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Kotzebue, Alaska

Nov 14 - 1915

My Dear Mr. Shields,

I arrived here safely at 7 P.M. on the 12th. Had a good trip over although the traveling was pretty hard in places. Between Solon and Council there was no snow on the mountain so had to go over the bare rocks, but we made the trip from Solomon through in 10½ hours. Did not go by way of Timber but over a new trail which Mr. Kristenson expects to stake upon his return from this trip.

I drove Mr. Welsh's dogs from Solomon to Candle, using the carrier's racing sled. Had five dogs. Got along fine, though I let the sled capsize a few times in going over the "nigger heads." The snow was soft and deep between Camp Haven and First Chance and the dogs were pretty well used up. Mr. K. had to snowshoe ahead of the team a good part of the way.

From Candle to Kotzebue I used three of Mr. K.'s dogs and two borrowed dogs so I drove

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am returning, by Mr. Kristenson, the clothing you loaned me. The following things have been turned over to him. (charges prepaid)

1 squirrel skin coat, 1 drill cover, 1 pr. short boots, 1 pr. high boots, 1 pr. knee protectors, 1 pr. skin mitts, 1 pr. wool mitts, 1 pr. insoles, 1 pr. sheep skin socks, 1 sleeping bag.

I am more than thankful for the use of these things and greatly appreciate all the kindness and help given me by both yourself and Mrs. Shields.

Am sending, by registered mail, the \$25⁰⁰ which you loaned me. I had sufficient funds to carry me through. While the carrier went to Deering and back I remained at the hotel in Caudle. The men who left Nome the same day I did were a day behind us at Caudle.

I met Dr. and Mrs. Welsh and spent one evening in their home. They are very pleasant people.

Kindly remember me to Miss Cameron and Miss Amphur.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Shields I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Carrie R. Samms.

P.S. I have put a small package in the clothes sack for Mary, Jantake's wife, for some sewing she did for me. Will you kindly send or give it to her?