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Nome, Alaska. Nov. 2, 1918

My dear Mr. Snowden:

Your letter of Sept. 18th. was received some time ago. You refer to previous letters you had written me. I do not believe that I ever saw them. However, it is possible that some came during my absence and that they were filed and I have never looked them up. At all events I was glad to hear from you and to know that you are both doing well and that your illness has been cured, even if it seemed to take a long time.

I am sending a copy of that part of your letter referring to the shortages in native supplies to Mr. Ausley and I have no doubt that he will be able to explain it. I have never heard of it before.

Did you hear that they had quite a serious fire in the building last winter. It caught from the kitchen stove in that walled in space where the pipe enters the flue. But they got it out.

I note that you would consider returning to Alaska in the future. I would suggest that you take it up with Mr. Lepp so that you may have a chance in some other part of the country. The prospects are that there will be very few vacancies in this district next year and those we anticipate have been planned for.

I write in extreme haste as the last boat leaves shortly and I really do not have time even for this much.
Very truly yours