

## Alaska Letter

Dear Friends:

I should have written something for the COVENANT COMPANION much sooner, but have just delayed it from time to time.

In all we have had a very pleasant summer. Some have told me that it was the most pleasant summer which they are able to remember. It was very good for the natives to put up their winter supply of dried fish. For the miners it was a handicap for they didn't have water enough to carry on mining operations until late in the summer. It was possible for me to make quite a number of short trips to the different camps to have meetings.

This summer it was also my privilege to make a visit down to Unalakleet. I went aboard the S. S. Victoria when it stopped outside of Golovin in July. Rev. and Mrs. Elder C. Anderson were aboard. We enjoyed a fine supper together on the boat. The weather was calm so the steamer went direct to Unalakleet. After a considerable wait, the barge with Brother Larson aboard came out. It was very early in the morning of July 20 when we finally arrived at the village and were served coffee at the Mission.

At all the places on Norton Sound, the steamers must anchor quite far out because of shallow water near the shore. Smaller boats or barges come out to receive freight and passengers.

With so many missionaries, is was a regular reunion. We are very much alone as missionaries so a few days of fellowship as this means very much. We look forward to each time we may meet.

Our friends were also honored with a Welcome Service in the church. There was much music and a number of speeches in honor of the occasion.

This last summer has brought with it various experiences of both joy and sorrow. Early in the summer news came from Elim of the accidental death of Julius Kiagsak. A number of natives were out at sea hunting walrus. They were riding in Kayaks. In some way Julius was in front of one of the guns and received a wound right through the head. Julius was of a good character as there are few among the natives. He was a leader of the services at Elim. He left a wife and family of six children.

In August a young man went under in the river here at White Mountain. He was a student at the U. S. Government Industrial School here. While he was only under about ten minutes, and the teachers did everything they were able to do for him, they were unable to revive him.

Ten days ago a message came that the mail boat "Good Hope" had capsized near Shishmaref with eight persons aboard. The news was a shock to the entire community. One of the men was from White Mountain, and the captain was Henry Ivanoff who is the son of Stefan Ivanoff and well known along this coast. These examples remind us that we should always be ready when our time comes.

By this time they are traveling by dog team. The river has been frozen for three weeks. We have had one light snowfall.

In September I had three weeks of Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of twenty-four. This was at Golovin. I was very happy for the interest which the children took in their classes.

Yours in the Lord's service,  
Ralph H. Pearson.

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By C. W. Agnew

(For COVENANT COMPANION)

The past is inseparably linked to the present, no matter how far into history we may go. Looking back to the year 1922 we have the historic march on Rome, and five years later, in 1927, all official documents of the Roman state were stamped, not with the year of our Lord, but with the fifth year of the Fascist era. The ancient Roman salute is again used.

During the past six years tremendous strides have been made by the public works department of Rome restoring the so-called "eternal city" to something even more than its magnificent ancient glory. And there are many more projects being carried to completion in a ten-year period of which four years still remain, bringing the conclusion of the work to the year 1937.

It is not the purpose of this article to mention at length the Catholic church or its ecclesiastical head. All are familiar with the Concordat between Mussolini and the pope, and we also know that after 60 years voluntary imprisonment in the vatican the pope has emerged, as it were, a free man and now moves in the initial stages of his new temporal power. All these acts, however, have been, and will continue to be marked with the most intense human suspicion.

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Some special attention might be called just now to the fact that Germany under Hitler withdrew from membership in the League of Nations assembly on October 19, 1933. This drastic move is a serious one in European affairs, but every close student of Bible prophecy has known for a long time that the German adhesion to the League must be brief, and that the withdrawal was inevitable. Her resignation does not come as a surprise to those who know prophecy. It simply strengthens our faith in the word of God. The reason for Germany's move is not political, but prophetic.

Japan previously withdrew from the League, not because of Manchuria, but in fulfillment of prophecy. Japan and Germany were never within the boundaries of the Old Roman Empire and, in the final drama of this age, those nations will be opposed to nations which lie within those ancient boundaries.

There will be no "Anschluss" (union of Austria and Germany) because Austria lies within the boundaries just mentioned. By studying the daily press anyone can see how Austria fights such union.

The ancient Roman Empire boundary lines are not clearly defined for us today, but they will include Egypt and colonial North Africa, Palestine, Persia, Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Asia Minor, Turkey, Greece, Italy, the Balkans, France, Spain, Netherlands, England, (but not Ireland). Countries within this irregular line will eventually be unified under some sort of mutual agreement. It is all the more significant when we know that even Alsace-Lorraine and all territory on the left bank of the Rhine are included, and were a part of the old empire.

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No matter what sort of strain may be put upon the relations of Italy and France, as we watch those nations we shall see them coming to peaceable agreement in the end. They may bear keen dislike for each other, politically, remember, but they will agree nevertheless.

War is unlikely, at this period of the

world's history, between nations that lie within the bounds of the fast reforming Roman Empire. The fulfillments of the prophecies of Daniel are unfolding before us.

India is restlessly striving with England. Note the Britain takes with Mahatma is logical in the face of India should become separatist rule. This would leave take its part in the fulfillment of the east" shall come the Roman Empire in the end kings of the east may mean and Japan, and if India is will indeed be open for the east to move with their the white and Latin western.

Much is written regarding Japan and the United States war has no place in the end. And common sense tility with three thousand as a bulwark against it. hand war in Asia and E tically inevitable. There ar stacles there for modern ar Palestine will be at the p the final decisive battle of ing conflict.

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The following statement correspondent of a Vienna "Italy is organizing a 'nationale' which is to foster ship of all the Fascist move and thus achieve European solidarity. This is not to b wiping out of boundaries, l creation of a network of ships."

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