

Deering, Alaska

Mar. 28, 1912

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Mr. Humber,

Candle, Alaska

Dear Sir,

As a Govt teacher
"required to endeavor to promote
the moral welfare of the natives in
every possible way," it is proper
that I should inform you of the
conditions in Deering as regards
law and order.

As Marshal of this District you
should know how things are going
here

You were informed promptly
of the breaking of the law
on Dec 25, 1911 by the giving of
liquor to natives.

Evidence was sent to Judge

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the liquor drinking at Christmas.

No reply has been received from him.

We have been informed by Eskimos and white men that some Eskimos were drunk at the Restaurant and Saloon on Mar. 17 and a few days afterward.

It is also reported by the same persons that 4 women were drinking there and that at least some of them were used for immoral purposes.

You are aware of the hesitancy of white men to report anything of this kind because of business interests and fear of losing time and money, but there has been a strong desire expressed by some of

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investigate with the assurance
that you could soon find out
the facts.

It is evident there is a very
bold disregard of law.

I appeal to you, having had
the assurance from Mr. Evans
and Mr. Lopp, as well as from
white people here that you are
active and energetic and
efficient in your office as
Marshal.

If you can stop the serious
condition of affairs here
the teachers and white women
at the Government building
will consider it a personal
favor for our own safety,
as well as for the proper
enforcement of law which
every decent and straight

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One white man informed us that conditions are a good deal worse than we know.

In case there is some legal impediment so that you can not take action without a warrant from the judge, would you be so kind as to suggest what can be done next.

If unrestrained law-breaking is allowed to continue, we fear there may be even worse trouble before summer.

We await an early reply

Very respectfully

Signed by Iva Kenworthy
Teacher

By Martha Hummelt

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