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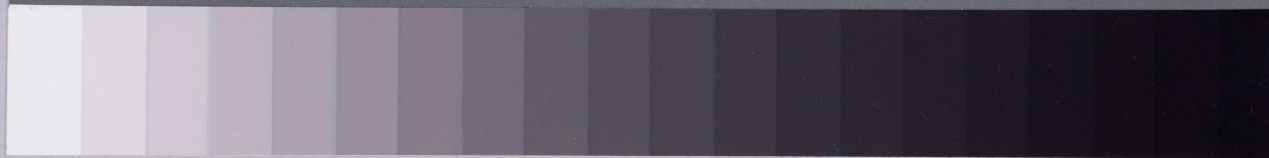
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 7, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I am enclosing you my income tax return. It has been figured out by Pace, the Financial Secretary of the Senate. I don't know anything about it except that it calls for payment of \$3,458.20 from me. I enclose you my check for one-half that sum, \$1,729.10. I have made this check payable to you. It is on The Riggs National Bank, this city, Number 169. Will you do me the kindness to attend to the matter for me, and see that the return is filed and one-half the tax paid. I am awfully sorry to bother you, but I am beside myself here. Will you please look over the statement and see whether it is all right, and make any correction in it you deem necessary. I am in such a mess here that I have not had opportunity to write. I don't know when I can. I started to study the City case the other day, and then Robins was before the Judiciary Committee, and I wasted two days sitting there protecting him. I hope you'll come on, as you suggest. The City case certainly will not come up, in my opinion, until, at the earliest, the week beginning the seventeenth, and probably not until a week later.

Love to all.

Affectionately,

H.W.J.

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At Home, Riverdale, Md. Mch. 16, 1919.

My dear Arch:

Sunday night, and I am sending you word because I have written you so little of late. During the week I have been trying to learn something of the United Railroads case, and I cant tell you how hard it has been. I know exactly your condition. Mine is in a very small degree its replica. I'm rotten physically, and worse mentally. I have never in all my life, had such difficulty in trying to concentrate my thoughts, and the worst part of it is that I cannot really succeed in concentration. And then after a few hours I become so weary I am almost ready to die. Perhaps the long siege here, with its constant excitement, ~~which~~ with my emotional temperament, has torn me to tatters. How well I can understand that after all you have been through, with your temperament, plus your habits, you are on the ragged edge. You however are young, with the restorative of nature at hand. You should take no chances, and let that restorative do its work, and then avoid a recurrence. Although I'm in no such condition as you, immediately upon the disposition of the railroad case, I shall do what would be similar to a month in Adlers for you, and try to get into shape again. The trouble with the damned thing is that while in this condition, ^{not} aman is himself and his efficiency is more than half destroyed. His reasoning processes are all awry, and everyting seems distorted. He has a brain astigmatism, that destroys utterly due proportions. Well, that's enough of this subject, except to beg you as Mother and I have been doing, to follow the

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advice of the doctors. Mother wanted me to wire you my "command" to go to Adlers; but I declined. We both beg it.

Lull arrived yesterday. Daley his assistant has been here since just before adjournement. Daley is a type of plodding lawyer, with whom we have become familiar. He has his uses, but while thorough, gets on one's nerves. Lull is very much better. The case is a delicate and a dangerous one. I think it may be decided either way. Yesterday we were told by the clerk it would be heard on Monday the 24th. I will be here for a few days after that, and then if there is no prospect of an extra session in the near future, we will come home. Wilson sees himself more and more a Czar. He will do absolutely as he pleases and probably get away with any course he pursues, and two diametrically opposite courses, if he chooses two. In my opinion, he is getting away with his League of Nations, although I believe, the more I study it, that it is a base betrayal of the Republic. I wanted to be for a League of Nations, and I remained very quiet in the hope I could be; but this hybrid thing which makes us the "goat" of everything rotten in the world, that compels us to police Europe and Asia and Africa, that makes us guarantee the territorial integrity of all countries, and requires submission of our internal policies to a council of nine in which we have one vote, which indeed, leaves us as the only going and solvent concern in the world holding the bag for the bankrupt nations of the earth, I can't stomach and I will not vote for it, if every elector in California demands it. And by the way, the propaganda from California is overwhelming in support of this

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denationalizing and an American scheme. I wonder if our people really understand it. The ministers and the churches are particularly rabid. Their communications are not infrequently quite abusive. I rather lost faith in the churches during the recent war. The disciples of our religion then created a new Christ under the compulsion of espionage laws and the howl of the mob. The lowly Nazarene was transformed into a swashbuckling warrior in helmet and warpaint, revelling in blood and carnage. The churches now see their opportunity to atone for their denial of the Christ of love during the past two years, and so are preaching of the brotherhood of ~~Gxxxx~~ Man and the Fatherhood of God, and threatening to disembowel all who do not immediately subscribe to the "League". England has won the greatest diplomatic triumph of all times. She has allied other nations, including the one yet lusty and unspent, guarantee the territorial integrity for all time of her present one-fifth of the earth's surface. And the other nations, to whom we are still doling out our millions, of course, are glad of the partnership. We are the only nation with no thought for the future of our own country.

I want to come to California to express myself on this subject, and to make plain, if I can the iniquitous provisions of what has been handed to us. Do you notice that nobody tells the reason for certain of its provisions, who wrote them, why they are so involved, and unanswered are all our demands for information. What a monstrous situation! And yet I feel, with that intuition which has never

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failed me in regard to the populace, that the vast majority are hysterically in favor of Wilson's plan, and that they will remain so.

I was mighty glad to learn from your last letter that business is coming to you. I never doubted this. You are as certain to succeed, if you can keep your health, as that the days will follow one another. I wish you had remained with me to study this case for me. Really lad, I'm not much good any more, and it hurts and bewilders me. It should n't be so at fifty-two and yet I feel it and know it.

In a wire from Jack yesterday he said he was coming on here. I hope he does. It will be very pleasant to see him and to talk to him about our own locality and of you.

Give my best to Gus. He's one of the dearest and most loyal of our friends. I wish there were more like him.

Good night. Be careful, and please aid your tired body and nerves.

Affectionately,

H.W.J.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Saturday, March 23, 1919.

Mr. Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Arch:

Last night we finished the brief in the City case. It was a tremendous job. I cannot tell you how difficult it was for me to do the work necessary. The argument of the case comes on Monday and I shall make the only oral argument for the City. McEnerney will make the oral argument for the United Railroads. He, Abbott, and Burke arrived here during the week.

I have not considered our future movements and probably will not until this problem which engrosses me and which makes me oblivious to everything else has been removed. Jack should arrive tomorrow night. Of course, we are looking forward with great anticipation to seeing him. I want to come to California because if I do not come now I will not have an opportunity to come until the latter part of next year. Strangely enough, mother does not want to make the trip because of the

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briefness of our stay.

I was delighted with what you wrote of your experiences ^{at Sacramento} ~~and sentiment~~ and to know that you have "come back". Of course, I knew there was no difficulty in this direction. I am still worrying about your health, and it will be many months before I will feel at all certain. Please be careful.

I am sending you a copy of the brief today. It is a composite prepared partly by Dailey, partly by Lull and partly by myself.

McEnerney called yesterday and I confess he got my heart by the very kind things he had to say about you.

We are all well. (This was dictated "With all our love" of such is the kingdom of Stenographers).

Affectionately,

Dad.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 27, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Arch:

Yesterday I received your letter of March 20th, and I read with interest your contest before the legislature. I feel, as you express yourself, an utter sinking of the heart as I contemplate how a government devoted exclusively to its people is gradually degenerating into a government of special interests. Don't feel badly if you fail in your bill.

I received last night the clipping of Hamilton concerning the elimination of certain attorneyships, including yours. I had had a word of this from Chambers in a recent letter, in which he said to me:

"There is one thing I want to call to your attention, and which Boynton suggested this morning: Stephens has been insistent that we throw out about 20 attorneyships. When we considered this matter Webb positively refused to do police court work; and it finally was boiled down to 7 attorneyships to be abolished. Certain attorneyships were retained on the ground that they were full-time positions or specialized positions. I did not know, nor did Boynton and the others at that time, that Archie was the attorney for the State Mineralogist. It would have been just as reasonable to exempt him as one or two of the others. In fact, Dr. Haynes and Dickson have filed a protest against eliminating Kemper Campbell as attorney for the Board of Health. I wanted you to know just how this phase of the matter came up"

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This was said in connection with quite a long letter about the "Efficiency Commission" and was the only matter referring to your attorneyship. I immediately responded to him. I enclose you herein a copy of my letter. This morning I have written him another note in justice to Jack, and to yourself, and to myself, a copy of which I also enclose you. My advice to you in this matter is to do absolutely nothing. If Fletcher Hamilton and McLaughlin care to make a fight in the matter let them do it, but I prefer that you should maintain, no matter what the cost, your absolute independence and tell everybody to go to hell. We'll worry along all right, and in the end you will be able to subsist without this amount. I haven't any idea what is contemplated by the legislature or by the administration. Of course, it goes without saying, in any course you pursue, whether the one I suggest or any other, I am behind you and will do anything that you desire. Simply wire me that you wish me to hit the wires. That I am very sore, and very sour about the whole matter, you will readily understand without amplification from me.

Jack arrived Monday. He has been extremely busy since he has been here, and, apparently, is very tired. He has left this morning for New York with Schwerin. He expects to return tomorrow night. His time, apparently, is occupied wholly with the particular matter for which his trip was made. We were delighted, of course, to have him with us.

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Day before yesterday the oral argument was made in the City case. McEnerney presented the United Railroads side and I replied for the City. While now I realize how many more things I might have said, and how much better I might have said those things I mentioned, nevertheless, I do not think we had the worst of the argument. I devoted myself exclusively to the case since adjournment and I am glad to be through. Mother doesn't want to come to California. We are both tired and worn. I am going to try a few days here to see whether I can rest at the old house we both love so much. I am still uncertain of what we will do, but the chances are we may remain here.

I am wiring you tonight about the attorneyship. I hope you won't worry about it. I hope, too, that, physically and mentally, you are getting in better shape. With all our love,

Affectionately,

Ad

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 1, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

I am waiting patiently to hear from you about the situation in California, so far as regards your little attorneyship. Your telegram came and I was glad to see that you are simply sitting tight and awaiting developments. I sent you last week my two letters to Chambers, so that you might know exactly what I have done. The subject is a sore one, as I wrote you before, and is simply another evidence of how soon a man is forgotten when he is three thousand miles away. And this bring me to the question of coming home. Physically I don't feel like it, but I know I ought. No man can remain at this distance from his constituents and keep in touch with them, and if one is going to continue in politics he must keep in intimate touch with the people upon whom he depends. I know this thoroughly, and I know I should come to California. I know, too, that if I don't come now I may not have the opportunity to come for a year and a half. On the other hand, your mother has developed remarkable opposition to the trip. She shrinks from the long journey first and says that the brief

time we would be in California would not be worth while; and she shrinks, too, I know, from what would be a period of extraordinary activity on my part in the endeavor to present the League of Nations and overcome the sentiment which now exists in our state. This would indeed be a hard task. My letters show an overwhelming sentiment in favor of this League of Nations, and yet my conscience and my judgment forbid me to support it. If the propaganda were unanimous, I still, as an American, could not vote for this present League of Nations, and I doubt if I could vote for any which will be presented by Wilson. Between my popularity and what I deem to be the right and patriotic course there is no choice. The men in the Senate who have studied the proposition are all of one mind. The majority of them, however, will yield their judgments to what they conclude is public sentiment. Notwithstanding the fierce statements in which Senators have indulged, I look to see Wilson's covenant passed, and I expect to be among a very small minority. It is incredible to me that the lesson of the war has simply made our people mad to mix in every European dispute and police the world with American boys.

Jack has been with us for a week now. He is extremely busy and wholly engrossed with his work. He seems on edge and I do not think his trip has been particularly enjoyable to him. We have not been able to do anything for him at all because all

his time, apparently, has been occupied. He doesn't seem able indeed to take his mind from his particular work or from himself. It is an admirable thing that one should be interested in his own important concerns, but this may be carried to such an extreme as to be quite harmful, and even to the elimination of those things which make social contacts desirable and pleasant.

I hope that you are getting on as you desire. Write me about your life at the Club and whether you enjoy it. Tell us something about how you spend your time, and whether you really take your couple of days off with your horse and your dog. To my mind business with you is ^{the} secondary consideration, your health the first. If both, however, can be as you wish them, of course, so much the better.

We all join in love.

Affectionately,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 4, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

I received your brief letter saying you would sit tight on the attorneyship matter. I think there is nothing else to do. I received a telegram from Chambers day before yesterday as follows:

"Sacramento, Calif.
"Letter received(Stop)Efficiency Commission and report both dead(Stop)Several independent camouflaged administration bills introduced passage doubtful stop Archibald's position known (Stop) Will write

John S. Chambers "

I am trying in the press to follow the California legislature, but, of course, I am five days behind always, and what is going on under the surface I don't know at all. In some fashion or other the thing will come out all right, and even if you lose this particular attorneyship it will not be irreparable. At any rate, if you lose it, you won't lose your dignity and your independence. Fellows like McCabe who preserve their own attorneyships and let the one in which I was interested go by the Board make me feel pretty rotten.

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Your telegram to mother about the machine was received this morning. She wired you because the Buick people here insist their machine is on the floor, that they must make delivery of it, and demand that I take it. I don't want to take it unless the refusal to take it will involve Theodore in trouble and financial loss. If he can get clear, or anyway near clear, and pay back the contributions of the various individuals, I prefer this infinitely. There is something about being beholden to twenty or more people who contributed for a machine like this that is utterly repugnant to me. And I feel this repugnance notwithstanding I appreciate fully the kindness and the sweet sentiment of the gift, and am very, very grateful to the donors. If I can stand the matter off for another week I am going to do it in the hope that when you read this letter you may talk very frankly to Theodore, and then wire us again. My position, I repeat, is this: I do not want to accept the gift; I want to have returned to the men who contributed the amounts they contributed. If, however, the refusal to accept the gift is going to ^{cost} ~~cost~~ Theodore four or five hundred dollars and put him to a whole lot of trouble, I would rather swallow my pride and accept it. If he can get out substantially whole and return the money to the rest of them, I don't want to take it. It may be that this is somewhat ungracious on our part, but it is our peculiar pride. And then, in addition to that, these

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good people gave me the big machine originally, and it's a gross imposition upon them to have them contributing for another.

Jack is still with us, and just as busy as ever. He comes in early in the morning with me and we don't see him again until dinner, and at night, he is so tired, he goes to bed early. Next week he probably will go to New York and we, doubtless, will go with him. I don't know whether his activities there will be so strenuous as they have been here, but I shall try to give mother a little vacation away.

Your telegram of this morning said you were in "fairly good shape", which, I take to mean that you're not in good shape at all. I wish you were back here with us so we could keep a watchful eye on you, but I suppose you would go crazy sitting around home and doing nothing. I am constantly thinking of you, and hope that things will turn out all right with you.

I am exceedingly restless myself. I want to come to California, but if I do I will have to come alone. The extra session ought to be called within the next month, and perhaps mother is right in not wanting to go out for so brief a period. The astonishing thing to me in the news I get from California is the unanimity for the League of Nations. The more

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I study the document the more I distrust it, and the more confirmed am I in my view that it would mean the destruction of the Republic.

Mother and Jack join me in all our love to you.

Affectionately,

Dad

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 8, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

I received this morning your telegram stating you were in pretty good shape and getting along all right. It relieved your mother and myself somewhat. We've been worried about you. In a couple of letters we had from California it was remarked that you were not looking well, and we feared that you were not taking real care of yourself. Both of us, of course, fret a good deal about your condition, and perhaps we fret the more because neither of us is in very good shape.

Jack went to New York again Monday and returned last night. He has had anything but a vacation out of this trip. He has been busy all the time. We have seen him only at the intervals I mentioned to you. I was trying to tell him today that he ought to lay off for a little while and take it easy here, but he insists that he must get home just as soon as possible. It is our expectation to go to New York with him at the end of his work here, but just when that will be we don't know.

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I received a long letter from Chambers yesterday, which followed his telegram, a copy of which I sent you. There was nothing in the letter at all. Its ^{contents} ~~writing~~ convinced me that he was simply feeling ashamed of himself and tried to camouflage the situation by writing of nothing to me. His letter didn't give me one particle of news, but spent most of his space laughing at Stephens, and generally criticising the State administration. As well as I have been able to keep track of what is going on in the legislature I think you probably will be deprived of the attorneyship, but you can accept this with equanimity, and the whole thing will turn out alright in the end.

Take care of yourself, please.

Affectionately,

Ben



RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL,

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"RIZCARLTON"

UNDER THE DIRECTION & MANAGEMENT OF
THE CARLTON AND RITZ HOTELS, LONDON

Friday, Apr. 18, 1919.

My dear Arch:

Altho' I don't know how
welcome notes from the old man
may be, still I feel guilty
if I don't send you some word
at short intervals. So after
a very long touch, I'm back
in the hotel by myself, acknowl-
edging the receipt of your two
recent letters and your telegram
about the Butt passports. I was

had to be of a little service to
you in the passport matter.
Don't hesitate to call upon me
whenever the matter is of any
moment to you. More gladly
than I can tell you, I'll be
to go to the bat on anything
you're interested in; and if I
can accomplish nothing, I'll
at once advise you.

We've been here since
Monday. We've done practically
nothing. Mother intended to
do a vast deal of shopping
but the only day it could be

done today. Jack has given her
more commissions than she
could attend to in a week.
He is here just as busy
as he was in Washington.
He has his breakfast before
we are up and we see him
at dinner and then go to the
theater.

I'm enjoying New York as
much as you enjoyed
Washington (?). I'm old now, Laddie,
and fixed in my habits and
companionships. I'm unable to go

out and look up people, who
might be glad to see me or to
make pleasures for myself.
I feel that those I'd like to
see and be with, might not ^{wholly} ~~not~~
reciprocate and then I have a
horror of taking men from
their regular and engrossing
occupations. My stay here
is therefore, a nightmare, in
which I'm praying for the
end. And I'm conscience
stricken too, because I know
Mother likes it, even though
we pay \$25 a day for rooms and

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are so excessive now, that I
marvel at how those of moderate
incomes even exist. particularly
here, where spending is made so
easy, and lack of just spending
is so discreditable, I wonder
how common folks maintain
themselves. I presume these
"common folks" I don't see, and
that here and in Washington
are people who really have homes
they love, and who buried in

these homes, are content (just think of it) with their loved ones, and simple existence in the atmosphere of affection.

It's just after one now and I'm trying to rest for a brief period. I'm becoming quite a famous walker, and while my exercise, consisting of a couple of miles walking on Fifth Avenue daily costs about fifty bucks per diem, still it's one mode of obtaining the much needed physical exertion which I lack. Mother is a wonder at it. particularly now when she has to do not only her own shopping but Jack's and all Jack wants for everybody else.

He expected to return last week but the things Mother wished to get for herself, couldn't be attended to because Jack each morning presented her with a new list of errands to be done for him. Poor Mother is despairing now, and probably she will give it up tomorrow and go back to Washington returning here at some future day.

I'll now continue Harry Leon
Wilson's "Ma fittin'ill" stories.
How charming they are, and how
fortunate am I to have them
in New York.

Goodbye, son.

Lots of love,
Dad



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Monday. Apr. 21, 1919.

My dear Arch:

When I wrote you last week, I meant to tell you that your mother had come McCaleb about your attorneyship and had received a reply saying the matter was all right and had been virtually killed. Chambers as I wrote you, had said something of the same kind; so, though I am without definite news, I am hoping the matter is all right and that you will have no more trouble. I read

Your reply to Chambers and thought it admirable. I wanted you to maintain just that attitude. I presume McLaughlin will imagine, if the situation is saved, that he did it; but you need be under no illusion - he couldn't save a floating chip. From what I read of the oil bill, the Legislature rather gave him the worst of it. Don't be squeamish about continuing your attorneyship if the thing still exists. It's a good nest egg, and remember if things get big with you, you can drop it whenever you desire. From your letter, I judge matters are going fairly well with you, and that you cared little about the employment by the Mineralogist. However, it's a good thing to hold on to until your situation is assured. I remember how I clung to the position of Corporation Counsel in Sacramento at \$125. a month and did \$1000. worth of work per month. The little certainty was something I didn't want to part with.

Don't let McLaughlin or even
Hamilton bull you into any idea
they preserved the employment,
and because you preserved it,
have no hesitation in continuing
it. It would be rotten to think
~~it~~ has been preserved merely
for another's profit.

I read with great interest
what you said about the
Pacific Union Club. You certainly
are fortunate. I had no idea
one could live there so economically.
I knew you could live there well,
but I thought the price would
be commensurate. Living prices



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Double than otherwise, for the
exquisite pleasure of riding on
a 5th Avenue bus, gazing on
those who are better dressed and
better groomed and then attending
a theater at night with tickets
purchased from speculators at
double their price and forty
times their value. It's hell to
be old and worse to be
disillusioned. Places like this are

are in, and indeed all the first
class N.Y. hotels, exist on the
vanity of people like ourselves,
and our anxiety to ape those
who have nothing to do but
spend inherited or stolen
fortunes. That sounds like
the soap box orator!

I was glad to know
you were somewhat bitter.
I so want to come to California
but it means a brief
domestic tragedy from which
I shrink. Very consideration

demands that I should spend
some time there for my own
good and my own future,
but —

I'm going to proceed now
to the only real enjoyment
I get in New York — read a
book shut up alone in my
room.

Goodbye, son. Lots of love
from a lonely old ass.

Affectionately,

Dad

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 24, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

We returned last night from New York and I found your telegram of congratulations of the 22nd. I can't tell you how delighted I was to win the United Railroads case. Of course, they have left an opening for damage suits, but I think we can get around them alright.

From the letters I wrote you from New York you'll understand something of the glorious time I have had there. I am too old now for the big crowds. In addition, New York is simply mad.. Every hotel in it is overcrowded. Recently, as you know, the enormous Pennsylvania Hotel has been opened, and various others, but they seem unable to accommodate the visitors to the big city. The streets are full of soldiers. There are constant parades, and now, the new victory loan is in progress. My only amusement was theatres at night, and I became surfeited with them. I can't tell you how glad I am to get home. How naturally I dictated the last sentence " to get home". The old house at Riverdale seems this to me at present. My head is full of other matters than entertainments, theatres, and imitating the idle rich. The

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big events of Paris engross me, and the political situation I am constantly thinking of. I am really unfit to mingle with people who are thinking of other things, and I fear I am not a particularly pleasant companion at home. Mother is in distress because she found the maid gone upon her return. We're mighty fortunate that Joey is with us, or we probably would be minus a cook also. The task of obtaining a maid to go into the country here is a mighty difficult one, and I presume we will be constantly in hot water now for some weeks. 'Tis ever thus.

I hope that you are feeling good and constantly improving. In the language of the distinguished President, "may I not" suggest that you write a letter to Mother. I think she feels that "love to Mother" in letters to me is not a sufficient epistolary effort on your part. Make it the other way around in a letter or two, and I'll understand thoroughly.

With all our love.

Affectionately, *Dad*

P:S: While I was gone, a commission to you as Captain came from the War Department, which the office informs me was simply enclosed in an envelope without explanation of any sort. I am sending it to you by this mail.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 29, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

I have received this morning your note of April 23rd with the clippings enclosed. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me these clippings.

I wrote you immediately upon my return last week from New York and by this time you have received that communication. Jack is still there but expects to start back to California tomorrow. The poor fellow had little pleasure out of his long stay here. In both Washington and New York he was constantly engaged. We were very glad, however, to have him with us nights.

I am back in the office at routine work, and I think from now on I can get perhaps a little rest here. From the time of adjournment there has been little opportunity for either your Mother or myself to get in shape. This is the beautiful part of our season now and I am enjoying each day at the old house.

I expect to slam away at the League of Nations shortly, and in this, I will be in hostility, as I take it, to my constituents in California. Apparently, the sentiment there is almost unanimous for the League of Nations, and it passes my belief how this could be so. The League seems to me a betray-

al of the Republic. It involves us forever in the bickerings, and the controversies, and the little wars of Europe. It mortgages our manhood indefinitely and will require us, in the future, to send American youth to unknown peoples to guard frontiers of which we have never heard before. I can not understand the sentimentality which prates so much of wishing to end war, and which, by this scheme, makes American blood subject to every call of conflict in Europe, Asia and Africa. It is undoubtedly the greatest triumph for English diplomacy the world has ever seen. With six votes in this League against our one, it has our absolute guarantee of its territorial integrity. I feel so deeply upon the subject that I would sacrifice my political future (if I have any) in opposition. There are times when a man who loves his country must go his way, no matter what his people think. This time has come to me.

I was delighted to win the City case. I cannot for the life of me understand why the Court had anything to say about damages, and they left a fly in the ointment with this subject. However, the decision holds with us on every legal proposition, and it is very difficult for me to understand how any damages can be recovered. I wish you would read the opinion carefully and let me know what you think of it.

With all our love.

Affectionately,

Dad