

placers, which cannot be worked under the present conditions; and

WHEREAS, the McFadden Bill, H. R. 13,201, seems to offer the only solution of the serious situation facing the gold mining industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska heartily indorses the McFadden Bill and urges the immediate passage of the same as a necessity for the maintenance of the gold standard and the common welfare of the country.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, to each of the Houses of Congress and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 31, 1921.

Passed by the Senate, April 14, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifth Regular Session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

WHEREAS, Bethel is the head of ocean navigation and the lower terminus of river navigation on the Kuskokwim River in Alaska; and is the natural outlet for a country proven to be exceedingly rich in precious metals, as well as in many other natural resources, the development of which country is dependent upon the development of the necessary means of communication; and

WHEREAS, Haycock is the center of the valley of the Koyuk, rich in placer gold and timber, which already has a population of more than one hundred white pioneers; and the nearest point of communication is a telephone station at Chiniuk, one hundred and twenty-five miles distant, which is reached only by dog teams during the winter and by river and ocean voyage in the summer tri-monthly, while during the

spring and fall traveling either by land or by water is impossible on account of ice conditions; and

WHEREAS, Kotzebue is the head of ocean navigation and the lower terminus of river navigation of the Noatak, Kobuk, and Selawik Rivers; it is the natural outlet for a country rich in minerals and furs, and will soon be an important export station for reindeer meat; and

WHEREAS, Seldovia, on Cook's Inlet, is the center of a population numbering approximately one thousand people, who are rapidly developing a farming and fishing industry in their vicinity; the mail service to and from Seldovia is inadequate and irregular, and the lack of means for dependable and regular communication has greatly retarded the industries of the country; and,

WHEREAS, as Teller is one of the most important ports on Seward Peninsula, is situated in the heart of a great mining and fishing district and is without telephone or telegraphic communication, and owing to its central location is in position to command and protect a large portion of the coast line; and

WHEREAS, Wiseman, situated on the head waters of the Koyukuk River is the center of a population of an important and growing mining district, and has no means of telegraphic communication except through Fort Gibbon on the Yukon River more than one hundred and fifty miles distant; and

WHEREAS, Katalla situated on Katalla Bay is situated in the center of a population of an important and growing oil and mining district and is inaccessible by both water and land for the greater part of the year;

WE, THEREFORE, your Memorialists, urge that, as soon as possible, radio stations be established by the Government at the places above mentioned, to the end that the pioneer population which is now endeavoring to develop the various sections of the country referred to may be encouraged, aided and supported in their efforts; and we respectfully urge that the outlay of the Government connected with such enterprise would be negligible, compared with the returns which would by such course accrue to the country.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House, April 11, 1921.

Adopted by the Senate, April 22, 1921.