

Yentna River
June 2nd, 1909

Dearest Mine;

We left the Susitna Station at 10:40 A.M. for the mouth of Lake creek, where we will leave about 20 passengers and some freight. Expect to bget back to the Station sometime about noon to-morrow and then start right up the river for Indian creek, they all call it Indian River up here. The A.C.Co. marked my ticket to Indian River.

We stopped at a coal mine eight miles up the Yentna River from S.S.

I took a picture of an Indian boy and a big husky, which is sheared to look like a lion, supposed to be rescuing the boy, I am sure if it is a good picture, it will be a fine one, I have an option on the "lion" dog and six others \$50.00 for three and \$25 for four each.

Will finish one film by the time I reach Indian river and will send it back by this boat with this letter. This is a beautiful river about 500 ft. wide lots of trees and undergrowth on either side, and the view of Mt. McKinley is about perfect, only the top is covered with clouds, people who live here say "The top can only bee seen a very clear day."

A true fish story.

The Hooligan or Candle fish are running now and they are so thick at the Station yesterday, I and others caught them in our hands as many as four at a grab all one can reach around. Sy got 152 with a small dip net in one dip. I ate my first Candle fish for lunch to-day and they are good but very rich. They say the Indians dry them use them for candles and they will burn entirely up. This is no "fish" story, its true, but I know it sounds hard to believe, and hard to realize when one sees it with their

own eyes.

I mailed a short letter to you at S.S, which you will receive I guess the same day you do this and cards for each of the children. Will write more to-morrow.