once smoked.

The Deluge:- References to a deluge or general flood of their respective countries seem to be universal, but so far as appears, are connected with the extinction of a former and demoniacal, not of the present. In the account given me by Father Mengarini of the Flatheads this is distinctly stated. An allusion to it appears in the Klikatat tale of "Iosiap". A story was told me by some Skagits to the following effect. Dogueburt once got angry and made the water come over the country. At that time there was a people living at the mouth of the Skagit river called Skah-ka-jet. When the flood came they took to their canoes, and sat there till the water dried up. One of them then went into the mountains to kill wild chick, all the animals having taken refuge there. He saw one and shot it. The rest had in the meantime been turned into Keloheamish, of whom mention is made elsewhere, and they seeing, and not recognizing him for one of themselves, shot him.

Captain Scarborough, an old navigator of the Hudson's Bay Company, informed me that among the Tongass Indians of Russian America he had heard a story of the deluge. The few people who survived, ascended a mountain. When it subsides a black bird flies out and came back with a pine branch. Some of these tales have however too much of the flavor of Genesis about them for absolute credence.