

Seattle  
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My dearest;

This has been a very dull day, had nothing to get as I have now all I am going to get.

I saw Mike Sullivan, Johnny Williams and the men who ran the Board of Trade saloon at Nome.

Johnny not doing any thing and has nothing in vein as far as I can learn, says he hates to go to work for wages and that he is broke. I told him I was in the same fix, but that I was going to work.

I had a talk with a man named Wilson, he says there are no rent houses between the head of navigation and V.C. but he thinks a store has been opened lately at the mouth of Watana creek which is 35 miles from V.C. There will be a lot going in when I do as no boat has gone up the river yet and won't till the boat I go in on gets there with some parts of their engine. I think I wrote you this before, but for fear I haven't will write it now.

I won't be able to send you any of what money I have now, as I am only going to have about \$40.00 left when reach head of navigation and I will need that to get through on.

Sweetheart I love you and miss you till I am homesick for you, but I must try this time and am going to make every effort to make good, for your sake and your dear mother and ours.

Yours always only,  
Paul