

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 29, 1912

Mr. R. N. HARA,

Deering, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hara:

At this time I suppose you have all heard about the great surprise that I had when I learned Nome. You must know something about my family history, and you know that the children were all twins -- no way TWINNING 528 -- and everybody can be the father of twins, and such twins, boy and girl, but I must not say too much about them. They take too much of my time as it is. Mrs. Hildes is fine and well now, but had a very serious time of it the children were born while I was with you, the 20th. The girl and boy were born in a wonderful manner -- but there are moments of it that I want to forget. I was very much worried most of the time. I wish I could get some pictures made of the children, the doctor was Mrs. Thomas and Frank was fine, they were splendid.

I had looked back at the Trade Exchange as a blot on my name for a long time, but my telephone conversations with him are nothing but satisfactory or improved. He is a man who can be sure that the world will never be the same without me. I have a lot of good things to say about him. He does not apologize to me, as once who I thought I had my conversation with the Judge was reported to him and he was afraid.

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I have just sent the letter to the Grand Commissioner
and had intended to send. When I write him I will send you a copy
of the letter which comes up for review in June, and I believe that
from the recommendation of the District Attorney and myself the
case will not be returned, and during day go dry. Please do not
let this out, for it is possible that the Judge may allow the license
and I can assure you that it will be granted, if granted at all,
under conditions.

There are certain unpleasant features connected with
this license which you should know, but which I am not
going to discuss officially, but as necessary that you and Miss Handout
should know about the kind of Judge there is at present. Mr.
Harris, the Assistant Attorney. The District Attorney has some
complaints. Let me read the entire correspondence between the
office and the Commissioner at Grand in regard to this matter.
The District Attorney never told me to turn the case over to him,
the correspondence was never forwarded to him by the Commissioner,
although he clearly told me he had been ordered to send them. I
sent the District Attorney copies, which were the first he had seen. The
District Attorney never told the Commissioner that he would submit
the case himself to the Grand Jury. Campbell made two positive
statements to me over the phone.

The Commissioner wrote a very peculiar letter to the
District Attorney in which he asked if this case came up before the
Grand Jury, there was any law against his appearing as attorney

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and the defense, just think of a Federal officer, a Commissioner
speaking for the defense of a hoodlum peddler. Mr. Justice wrote
him that there was no law against it, and as for the ethics of it,
he would leave that to him.

So it leaves things in a disgusting state, the
Judge of the lower court plans to defend the guilty ones before the
higher court. It appeared to him that his entire course of action
aimed at doing nothing to strengthen the case of the Government,
so that he could fight it against the Government all the time, as
a Judge he had been receiving all the evidence that the Government
had sent that disgusting. I understand that Campbell will receive
a check from the District Court on the matter, and I believe that
before he is through he will realize that he ever had anything to
do with the swains Tracy outfit. Under the circumstances, I feel
that the best thing for us to do is to drop the case, by having the
FBI man recommended by the Judge. I believe we will soon push
more along the line of punishing the whives than if we pushed this
case, and I am sure we would do the natives no good by dragging them
through the whole mess.

My pictures turned out very well, and as soon as I can
get prints made I will send them to you.

With the best of wishes to you all,
Sincerely,

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