

CALLS ALASKAN MORAL STATUS 'UNSPEAKABLE'

Director Manly of Legislative
Service Asks Clean-up
Aid.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—De-
termining moral conditions in Alaska
as "unspeakable," due to the reten-
tion of unfit Federal officials, Di-
rector Manly of the People's Legisla-
tive Service has called on leaders of
Alaska's moral and religious or-
ganizations to help clean up the ter-
ritory.

Manly has telegraphed President
Coolidge on behalf of many Alas-
kan citizens, who had asked him
for aid in bringing to the Presi-
dent's attention their charges that
vice conditions are growing worse
under the regime of the retained of-
ficials.

The latter are Federal Judges
Reed and Ritchie of the First and
Third Judicial Divisions, and Dis-
trict Attorney Shoup of the Third
Division. All were first appointed by
President Harding.

Against Reappointment

When their reappointments by
Coolidge came before the Senate
Judiciary Committee last spring,
that body unanimously voted against
their reappointment after testimony
as to the moral conditions under
them was declared by committee
members to be "too corrupt, in-
decisive, scandalous and rotten" to be
publicly discussed.

Coolidge withdrew the nomi-
nations last June, but made no new
appointments, and the officials have
continued in office.

Manly's appeal was directed
among others to Dr. Clarence F. W.
Wilson, secretary of the Methodist
Board of Christian Education and
Public Morals, who last spring told
the Judiciary Committee that "moral
conditions in Alaska were worse
than anywhere in the world," and
said that Attorney General Sargent
had declined to hear the charges.

Former Attorney General Stone and
Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, in
charge of prohibition prosecution,
had declared against the reappoint-
ments, Manly said.

Others addressed were General
Counsel Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon
League, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody,
head of the Women's National Com-
mittee for Law Enforcement; Miss
Anna A. Gordon, national president,
W. C. T. U., and heads of Jewish,
Catholic and Protestant church or-
ganizations.

Directly Appointed

Manly pointed out that all judicial
and enforcement officers in Alaska
are directly appointed by the Presi-
dent. "The people of Alaska are
therefore suffering the evils of car-
petbag government in their most
vicious form. They have no redress
except to appeal to the people of the
United States," he said.

In his telegram to the President,
he quoted charges made by Delegate
Sutherland and John Frame, Repub-
lican committeeman for the third dis-
trict, which he said had been "com-
pletely proven," in the Senate hear-
ings.

These included claims that Judge
Ritchie had condoned violations of
the prohibition law, on and off the

bench, that Shoup permitted red
light districts to operate openly in
Juneau and Ketchikan, despite re-
peated protests, on the main street
in the former town and on Federal
land in the latter, that enforcement
under Reed of prohibition and anti-
narcotic laws was a "farce," that
both Reed and Ritchie had shown
partiality to fish trust fishing cor-
porations in law violations and that
Reed had admitted "judicial tyr-
anny."

Manly cited a telegram just re-
ceived from P. F. Gilmore, Repub-
lican committeeman, first division,
which read: "Conditions growing
steadily worse on account of Reed,
Ritchie, Shoup kept in office after
their rejection. People have lost
respect for courts, law enforcement
broken down. Information from
Third division shows conditions
worse. Situation serious."

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Young German Doctors Idle, While
Older Men Are Swamped.

By Times Special
EISENHACH, Germany, Sept. 17.—
The most important problem before
the recent conference of the Hart-
mannbund (Association of German
Physicians) was that of the proper
distribution of doctors.

It was learned that many of the
younger doctors were idle, while
older men had more practice than
they could handle. A plan of dis-
tribution is being worked out.

CAPITAL LAWYERS FACE CHARGES OF VIOLATING ETHICS

Complaints May Cause
Legal Housecleaning in
Washington.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A legal
housecleaning loomed here today.
Numerous complaints against at-
torneys practicing before the various
Federal bureaus and commissions
have aroused the American Bar As-
sociation.

This became known following cen-
sure of a Washington attorney for
alleged violation of professional
ethics in practice before the Inter-
national Claims Commission. The at-
torney's name was kept secret. He
is rumored to be one of the more
prominent attorneys of the capital.

General Consideration
That the Washington situation is
receiving general consideration was
admitted by T. F. Howe, Chicago,

chairman of the professional ethics
committee.

"No form of public action has yet
been determined on," he explained.
"The committee's activities against
individual lawyers are, as a rule,
considered in executive session only."

Some From Outside

"It is only fair to members of the
Washington bar to say that the
complaints received by this
committee as to unethical practices
of lawyers there refer to members of
the bar from other portions of the
country, who specialize in practice
before the various commissions and
bureaus. They are not enrolled in
the District of Columbia courts and
are not subject to discipline by these
courts."

The International Claims Commis-
sion case grew out of a letter sent
by the counsel attorney to individ-
uals and corporations who have or
might have claims against the Mexi-
can government. This letter, fur-
nishing general information as to
procedure for redress, was declared
by the committee to be, in effect, a
solicitation of business.

The attorney, in defense, contend-
ed that the commission was not a
court, that practice before it was not
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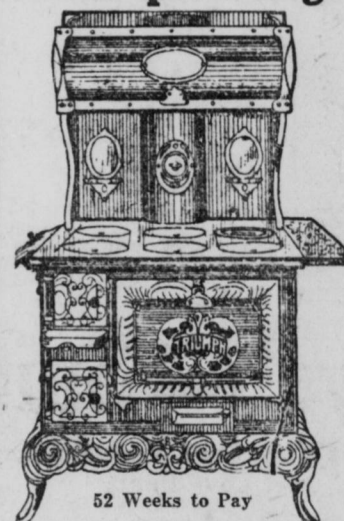
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