

Nome, Alaska. April 26, 1915

Mr. C. Replegle,
Deering, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Replegle :

This will probably be the last mail that I can send to you before the boats run. There is nothing new for me to write since my letter of the twelfth. I have heard nothing from Mr. Lopp and imagine that things are very uncertain with him.

I am waiting to hear from you by telephone as to the cost of lightering etc .

The Commissioner and the secretary's office have both written me approving the plan for the export of deer meat on a commission basis. Copies of the entire correspondence had been sent them of course. This pleases me considerably as there has been some opposition to the proposition in certain quarters, either traders who want to keep the natives under their control or missionaries that think there must be some underhanded system of graft in it for somebody. The Wales boys were unable to send their deer to Nome on account of the deep snow and the fact that the deer were all poor. The Lomen herd failed to get to Nome for the same reason. The Company is very anxious to get some deer to send out this fall but I do not know if it will succeed. Personally I feel

satisfied with the matter as it has turned out even if no deer go out this spring. In the first place it has brought the matter squarely before the boys in a way that has made them think. Also it has opened a way for the next attempt. I do not know if there will be another proposition from the company or not. In any case I have done my part for the present. If deer had been forced through to Nome late this winter they would have been in very poor shape and would not have been a good advertisement for the industry. It does appear to be a difficult matter to overcome the natural difficulties in assembling a large meat herd at one place. But it will doubtless be done some time.

This letter is in the nature of a goodbye until summer, I think. So good luck to you and in hope that after all we may be able to give Neorvik more things than appear likely at present.

With best wishes to you all,
very truly yours,

W.S.