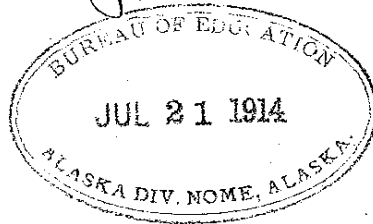


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Mr

My Dear Mr Shields, -

David - who has been visiting in Barrow leaves here in the morning for his home Pt Hope. As this is more than likely the last opportunity we will have of communicating until you arrive, will pen a few words.

We have been talking Icey Cape ever since the mail arrived and left. We would like to go down very much, and will, if we can get away, if but for a short time.

Moral conditions have been none too good there this winter.

Mr Holmer wrote me he was going to Ketybus with the mailman Bert - to return to Icey Cape in May.

We hear that Sam Kamek has gone to the

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interior. Possibly this is to avoid the Marshalls who K. Ineard was coming to investigate his relations with Daniel. David said he was going after Caribou but it is early for this kind of hunting.

Mr. Holmes writes me as follows, "I told K. if he had any business to fix up he had better do it and be ready to go with the Marshalls. This likely has scared him out."

Have gotten Segovan on his feet again and he went to camp Monday with all the deer owners to move camp farther to the Eastward and locate on good high and favorable ground preparatory to fawning season. Also to hunt some stray deer.

I hope by great care and faithful watching, we will be able to save all our fawns. Lewis, shot two polar bear here yesterday. This makes seven for the village this winter.

Poopyook at Pt. Belcher built a small ice pen. He placed a bait at the muzzle of his gun which he fastened then connected the bait. COPY

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with a string which passed through a pulley in the rear of the gun. When Benin pulled the bait the gun fired him good and plenty.

We eat seal and bear with a relish. Don't know how muktuk will go - haven't tried it yet.

We hear Dr Koulesh has recommended a hospital for Barrow. This will certainly be a God send to this section of the country. We hope and pray the Department will understand its need as those who have been and are now on the field and furnish it. There are a number who for the lack of hospital treatment, are and always will be irreparable cripples, pathetic to behold.

We are laboring for the betterment of this people in every sense of the word.

Mrs. Van Valin especially has been abundant in teaching the women and girls in the various branches of domestic science. When my appointment arrived and she didn't receive any she almost lost heart and said, "Oh, what's the use. I've been up here nearly three years - worked hard and received nothing." I'm

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going to quit and spend my time along other lines." Nevertheless  
pursuant to their begging to make bread (both the boys and  
women and girls) and the desire to finish their domestic  
science books she has kept right on.

We were living in hope that you would drop in so  
the class could furnish you with a good supply  
of the excellent bread they bake.

We are hoping to be sent to Barrow, in case there is  
a doctor sent in this year, otherwise we would not  
care to go. Kindly advise us definitely at as early  
a date possible.

Mrs O. wants to be earning something substantial,  
so you may be able to place her as nurse or assistant  
in case there is no opening in the school service.

The weather is rather crumpy - Mercur  
running from 30 to 42° this week. 46° has been  
the coldest.

"All is quiet on the Potomac"

Sincerely your servant,  
W.B. Baldwin.

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