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Nome, Alaska, Dec. 16th. 1912.

Miss Martha Hunnicutt,

Dearing, Ala.

Dear Miss Hunnicutt:

Your letter giving the names of the long-shoramen is at hand, also the one asking for the vouchers. I sent the list of names to Seattle and I am sending you the vouchers, inclosed. I suppose that the vouchers will reach you about the same time as the list of names reaches Seattle. I am afraid that the boys will think that they are never to receive their pay but Uncle Sam is very methodical and consequently the natives have to wait. I generally pay for all work done and take a receipt thus letting the native have the cash, while I wait for the Govt. Of course I realize that you could not do that in this case. I hope that the boys will wait patiently. I wired the Seattle office to wire me as soon as anything was done so that I could let you know when the money might be expected.

Mr. Shields is having a nice trip though the trails are quite heavy. I do not think that he will see you until his return from the North.

I sent Mrs. Labor a check for \$30.00, half of her Sept. salary. I now find that she is not to be paid anything until November. If I can get her before she cashes the check I will have her return part of her salary, otherwise I am afraid that I will have to pay it myself and good for it myself. Merry Christmas All. or have her assign me

W. J. COPE
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