

Nome, Alaska, June 30, 1914

My dear Doctor Nichols:

There is very little to write you but I don't want the first mail to reach Kotzebue without a letter from me. The latest news I have received is not very encouraging. The appropriation will not pass for a while yet as usual. However it has been extended for two weeks. That is all appointments that expired June 30 have been extended to July 15 at the same rate. By that time I hope that the regular appropriation will have passed. Do not incur any expense unless it is an emergency. However, do your duty and if any serious emergency arises send in proper vouchers and I will see that they are paid.

It is my plan at present not to go north on the Bear at all. I plan instead to come to Kotzebue late in Sept. and then put an Evinrude engine on an comeak and go along the coast as far as possible. From whatever point I get ashore on account of meeting ice I will go to Barrow overland. In this way I hope to be able to get back to Kotzebue before Christmas with all my northern work completed. Mr. Sinclair is reported seriously sick with some bladder trouble. I think Mr. Lopp is considerably worried.

With best wishes to Mrs. Nickles and Miss Hawk,
Very truly yours,