

Nome, Alaska. July 6, 1915

My dear Mr. Lepple:

I am much mortified that this mail did not get to you on the first boat. I was all my fault. I had to rush off on the Bear suddenly and left this mail where Mr. Johnson did not see it. I can imagine you must have been pretty sore when you received nothing.

I have not heard from Mr. Lepp as yet about the additional lightering, but as he wrote that he would allow me \$1000 to cover lightering etc you will just have to keep it all under that. You will receive about \$1000 worth of barter for paying the natives. In making payments you are to use the reindeer system giving each man one of the Merchandise Voucher, Credit. I send one of them and will send a good supply on the mail boat. I will telephone you as soon as Lepp authorizes the additional. You can imagine that it was quite a jolt to me to have that extra come in. There are many discouraging rumors as to Paul's absolute inability to do the work but I hope that you will see it through. There will be no extra money that is sure, so you must get through on this without fail. I hope to be able to write full particulars on mail boat. Mr. Lepp writes that he cannot appoint your daughter and husband and at his suggestion I have put it up to Miss Hill who was at Sinuk and she will come. She is not your daughter of

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course, but I can assure you that you will be getting one of the very best workers we have . Please try to forget your disappointment in not getting your daughter and then I know you will both learn to love Miss Hill and will consider her absolutely ideal for your work.

I write in greater haste than usual.

Very truly yours

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