

Mouth of Susitna River
May 30th, 1909

My dearest,

We have reached this far at last, and will go on as soon as a barge is ready which we are going to be as far as Susitna Station, have been laying for the last three (3) days behind an Island on account of wind.

I crossed the inlet on a little boat named the "Elsie", and she can cut roll and jump any cork, that ever fell over board. Am writing aboard the "Alice" a river boat, the fare from here up to Indian river is \$40.00, been 12 days so far from Seattle.

There is nothing at Port Graham except a log store road house and dock, all for my part I would rather go over land from Valdez.

There are about 60 passengers going up the river to different points, 7 of which are going to Head of Nav., one woman, whose husband is at V.C. and she is pretty sick of the trip and it is certainly a tough one for a woman alone, but she is game.

There are six horses going as far as the Station, I wish they were going on up.

I find the Captain and crew all nice fellows on this raft, all of them are interested in this trip as it is the first.

I met a man from Tyonok this P.M. who is going up with us who left Seattle the 1st inst. Tell you what, I am lucky I did not leave Detroit any earlier than I did.

I understand a wireless station is going to be put in at V.C. this summer will send you a message if I can send the first, even if it does not amount to much.

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Tell the children to drop Dad a line and to be "a good children" Love to all dear ones and the best of thought of love for mine.

Always yours Paul