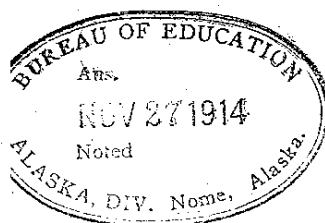


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ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE*M. H. Johnson*November 3, 1914SUBJECT: Transportation of Gov't Freight

Walter H. Johnson,
Special Disbursing Agent,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

You see that the voucher for the transportation of the Government freight, from, Kotzebue to Noatak, by Wm H. Holloway, of Kotzebue, was not returned to Kotzebue with him as there was some shortage and possible damage to freight, and I wanted to open and check carefully before sending in voucher, Bill of Lading and shipping receipts. Mr. Holloway left within a few hours after his arrival as there was great danger of the river freezing before he could reach Kotzebue, in fact, I fear he had great trouble reaching Kotzebue, as we were most fortunate to arrive here just before the "freeze up." There has been no possible way of sending any mail to Kotzebue since our arrival as the natives have been very busy building new cabins and making preparations for the winter.

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And, too, the ice has not been thick enough so one could make the trip. I wish it were possible to get our reports in promptly but the transportation facilities are so few that it is impossible, absolutely.

On checking our freight at Kotzebue we found that we were short, one wood stove - Jumbo No. 30. \$9.90 and one fire pot for Jumbo Stove #24 \$2.50. These were received at Kotzebue and checked by Chas. Replogle of Deering and was left on the outside of the warehouse of Robinson and Magit & Co. When a Jew merchant went up the river to Shungnak, Dr. and Mrs. Nichols of Kotzebue saw on his boat a stove which looked like this one, but did not think at the time that it might be this same stove. Mention was made about the stove in Robinson's store and the Jew was cautioned not to take it. This is all the information we were able to gather concerning it. Other freight, upon examination,

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proved to be in good order except one bottle of grain alcohol was broken - the remains of which we are keeping to show to Mr. Shields.

Our journey from Nome was indeed most trying and I almost wished that I could have a seat in the Pantages Theater in Portland, Ore., instead of being rocked to sleep on the "Silver Wave." Our trip up the river was far more pleasant, but quite dangerous as the river was quite low and there was great danger of being frozen in.

We find the natives here very interesting and appreciative of all our efforts, and we find it a great pleasure to work among them. As the natives say "There is plenty work to do" and we seldom retire before 11 P. M. or 12 P. M. We are very happy in our work and glad we came to Noatak and we trust we can help the natives in many ways.

Mr. Johnson, please inform us, at your earliest convenience, whether we are subjects of Germany or Japan. We have had no mail since we left Nome.

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I am enclosing monthly report for you
in the same envelope with the one for Mr.
Shields as I have no envelope that size addressed
to you.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Sue B. Ansley.
Asst. Govt. Teacher.

P.S. Mr. Ansley sends best wishes.

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