITTEES IN BRIEF SENATE</p> <p>Met at noon and adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until 1 o'clock today.</p> <p><u>Management of the Alaska railway will be investigated by the Territories Committee before it acts on the nomination of Thomas Riggs, to be Governor of Alaska. Riggs is a member of the Alaska engineering commission, under whose supervision the railroad is being constructed.</u></p> <p>HOUSE.</p> <p>Met at noon and adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until noon today.</p> <p>The military affairs committee favorably reported a resolution by Representative Anthony (Republican), of Kansas, inquiring of the War Department why Herbert A. Mayer, formerly private secretary to Secretary Lane, was given a captain's commission in the army when he is of draft age.</p>

	<p>Representative Anthony said that on information from the War Department that no man of draft age would be commissioned unless he had enlisted many members had so notified their constituents.</p> <p><u>The good work goes on!</u> <u>Sec. Lane's son was also appointed a Lt. in the Aviation Corps. although of draft age!</u> -April 4th -</p> <p>Have my railroad ticket for a trip to begin tomorrow morning to New Brunswick, St Johns,</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>to look over the facts charged against Gov. Strong in the Troy charges - that he was born in N.B. married there & ran away leaving a wife and three children etc. etc. While the story is told in the Troy charges with much detail and brutal frankness I am not satisfied with it & will go and investigate the facts for myself - it is quite important to know the whole truth in view of the proposed investigation of the Alaska Ry. - Riggs etc.</p> <p>My friend and schoolmate Charley Joynt is going over to N.Y. & we go that far together. I shall probably stop off & visit N.Y. for a day or two with him on my way back.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Left Washington for New York - Boston - St Johns, New Brunswick to discover what the facts are in the Troy charges against Gov. Strong! Reached Boston, at 8 p.m. The ride through Conn. & R.I. was interesting. I was surprised at the amount of vacant land covered with scrub timber in R.I. especially. Went to the Essex Hotel, Boston, & to</p>

	<p>my disappointment found there was no train for St Johns, New Brunswick till Sunday evening. -6th -</p> <p>This is a gala day in Boston - there is the greatest parade of the people today in the interest of the</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 6-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>sale of the third issue of Liberty Bonds. There were thousands of people - men, women & children in the parade - it took 7 hours to pass a given point, & the whole city is covered with flags & filled with enthusiasm. I visited the wharves & tramped the streets sightseeing. -7th -</p> <p>Sunday- Went across to Bunker Hill & Monument. The monument was closed to visitors but I scouted around the Hill - it is about 50 feet high & as big as your hat! Then went over to Boston Commons & tramped its paths - State House, etc.</p> <p>Left Boston at 7 p.m. on the night train for St. John, N.B. across Mass. & Maine etc. Good sleeper.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Our train went by McAdam & got a good view of the interior of New Brunswick. The forest covering of birch, spruce & willow is just the same as that in the interior of Alaska, and the remnants of the deep winter snow banks fill the forest shades. Some of the rivers are just breaking up - the ice had just gone out of one & both banks were piled high with rotting ice cakes - just like an Alaskan river. The St. John's River is yet fast in the ice - some places it is clear but generally it is solid. We reached St. John's city at 2 oclock. I was greatly interested in the narrows in the river where it enters the Bay - it is very narrow & the tide rushes</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>in and out with great violence - it is said to be a Reversible Falls - the water falls <u>out</u> of this narrow gorge when the Bay of Fundy Tide goes out & falls <u>in</u> when it reverses!</p> <p>Went to the Royal Hotel & soon found Mr. Charles D. Strong whom I came here to interview. He is the Chief Clerk in the Canadian Pacific Ry. general offices & is a clear cut & bright man. Affable,</p>

	courteous, but rather difficult to approach until I showed him a copy of the charges which Troy et. al. are peddling against Governor J. F. A. Strong - of Alaska. I also showed him a letter from Gov. Strong to me & a letter from me to the Gov- this to convince him that my mission was a friendly one to Gov. Strong.
Diary 29, 1918 April 8	8 He denounced that part of the Troy statement as a tissue of falsehoods which quoted him as saying unkind - or anything - against the Gov. He assured me that he did not <u>know</u> , although he believed it to be true, that Gov. Strong was his brother. He said a detective - Dossier, I think he said was his name, first came to him about Jany, & told him Gov. Strong was his Brother & made inquiries: That the Special Agent from the Interior Dept. - from Sec. Lane, came later. He says he did not tell them <u>anything</u> - that he listened to their statements, but was so surprised at what they told him about his brother that he kept quiet. He told me 1. That his brother John A. Strong
Diary 29, 1918 April 8	8 left New Brunswick about 30 years ago. 2. That he closed up his mercantile business & paid every cent he owed before he left 3. That he was not a drunkard nor even a habitual drinker & that the stories of that kind in the Troy statement are false and untrue. 4. That he believed for many years that his brother John was dead. 5. That he does not <u>know</u> that Gov. Strong, of Alaska, is his brother, but 6. He now thinks he is! 7. That his brother left a wife and 3 children in N.B. where they yet reside. 8. That his wife had never obtained a divorce from his brother John, nor had she ever married again, & 9. That she now lives in Frederickton, New Brunswick. I gave
Diary 29, 1918 April 8	8 Mr. Strong a photograph of Gov. Strong, which I had with me. He treated me with friendly courtesy & told me he was greatly distressed about the fact - if it is a fact - that his brother had married again to the present Gov. Strong's wife, without having any legal separation from his New Brunswick wife.

	After an hours talk, in which he spoke frankly, I bid him good bye & left much disappointed at the failure to find some evidence that could be used to protect our Alaskan Mrs. Strong as the legal wife of the governor! Left St. John's, N.B. at 6 p.m. on the night train for Boston - a good berth in the sleeper.
Diary 29, 1918 April 9	-9 th - Across Maine, N.H. to Boston. Good view of Haverhill on the Merrimac, and reached Boston about 11 a.m. Left there on the noon train for New York, via Springfield, Mass, Hartford, Conn. [clipping – map of New England train routes] Came into New York at 8. p.m. and went to the McAlpin Hotel. Charlie W. Joynt is here but did not see him tonight.
Diary 29, 1918 April 10-11	-10 th - Just before I left Boston, Sunday evening I got the news from a New York paper that the Senate Com. on Ter. had unanimously reported Riggs appointment as governor of Alaska, <u>favorably</u> . Today my schoolmate Chas W. Joynt and I explored New York – especially around the big bridges which interested both of us. Tonight we went to the Winter Garden Theater to see a play “Sinbad the Sailor.” -11 th - Left N.Y. This morning on the 9 a.m. train for Wash where I arrived at 3 oclock. Went to he office & looked over the mail. Nothing much of importance. Riggs not yet confirmed but
Diary 29, 1918 April 12	12 Saw Judge Houston & told him of the ill success of my exploratory trip to New Brunswick. Elliott is still gathering facts to show that Riggs is or <u>was</u> a resident of Maryland & he gave his residence as an appointee on the Boundary Com. & the Alaska Ry. Com. in the “ <u>official directory</u> ” as late as 1917. But I think it is too late to make any further opposition since the Senate Com. on Ter. has now unanimously reported him favorably. <u>But</u> , Elliott told me tonight for the first time, <u>that</u>

	<p><u>Riggs claims to be a Republican!</u> Senator Frelinghiser introduced him to Senator Harding (both Republicans) as such & Riggs declared himself to be a Republican.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 13-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 13th CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. CONFIRMATIONS. <i>Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate April 12, 1918</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Governor of Alaska Thomas Riggs, jr. of Alaska, to be governor of Alaska, vice John F. A. Strong, term expired and resigned.</p> <p>A good Guggenheim Republican! I have just told Judge Houston about Riggs being a Republican & told him what Elliott said that Senator Harding of Ohio told him etc. We both think its a good joke on the Democrats - but hell on Alaska! Am working on my correspondence. -14-</p> <p>Sent the Nome Nugget a telegram - night letter taking space at \$25.00 per month till November election - Am advised the Republicans have a good Legislative ticket & my action may tend to unite my friends there for a good successful campaign.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 15-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>My old boyhood friend Charles W. Joynt, & Debbie & I went down to Mt. Vernon today. It was a glorious sunny day - the cardinals were in full song - it was a fine trip and all enjoyed it much. -16-</p> <p>Working on correspondence. -17-</p> <p>Worked on Bibliography of Mt. McKinley - list of books dealing with that great mountain for insertion in my 1903 mss. The political news from Alaska is that Maloney - <u>may</u> defeat Sulzer for the Democratic nomination. This caused Troy & Grigsby to go home some 10 days ago to save him if possible.</p>

<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 18-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. The New York Grand Jury has just returned indictment against W^m Sulzer, for grafting in the last N.Y. City Election. -19-</p> <p>Working on Biblio. McKinley. Notified today that the U.S. Shipping Board will conduct hearings in matter of SS. Rates to Alaska.- Hearings at Seattle, Juneau, Seward & Anchorage, May 10 to 30th. I sent telegrams notifying Juneau Dispatch & Anchorage Times - after the hearing <u>the rates will be increased</u> - the hearings are only held to make a show of fairness!</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 20-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. -21st - Debbie & I took an automobile ride in the Parks. -22-</p> <p>Correcting errors in Mt. McKinley Mss. Had telephone talk with Kent, the special Atty-Examiner of the U.S. Shipping Board today about Alaska Rates. He is going to Alaska in May to hold hearings in the matter of Transportation Rates, - by SS. at sea, and I promised him I would send copies of his letter of notification, which I have just received, to shippers etc. in Alaska & organize them ready for the hearings. He agreed to hold the final hearing in Seattle, on his return, about June 1, so that I can be present!</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 April 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>Sent copies of letter from U.S. Shipping Board to Chambers of Commerce at Ketchikan, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka, Skagway, Cordova, Valdes, Seward & Anchorage giving notice of hearings in Steamship Rate case. Of course I do not anticipate any good result from the hearing - it will not result in any reduction of rates! Had talk with Ballinger, Mass, a member of the Election Com. having my case in charge - he could not give me any information when the case will be decided - except that the Iowa case of Steel v Scott will be decided first & probably in a month!</p>

	Finished correcting Mss of my Pioneering around Mt. McKinley - the main part - only
Diary 29, 1918 April 24	-24- Rev. E. C. Betticher, our "little minister" from Fairbanks will be married in Baltimore this afternoon & Mrs. W- & I will go over. Mrs. W & I went over to Baltimore on the 1 p.m. train got a taxi-auto--& inspected the city till 3:30 when the driver took us to what he said was the church where the wedding was to be solemnized - but it was not! A policeman on the corner directed us out the pike road two miles - a citizen there directed us a few miles on farther - the farther we went the faster we drove & we finally reached St. Thomas Church in Garrison Forest – 12 miles out just as the bride and groom
Diary 29, 1918 April 24	24 emerged from the Church door They seemed glad to see us & we congratulated them. Mr. Betticher then invited us to follow their carriage which we did for 2 miles, to the house of their friends, where the reception was to be tendered. Soon the balance of the wedding party came & the reception was held. We met Mifs Bolster & Rev. Mr. Madero, both from Fairbanks, also, & after a pleasant visit for a short time we returned to the City. Had dinner at the Caswell & caught the 6:30 Electric cars for Washington - where we arrived at 8 p.m. Was a pleasant trip! Nearly every negro on the Trolley car - and there were many had a package of whiskey in bottles. Baltimore is <u>wet</u> & Washington <u>dry</u> hence the bootlegging!
Diary 29, 1918 April 25	-25 th – Finished & presented my account of expenses in the Contest Case of Wickersham v. Sulzer, to the Com. on Elections, to Judge Wilson, of Louisiana, this morning - It amounts to \$2900, & more & he told me it would be examined for allowance <u>after</u> the case is decided, but that no more than \$2000 would be allowed! <u>Bought \$250.00 liberty bonds today - 3rd issue - through the National Capital Bank of Washington, D.C. - to be delivered in 2 or 3 mo.</u>

	Have \$1000 of 1st issue in the Dexter Horton Bank, Seattle. Bonds bot today are registered & will not be ready for delivery for 2 or 3 months.
Diary 29, 1918 April 26- May 1	-26 th – Am working industriously on my "Pioneering Around Mt McKinley." -27 th – Same as yesterday. -28- Same. -29- Same. -30- <u>Primary Election Day in Alaska.</u> May 1 st Called on Scott Bone, Ed. Seattle P-I, at his hotel & he assured me he & his paper would support me for election in Alaska. Am getting letters from my friends showing much interest in my campaign.
Diary 29, 1918 May 2-4	-2- Chas E. Herron in today. Dispatches say that Sulzer beat Maloney – evidently the publication of the Strong scandal hurt him & assisted Sulzer very much. Herron asked me to go to [?] Reen. on May 16 th & make a half hour talk to the Rotary Club & about Alaska! <u>Optomistic!</u> -3 rd – Working on Pioneering Around Mt. McKinley. -4- Davidson, Surveyor General of Alaska was confirmed yesterday in the Senate have just sent him a telegram " <u>Congratulations on your confirmation yesterday.</u> "
Diary 29, 1918 May 5-7	-5- Sunday - Pioneering Around McKinley. Chas. E. Davidson, Sec. Genl. confirmed by U.S. Senate today. – <u>good!</u> -6- Same - Received a telegram from the Chamber of Commerce of Nome asking me to appear for them in the matter of the proposed increase of SS rates from Seattle. I answered saying it was impossible to fairly represent their interests without local

	<p>statements & advised them to prepare such a statement and send it in.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Am about done with my Mss of "<u>Pioneering Around McKinley</u>" am now to prepare Preface & index - then get it printed if I can.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 8-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-8-</p> <p>Put in the day writing letters to Alaskan correspondents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Have been looking over the P-I from Seattle & the Juneau Empire, & it seems the Maloney faction gave Sulzer a hard fight - <u>though he evidently won out</u>. But another victory like that & Charlie will have to look for another Job. Gov. Riggs came out for Sulzer & denounced the other faction bitterly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Same as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11-</p> <p>Same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Have my Mss. for Pioneering Around Mt. McKinley <u>done</u> & arranged in</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 12-15	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>shape for the printer, excepting only the index Our friend Mrs. Patton, from State of Wash, is here - at the Cong. Hall Hotel - were out riding with her this afternoon - Mrs. W & I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>As usual on Pioneering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Got my ticket for Pillsbury - I am to go tomorrow night & while there will make a short address to the Rotary Club about Alaska's Resources.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>The very first Mail carried by Aeroplane today - from Wash. to New York. To Pittsburg on 10.pm. train over Penn. Ry. tonight.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Arrived at Pittsburg early this morning. Chas. E. Herron met me & I went to the Hotel Henry. After breakfast a committee of Cham. of Com. called & a couple of them took us out riding - to the</p>

	<p>top of Mt. Washington etc. Had lunch at 12:30 as the guest of honor at the Kiwanis Club, the big business club of Pittsburg. Judge Buffington, U.S. Circuit judge presided & introduced me. A young member of the Club, and also a soldier in France, where he lost an arm, spoke first & received an ovation for his patriotic speech. Then Judge Buffington spoke - Sewards Purchase of Alaska was his topic - he</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>then introduced me & I spoke of the resources of Alaska - for 30 minutes, and it seemed to be well received. A fine lunch was served to about 300 members of the Club. In the afternoon the Pres. of the Com. Club took us - I, Herron, Darrell & some others all around Pittsburg in an Automobile & we saw the fine parks, homes & the many great manufacturing plants. In the evening we (I, Darrell & Herron) were invited out to the suburban home of young Mr. George English where we had a fine dinner. The Uncle, H.D.W. English & his wife & others were present, - all engaged in steel & manufacturing. Back to Hotel Henry for night.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>From the morning Pittsburg paper.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA HOLDS GREAT WEALTH Delegate Wickersham Tells of Its Resources at Luncheon Here</p> <p>"Alaska has more coal within her borders than Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia combined. She has more copper than Michigan, Montana, and Arizona; more tin than Wales, more gold than California and Colorado, and more agricultural land than Norway, Sweden and Finland, which support a population of 12,000,000 people from agriculture alone," said James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, at a luncheon yesterday</p>

	<p>noon at the William Penn Hotel, given by the Kiwanis Club.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham referred to the popular misunderstanding of Alaska as a frozen country, and pointed out that the coast of the Pacific side of the peninsula is swept by the warm Pacific current and the harbors on this side never contain so much ice as he sees every winter in Washington.</p> <p>"We have the greatest river in American territory - the Yukon," continued Mr. Wickersham. "It is larger than the Mississippi. The railroad being built from Seward will open up more than 6,000 miles of navigable streams to the commerce of this country. The area of Alaska is 590,800 square miles, just 13 times the size of Pennsylvania."</p> <p>He advocates the development of the country, particularly with a view to protection against a possible future Asiatic enemy in the Pacific, or the permanent occupation of Russia by Germany.</p> <p>"At the time Mr. Hobson was fussing about the yellow peril we actually had only 30 days supply of coal for the naval forces on the Pacific, and even now, coal is shipped from the Pocahontas region of Virginia to the Atlantic seaboard and carried around the Horn for the naval vessels on duty in Alaskan waters" he said.</p> <p>Left Pittsburg at 9:40 a.m. for Washington - reached home at 9 p.m. Good visit with Darrell!</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 May 18-20</p>	<p>-18- Trying to catch up with my correspondence in the office.</p> <p>-19- Sunday. Mrs. Wickersham & I had an auto ride to Annapolis & return with our Hoquiam, Wash. friend, Mrs. Patton.</p> <p>Saw Morrissey, newspaper man from Fairbanks, here as Sulzer's secretary - It looks as if Sulzer & he think they are going to win the contest case!</p> <p>-20- Mave Olds, the daughter of our Tacoma neighbors, who was a playmate to my children - & who loved Howard dearly - telegraphed us to meet her tonight at the train. She is on her way to attend the Annual</p>

	<p>Class meeting</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 May 20-22</p>	<p>20 at Wellesley College & wishes to stop off a day or two & visit with Mrs. Wickersham. We met her at the midnight train & Mrs. W. got her a room with Mrs. Legge where we lodge.</p> <p>-21st - Am finished my "Pioneering," except the index.</p> <p>-22nd - Am anxious today - for the Election Com. will hold its meeting at 10:³⁰ to vote on my case! My fear is that they may yield to the political influence which the Administration has brought to bear, and stand by the action of Judge Jennings & throw out enough precincts to give Sulzer the election. Its the only way he can win! but.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 May 22-26</p>	<p>-22nd continued. the Com. on Elections considered my case & appointed a Sub-Committee of 3. - chairman Wilson, Robinson of N.C. & Moores, of Ind. to read the record & consider the law points & report their Conclusions & Findings to the full committee at next meeting!</p> <p>-23- Am preparing Index to my Pioneering Around Mt McKinley.</p> <p>-24- Same & polishing up the errors & mistakes.</p> <p>-25- Same.</p> <p>-26 Sunday - Out auto riding with Mrs. W. & Mrs. Patton, who goes back home, Hoquiam, Was. tonight.</p>
<p>Diary 29, 1918 May 27-29</p>	<p>-27th - Arranging photos for my book. Getting map of Brobdingnag copied, etc. <u>Finished</u>.</p> <p>-28- Am engaged today in packing that part of my library which I want to send to Tacoma to include with Alaska Books on Exhibition at the State Historical Society Rooms. I need to send these books anyway - & it will be that much done if the</p>

	<p>Committee should go astray & decide against me. Its getting very hot and I am anxious to get away West as soon as possible. -29- Packing books!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 30	<p>-30th – Congressman Wood, of Ind. told me yesterday that he had a conversation with Congressman Weltz, of Ohio, who is a member of my Elections Com. & a Democrat, & who told him I would win out - that he was favorable to my cause, etc. Wood is hurrying Moores the leading Republican on my Com. & who has charge of my case - but who is too much inclined to his case,- he does not appreciate my condition, how far it is to Alaska, & how long it takes to make a campaign in that land - else he would hurry up - but the Dems. are not anxious to help me in that way probably.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 May 31- June 2	<p>-31st – Sent My Mss. of "<u>Pioneering Around Mt McKinley</u>" to the Chas. Scribner's Sons, N.Y. today - <u>& also return postage!</u> June 1st Am busy packing my private library & will ship it to Tacoma, where I will locate it in the State Hist. Soc. until I can get better arrangements for it. It has become a burden to me, and an expensive one at that, but it is the most interesting property I own. -2nd Went over to St. Elizabeths Hospital to see Will Southard - He is not any better - looks like he is fading away - surely.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 3-4	<p>-3rd – Saw Ballinger & Moores, Rep's members of the Com. on Elec. No. 1, about my case - They tell me the Com. will hold with me on some features but they think my evidence is lacking in other respects Am at work fixing it up & hope to succeed - but feel insecure! -4th – Packing books, papers etc. to ship west. Will get my office ready for whatever may happen. <u>German submarine off the New Jersey Coast today - & for 10 days past, sinking sailing vessels etc.</u></p>

	<p>Delivered a <u>Statement of Facts</u> to Moores, ranking Republican</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 4-5	<p>4 member of the Com. on Elections today - giving him the <u>points</u> on the <u>facts</u> in my favor. He is friendly to me, <u>but lazy</u>, & I shall have to do much of the preparation of the case. 5th. The case of <u>Scott v. Steele</u> was settled in the House yesterday - it was the case just ahead of mine in the same Com. & I now hope the Com. will give mine attention. Packing, marking & shipping my private library to W.P. Bonney, Tacoma, Wash. to be stored on exhibition in the rooms of the State Hist. Soc.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 6	<p>-6th – Recd. telegram from Anchorage Times to report situation <u>in re.</u> senator Poindexters Amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill - appropriating One Million to mine, transport, Matanuska coal and to erect naval bunkers & docks. Went to see Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Com. & other members of the Com. & then sent this telegram: "<u>Washington D.C. June 6, 1918.</u> <u>Anchorage times, Anchorage, Alaska.</u> <u>Senator Poindexter's amendment House Naval Appropriation bill adopted in Senate May 22, now before joint Conference Committee. Have just interviewed House, members Conference Committee and am assured by chairman Padgett it will be</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 6	<p>6 <u>be approved. Appropriation carries one million for mining, transporting, erection naval bunkers and docks. Clause barring Anchorage will be corrected by Conference Committee. It is the beginning of Government mining - Matanuska coal, and means great development and assured prosperity in Alaska. My congratulations.</u> James Wickersham</p>

	I wrote to the Ed. of the Times also sending a copy of the Poindexter Amdt. - page of the Record for the 22nd of May with the item in full. I am greatly pleased with the result of that amendment - it really will do much good to Alaska and insure the opening of the Naval Coal fields & bring prosperity - I hope.
Diary 29, 1918 June 7-8	-7 th – Sent 17 boxes of books - my private Alaskan books - to W. P. Bonney, Tacoma, Wash. today - freight charges were \$105. ⁰⁰ . They are to be placed with my other books there - in the rooms of the State Historical Society - on exhibition with my Indian collection which has been there for years. -8- Am going over my argument in he Contest Case - Am very much discouraged at the want of energy of Moores of Ind. the Republican member of the subcommittee - He is slow & lazy - and not very much interested - & I suffer.
Diary 29, 1918 June 9-11	-9- Sunday – nothing much. -10- Nothing new today. -11 th – I am greatly discouraged at the indolence and indifference of Merrill Moores, M.C. of Ind. the leading Republican member of the Com. No 1. on my contest. So I have started to work on my Democratic friends & other Republicans. I have prepared another statement on the law - in answer to doubts raised by Moores and others & today submitted it to Judge Booher of Mo. in the hope that I can get him to act & to talk with Ch. Wilson, of my Committee!
Diary 29, 1918 June 12-13	-12- Have talked my contest case over with Judge Booher very fully - he has read & corrected my last Memo, Brief & I will now have it printed for the general use of the Com & House. -13 th – Am putting my office in shape so that if the Com. will not act soon I can go home & into my campaign. Am sending out a lot of Pub. Docs. for

	distribution to the people of the Territory. This evening Congressman Welty, of Ohio, a member of the Elections Com. No 1, having my case in charge came by and stopped in the office to visit. He told me he was for me - in
Diary 29, 1918 June 13	13 of seating me - thought I was fairly and legally elected, etc. He said he thought the Com. was that way - He is a Democrat & since the 3 Republicans on the Com. have told me they were of the same opinion that makes 4 - out of 9 – If another Democrat is of that opinion I ought to win. He also advised me that the Com. would decide the case within a “week or two”. I have been much discouraged on account of the slowness of their action, for if I am to go to Alaska to make a campaign I must go soon, but in view of Weltys statement shall not go at once. I feel quite encouraged by it - though I realize that it is only <u>his opinion</u> .
Diary 29, 1918 June 14-17	-14- Have sent out several bags of books - pub. docs to my constituents – I shall now begin to get ready for the fray - in Alaska. -15- Charles Scribner's Sons have returned my Mss, “Pioneering Round Mt M ^c Kinly” saying they will not publish it in book form etc. I am very much disappointed - <u>but!</u> -16- Sunday. Darrell came over from Pittsburgh today & spend the day with us. -17- Just working in the office. Nothing new-
Diary 29, 1918 June 18-19	-18- Recd from printers 500 copies of my last Memo Brief in Contest Case & sent 20 copies to Judge Wilson, Ch. of Com. -19- Saw Congressman Weltz this morning & gave him copy of my Memo Brief - he promised to see Ch. Wilson & find out when the Com. will act. Recd. telegram from Juneau:

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Juneau, Alaska, June 18.</u> <u>James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Republican convention gave Roosevelt, Hays & Yourself splendid endorsement. Nominated myself for Senator and Davies for Ketchikan, McCormick of Wrangell, and Grover Winn and Shepherd of Juneau for Representatives. Jack</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><u>Wilson of Treadwell named for road supervisor. All nominations unanimous. Good feeling results. Candidates plan get you at Ketchikan for Fourth of July. Will you be there?</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ed. C. Russell.</u></p> <p>Mrs. Wickersham & I will go to Frederick & Hagerstrom, Md. this afternoon on a rest journey - her people lived near these places before the Revolutionary War & moved from there to Kentucky just after the War. So we will go over & look at the country where they lived - and take a few days rest.</p> <p>I sent Ed Russell a nice telegram pledging my support to the Rep. nominees of the Juneau convention & congratulating him on his nomination for Senator.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Late this evening Debbie & I took the Auto stage for Frederick, Md. - and greatly enjoyed the trip along the pike through fields of waving wheat - ripe and ready for the reaper. At Frederick we put up at the New City Hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>This morning I went to the Frederick Co. court House to see if I could find the record of marriage of Isaac Baker, Debbies great grandfather - but did not succeed.</p> <p>We then took the trolley car & stopped off at Braddock Heights for a view of the country from those high lands. After lunch we went on to Hagerstown Md. & put up at the Hamilton Hotel for the night.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>This morning I began an examination of the Wash. Co. Md. Records for data bout Isaac Baker, and</p>

	<p>found very interesting facts therein - especially in the matter of the land transactions in this country, seemingly in connection with Isaac & Evan Shelby. It seems that Baker purchased tracts of land prior to 1779 from Maryland, which he sold to sundry persons etc. Among his tracts were "Pleasant Bottom" "Mountain of Wales," Allaways." He sold out these tracts sometime about 1779 and the next record shows him in North Carolina, where he was evidently</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>engaged in relation to Isaac Shelby - and in 1792 he was in Wash. Co. Va. I suppose now, the records from Kentucky will show him in that region - probably near Shelbyville - located, located by Isaac & Evan Shelby.</p> <p>This afternoon we came from Hagerstown, via the Western Maryland Ry. via Highfield to Thurmont, and thence back to Frederick by trolley.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>From Frederick this morning to Frederick Jc. then to Wash Jc. & thence home to Wash. over the B. & O. Ry. We had a fine trip & enjoyed the ride through the grain fields of Md. very much!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 23-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd Sunday</p> <p>Nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Letter from Jack Tansy, Seldovia, asking me to write letters to some of his friends there, to encourage them in this falls election. Also sent them some pub. docs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Am writing letter to Senator Chamberlain setting out particularly the facts which occurred in the matter of the preparation & passage of the Alaska Railroad Bill - He sent telegram to Alaska in the last election declaring - in effect - that I had little to do with the passage of that bill - that he did it all! Am trying to corner him on the facts of Record!</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>There is almost an agreement to take a Recess of Congress for a month while the Com. on ways & Means get up a Revenue Bill - & if they do adjourn, where will my Contest Case be? Have been</p>

	<p>scouring around to find out & am told the Com. on Elections will meet tomorrow & try to get an agreement on it! Hope so anyway, for if they do not I must go home without it - & let it go as a bad job!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Com. meeting today - could not get Rose, Rep. to attend - Ballinger, Rep. was not here - nothing done, & <u>Recess on Monday!</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 28-29	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Am at work among my friends to get action by the Elections Com. before Congress takes it & threatened recess for a month! Am thoroughly disgusted with Merrill Moores, Rep. of Ind. who is just too indolent and lazy to work! He is friendly enough & takes the view that I am elected, etc. <u>but wont work!</u> My friend W^m R. Wood, M.C. of Indiana, is after him with a request for action?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Saw Congressman Flood, Ch. Com on Foreign Affairs, Demo. who said he would see Judge Wilson, Ch. Elections Com. No 1, and urge him to action.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 June 29- July 1	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Am notified today that there's a sum of \$517. due me on my last years salary! I hope so, for I shall need it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>The threatened recess will not probably happen for a day or two - & I may get yet action on my case. If not I shall go home - in disgust.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-July 1st -</p> <p>Gave a bond today to recover a lost check for my salary of August 1916 - two years ago. Senators Poindexter & Jones of Wash. State, went on the bond - the last check was for \$517.90 It will come in handy just now!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OVER)</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>I met Hon Claude Kitchin, of N.C. this morning - he asked me about the Contest - & promised to urge Wilson, chairman to report the case promptly. Wood, of Ind. also saw Gillett, of Mass, Republican leader and asked him to urge action.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-July 2nd -</p> <p><u>The Elections Committee today voted unanimously to seat me. They gave me the total vote the returns gave me & threw out the Soldier vote!</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 3	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Sent telegrams to Juneau Dispatch, Anchorage Times & Nome Nugget, announcing the decision of the Elections Committee in the Contest Case, also to Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks & Gov. Strong, Victoria Hotel S.F.</p> <p>It looks now as if the Congress may not recess, and I may be compelled to remain here for a time - am disappointed for I want to go home to carry on my political campaign.</p> <p>Am sending out large quantities of public documents for distribution, and intend, now, to put as much life in my fight as I am able.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 4	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>An Allied 4th of July celebration today. There was a demonstration of all the Nations - a gathering of a large contingent of many nationalities in native costumes on the Ellipse south of the White House - the formation of a grand parade which marched to the Capitol for ceremonies by each great nation etc.</p> <p>President Wilson made an appeal to the World for the successful conclusion of the War, with peace & security to every nation etc. It was a glorious day & a grand outpouring of all nations in favor of liberty and Law.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Many telegrams of congratulations are coming in from Alaska & the Pacific coast on the result of my contest. From:</p> <p>J.R. Needham, Paul F Stanhope & D. Smith Harris, Ketchikan, Joe Sliscovich, Seattle, Jud. P. Hartman, " Geo. D. Schofield " W.W. Getchell " J.J. Munsell, Nenana Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks J.J. Dirkin, Ketchikan Dan Driscoll, Yamhill, Oregon</p>

	<p><u>A telegraph also from the pioneer women, at Nenana.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nenana, Alaska</u> <u>July 4, 1918.</u></p> <p><u>James Wickersham</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 5	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p><u>Delegate from Alaska. Washington, D.C.</u> <u>We the undersigned Pioneer Women of Nenana, Alaska, hereby extend our hearty congratulations firmly believing that the will of the people should rule, thus perpetuating a Democracy of the People, by the People, for the people.</u></p> <p>Kellum, Adams, Donworth, Leon Kellum, Baatz, Lavin, Brooker, Fowler, Lipman Simpson, Heimbruger, Mrs. M.J. Cooney.</p> <p>Telegrams of that kind repay one for long effort & many struggles - and final victory. Of</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>course I sent these Pioneer Women a nice telegram of thanks! I'll write to the men. <u>The only thing I am afraid of now is that congress will recess before the committee report can be filed and adopted.</u> While that is not very serious I hope it can be done before Recess!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-July 6th -</p> <p>Chairman Wilson, of La. tells me he cannot get his opinion in the Contest Case done before Recess & it cannot, therefore, be acted on till after Aug 12, - provided the Recess shall last so long! Well, Sulzer needs the money, I suppose.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>and since I will also be paid for the same period I do not need to complain. - Except that it will sadly interfere with my campaign if I am obliged to return here at that time to take the oath of office!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>The House first agreed to pass the Telegraph Bill with the further agreement that there would be a Recess & late last night the Senate adopted the Recess Resolution - but during the Senate Debate</p>

	<p>criticism against the recess became so acrimonious that the House - then refused to adopt it - & the whole plan was abandoned - this</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>morning I find it is abandoned & - probably - there will be no recess at all! I hope not, for my case can then be brought up in a week or 10 days & finally disposed of. I had concluded to go home - starting Tuesday morning, but now I shall not go - unless the Recess materializes. Debbie will start on Tuesday evening alone - via Winnipeg, Prince Rupert, Skagway & the Yukon river, while I will go later - when I am seated, so that I will not need to come back in August!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>All talk of recess is now gone by, and I will not go home - yet! Working in office as usual.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 9-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sending out Sacks of Pub. Docs. to my constituents. <u>Debbie goes west tonight. She left at 6 p.m.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Letters & office work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Am sending copies of my Statement & Brief in support of Alaska 8 hour Law - when attacked not long ago - to Unions in Alaska. Sulzer refused to support the Unions in the matter - I have put his telegram of refusal on the front page. Also sent copy to Pres. Wash. State Ted. of Labor - hope to get them at work. Sending out Pub. Doc's etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Correspondence in office.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Am scared, again, that Congress will so recess as to block my case from being acted on till late in August. In case it happens I will go home at once.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>The Senate agreed, yesterday, to recess for 3 days at a time until Aug 20, or thereabouts & while the House did not do so, it probably will at its meeting tomorrow. That means that my case will not get action till late in August - so I will go home also. It will not make any difference in the end, except it</p>

	holds me up that much longer.
Diary 29, 1918 July 15	-15- Saw Judge Wilson, of Elections Com. & he told me that he had the opinion in my case about done - & would get it printed soon - that he would file the Report & get it acted on as soon as possible - some time in Aug. - or Sept. etc. I bade him good bye, & asked him to send me a copy to Fairbanks. Moores, Rep. says the Opinion is stronger than my brief & on the soldier vote alone I am elected by 6 majority - plurality - over Sulzer. Altogether the situation is good, though Sulzer & his friends are yelling & threatening the members of the Com. <u>Bought my ticket to Seattle.</u>
Diary 29, 1918 July 16	-16 th - Paid my bills, packed etc. drew money from bank closed up office. Sent Henry T. Ray telegram saying Mrs. Wickersham in Skagway coming to Fairbanks & asking him to have the House ready. Also sent her a telegram that I was coming. Start from Washington for Seattle at 6 p.m. on my campaign for 1918. Sulzer & his Secretary are still here - doubt if they go home - he is now engaged in fighting for his breath - and a reversal of Contest Case - Which he wont get!
Diary 29, 1918 July 17-21	-17- Ohio, Ind & Chicago. 18 St. Paul & Minnesota wheat fields. At St. Paul I had time to telephone to West Pub. Co. who sent me, with their compliments, a copy of the 5 th Alaska Report. Am greatly pleased at its appearance – it is a good job of printing. Beautiful day. -19- Across Dakota. -20- Montana- -21- Reached Seattle at 9 p.m.
Diary 29, 1918 July 22	-22- Telephoned to Jennie at Enumclaw & she brought

	Mother down to see me - <u>for</u> I am to go on the Victoria to Nome this evening. Cashed my coupons \$500. & fixed money matters at the Dexter Horton Nat Bank - Made an arrangement with Parsons for a credit of \$2500 if I need it. Good visit with Mother & Charlie & Jen & the 3 kiddies. Saw many friends at Frye Hotel. Good rest etc. Left Seattle on " <u>Victoria</u> " at 7 p.m. for Nome. Bishop Row & also Bishop Crimont aboard & other friends
Diary 29, 1918 July 23-24	-23 rd - Spent the day at Ladysmith B.C. loading coal for St Micheal, Alaska - there being no coal available in Alaska!! Sent some letters out to Alaskan friends. -24- Going out through the Strait of Juan de Fuca at noon - passed a Japanese War Vessel going into Puget Sound. Left Ladysmith at 4 a.m. & stopped opposite Victoria, B.C. long enough to put off the pilot. Am meeting many Nome people & getting my acquaintance renewed, etc. Calm sea - good weather
Diary 29, 1918 July 24-27	24 [clipping] The Ladysmith Chronicle Published by Carley & Carley at LADYSMITH, B.C. TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1918. The Victoria in Port. The Victoria was in port to-day taking on coal for her Alaska trip. On board the Victoria are a number of United States soldiers who are going north to relieve those now stationed at Fort Davis, Nome, and Fort St. Michael. There are a large number of passengers on board including Mr. James Wickersham, the Congressional representative from Alaska to Washington. Mr. Wickersham has represented Alaska in Congress for the past ten years and is now returning home after a lengthy stay at Washington. He is delighted with the war spirit observed at every place he has visited, and is especially enthusiastic over the great service rendered by Canada in the cause of

	<p>civilization. Other notable visitors on board the Victoria are Bishop Rowe, the Episcopal bishop of Alaska, and Bishop Crimont, the Roman Catholic bishop of Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Quiet sea - calm. Am getting acquainted with the Nome folks & am among friends.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Same – beginning to roll some</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Rolling – not pleasant.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 28-31	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Sunday. Calm this morning. Was sick yesterday - but all right this morning. Am getting acquainted (politically) with every body aboard - most of them are my supporters. Bishop Rowe held services in social hall on boat - songs etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Rolling along as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30th</p> <p>Good nights sleep.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st</p> <p>In Berings Sea ploughing Nomeward. Rough water this morning - but calm now. Will be in Nome some time tonight. Am preparing my notes for speech. Had a</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 31	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>confidential talk with Bishop Crimont today - he is entirely friendly. Bishop Rowe is not so sure. My friends on board are preparing to give me help this fall & I think my visit to this end of the Territory is to be satisfactory in every way. Am preparing a form of letter & will write about 100 to friends in the back districts - so as to get them interested - with a personal request. Will not be allowed to remain in Nome but a few hours it may be the best - a short & hearty visit, and then go on! <u>Later</u>: Captain says he has received telegram from Nome that it is raining there & storm</p>
Diary 29, 1918 July 31- August 1	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>on shore will prevent landing etc. to go St. Micheal & unload coal & perishables & up river passengers before going to Nome! What effect that may have</p>

	<p>on my chances to get up the River cannot be told! Wait & see.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Aug 1st-</p> <p>In St. Michael: Visited my friends Frank Williams, the Fynns etc. Talked politics to many & <u>think</u> I am making St. Michael safer than it was last election. We leave here tonight for Nome. The <u>Sarah</u>, river steamer is here waiting for Victoria to come back from Nome - when it will go up the river - Have reservation on her.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 2	<p style="text-align: center;">-Aug 2 –</p> <p>Big day in Nome - for me! Ile arrived here at 9 this morning & my friends gave notice of meeting at 8 o'clock this evening. Am at Golden Gate Hotel, visited round town - called on officials. The meeting at A.B. Hall was a great success. The Hall was filled - with the men & women of Nome - & I talked 2 hours - & the audience was warm & friendly. It was a very successful meeting & I was warmly cheered & my friends delighted. Gilmore made a 10 min. talk & gave much satisfaction. My friends seem very pleased.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Paid the Industrial Worker \$75. for publication of letter of 1916 of Wash. Fed. of Labor approving me, & Nugget \$100. for monthly advertising. Really things look good here & my friends say we will win this division by a 2/3 majority - Smiser, of Juneau, is here investigating Judge Holtzheimer - All the most prominent politicians were on the stage with me, & the audience was composed of the prominent business men etc. Left Nome at 11 tonight for the <u>Victoria</u>, feeling that my campaign in Nome & Seward Peninsula is in good shape</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd –</p> <p>Recd telegram from Ray at Fairbanks, advising me to go to Iditarod, & saying that Mrs. W had reached Fairbanks safely. This forenoon en route to St Michael - Arrived in St. Michael harbor afternoon - went to Co. Hotel - fine south front room - <u>comfortable</u>. Sent Debbie a telegram - also Herron at Anchorage - Will have to wait here till about</p>

	<p>Wednesday for "Sarah" to go up river. -4th – Quiet Sunday - Church bells sounded pleasant - but I slept till noon. Attended meeting of St. M. Pioneers - talked about the "Yukon Press" & early days.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 5-8	<p>-5th – Loafing, resting & politics. -6th – Same. -7- Edgar [Wickersham – brother of James] telegraphed me from the mouth of the Yukon last evening & this morning he came in on the Army boat "Davis." He is on his way outside - several more men with him have been working at the Carlisle Cannery at Andraofsky - they all go out on the "Victoria" tonight. Our boat – "Sarah" - will not go for a day or two yet. -8- "Victoria" was slow & only got away this afternoon with a big crowd - Alaska is being almost depopulated - <u>Still waiting!</u></p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 9-10	<p>-9th – Doing political work - talking to voters, etc. The "Sarah" is now receiving attention & cargo & may go out tomorrow night. -10th – The Seattle No 3. will go out this afternoon with part of the Sarahs barges - as far as Andreofsky - the Sarah will follow - but the tides are bad & she will have trouble getting into the Yukon. I am almost ready to go on the Seattle No 3 to that point & take the Sarah from there to Holy Cross - where I will have to change if I go to Iditarod. Out of St Michael this afternoon at 4 oclock - on the Seattle No. 3. now off the coast between Stuart Is. & Cape</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 10	<p>10 Romanoff. It is a beautiful afternoon the volcano cones of Stuart & St Michael Is. are far behind us - the evening sun is setting in a blaze of crimson & gold. Romanoff is ahead rising black and solid - the sea is calm - it is a delightful picture. What a</p>

	<p>glory it must have been when the 20 or more volcanoes in the 1000 squ. miles around St Michael were pouring forth whims of black smoke & lighting the northern sea with the torches from their internal fires - now dead so long ago. We hope to get in the Yukon some time in the morning if the tide permits. Passed the "Julia B." & barges bound for St M.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 11	<p>-11th – In the Yukon this morning and at Old Hamilton station forenoon. Store here kept by Ms. Edwards a full blood Eskimo woman. Her husband is a trader & keeps store at Marshall - upriver. Mrs. Edwards, however, is the head of the family - she is a slender middle aged woman, keen eyed, sharp - a natural trader & storekeeper - a fur buyer etc. She has four beautiful children - 3 girls & a boy. The girls are nearly grown & are pretty with the youthful graces of Creoles. All day in the river - pushing slowly upstream. Saw several white whales in the river just where the south mouth turns off</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 12	<p>12- up to the hills on the north bank. Mt. Village, camps, etc. & at Andreofsky before noon. The Carlisle Packing Co. has a cannery plant in Andreofsky river - on scows. Visited the men - many of whom are from Fairbanks. - & at 8 in the evening held a political meeting in <u>the bunkhouse & talked patriotism & politics to them</u>. Found many good friends here - Cal. Townsend in small Bureau of Fisheries launch - is here & offers to assist me up the river from Holy Cross when I return from Iditarod. Conditions in Fishery & Cannery not bad.</p>
Diary 29, 1918 August 13-14	<p>-13th – The "Sarah" has been tied to the bank in the main Yukon - a mile from Andreofsky all day washing boilers & repairing machinery. They kindly gave me the fine large room, kept for guests, and I am very comfortable. There are but a dozen passengers aboard. -14- We arrived at Marshall (Fortune Ledge) at noon.</p>

	Went ashore & met Joe Plein, candidate for Road Com. on Republican ticket who introduced me to everybody in town. Sent telegrams to Juneau Dispatch, Nome Nugget & Anchorage Times. Met about 40 voters - rest out at creeks. We only staid
Diary 29, 1918 August 14-15	14 there an hour - but it was a busy one. Frank Harrison is the only lawyer there, & he is trying to get the appointment as Dep. Dist. Atty. from Nome. If he has to support Sulzer to get it he will do it but if he does not get that appointment he will support me - if he does not get something else to support Sulzer. In short, he will do anything to his own advantage. Tonight our boat is tied to the bank 20 miles above Marshal while the Captain is across the river viewing the Steamer "Washburn" sunk in a slough. -15- Up past Russian Mission, Paimute. Oil bad & making slow time.
Diary 29, 1918 August 15-16	15 Have written 50 letters to persons at Bettles & Wiseman & will sent them on up that way from Holy Cross. -16 th - Arrived at Holy Cross - junction with Iditarod route. The sinking of the " <u>Washburn</u> " has disarranged the boat schedule & I am afraid to go to Iditarod - No boat here & the agent advises it will take 2 weeks to make the trip & then no one knows what boat would take me up the Yukon when I am back here. After much talk with boatmen I have determined <u>not to go to Iditarod</u> , but to go on up on the " <u>Sarah</u> ." The Holy Cross -mission looks fine - new buildings, garden, etc.
Diary 29, 1918 August 17	-17- We passed Anvik last night about 9 oclock. Tied the barges to the bank above the Anvik River & the "Sarah" went in. I went ashore with the purser & met Mr. Chapman, missionary and postmaster. (He is the same Chapman who prepared the cut for the <u>head</u> of the <u>Yukon Press</u> , Rev. Mr. Prevosts paper in 1895, St. James Mission.) Nothing new at

	Anvik. Met Mrs. Mc_ a very matronly lady about 50 (or more years of age), who was very anxious to get the purser to take a letter up to Ft. Gibbon to her husband, whom, she said, was among the drafted men!!
Diary 29, 1918 August 17	17 I knew that only men from 20 to 30 years were drafted & thinking she had made a mistake I corrected her by a question -- saying that her husband could not be among the drafted. After we went out the purser said that she was right her husband was only 21 years old!! She was the matron in charge of the Episcopal Mission schools - & had married a boy coming out to begin Christian work among the heathen! I could just imagine her disappointment to have him drafted! She is certainly not less than 50 - but rotund, full breasted - with possibly strong old age passion for a youthful lover! Too damn bad to lose him!
Diary 29, 1918 August 17-18	17 All day along the beautiful stretch of river between Anvik & Kaltag. Am charmed with the beautiful heavily wooded lowlands, the wide glistening river, the clear streams falling out of a high range of hills about 5 - 10 miles west of the stream. It looks like a good prospecting country if I had time I would build a cabin on tie river bank at t!Te mouth of Louise Creek & go prospecting! -18- Sunday. Yesterday and today are beautiful days - in the interior belt. We were at Kaltag an hour & will be in Nulato tonight about midnight. Visiting
Diary 29, 1918 August 18-20	18 Nulato several hours - I had a chance to talk to the people - but no meeting. The " <u>Jeff C. Davis</u> ," U.S. Mail boat passed downstream after midnight with 250 Alaskan draftees - bound for Outside & the war. -19 th - Sarah is slowly ascending the river today - beautiful clear day. -20- Arrived Ruby about 9 am & went to Williams House. Town looks deserted - people leaving

	country in droves. My friends telephoned to Long Creek & fixed public meeting for tonight. Accompanied by Lynn Smith, Fred Milligan & Ed. Reynolds.
Diary 29, 1918 August 20-21	20 Left Ruby at 2 p.m. in Automobile for Long. Beautiful day clear & was a glorious 30 mi ride over the mountain tops to Long city. Held a fine political meeting in Moose Hall. Mrs. Strites (Ruth Howard) presided. Large crowd & much enthusiastic support. Made a good speech & met everybody. After the meeting - about midnight - we drove back to Ruby - 60 mi trip & a fine, enjoyable one. -21- Visiting in Ruby. Speech at night in Eagle Hall. big crowd & enthusiastic friends. Things political look very encouraging here. Am promised strong vote at coming election.
Diary 29, 1918 August 22	-22- This morning I secured the newspaper file of Ruby Record - Citizen. - paid \$25.00 for my Alaska library. To my delight the mail launch " <u>Sibilla</u> " came up the river this morning bound for Tanana. Am on board & half way to Tanana this evening. Sent telegrams to Debbie, Henry T. Ray & Joe Amcich from Kokrines. Asked Ray to have candidates come down Tanana & meet me & assist in campaign at Tanana. Hot Springs Tolovana & Fairbanks & Nenana. Things going satisfactorily so far on the trip. Understand Gov Riggs at Tanana going down river on Sulzers behalf!