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## United States Senate

W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

July 2, 1926

My dear Boys:

It is our expectation that Congress will adjourn tomorrow. There is a bare possibility this may not occur, but knowing the feelings of my brethren and their anxiety to get away, I do not think anything will be permitted to prevent the consummation of what they, with substantial unanimity, wish. Sunday will be the fourth, and the holiday will be Monday. Some time next week, probably in the latter part, I intend to go with your Mother through New England, occupying about two weeks in the trip, and then upon my return, within a very few days, start for California. I take your Mother on this trip, although I can very ill afford it financially, because I think she is entitled to a little vacation and some pleasure before I begin a campaign in California; and inasmuch as we have agreed upon the trip, we are both looking forward to it with childish anticipation and enthusiasm. I have had my New England colleagues, with one of whom, Bingham of Connecticut, there is a real bond with me - although we are very different politically, give me their views of itineraries, places to visit, and the like. The distances seem tremendous to them, but I laugh at the day's journeys they think quite appalling. Indeed, Bingham fixing out an itinerary in Connecticut lasting about two days, imagined it would be extremely arduous, and yet as I compute the mileage of his two days, I can not see that we exceed 300 miles in actual travel. You can smile with me

at 300 miles in two days with a locomobile. The car runs like a charm. Mother has had seat covers made, and if there is any little appurtenance to a car that she is not considering, I do not believe it has yet been heard of.

The returns from North Dakota show a smashing victory for Nye there. I made two statements to the voters of that State in his behalf, and I am very glad of his success. I wrote you once that the toe had been knocked off the idol, and its nose a little battered. I think I can say to you that the Coolidge myth has been cracked in forty different directions, and that all that is left of it here are the crumbling bits of a very ordinary idol. We gave it the finishing touches in the farm relief fight. By utilizing all of the power of the great interests of the nation, exhortation and abuse of the metropolitan press, including the Hearst papers, the personal persuasions of the members of the Cabinet, and even of the President himself, he succeeded in defeating by the narrow margin of 45 to 39 what was called the McNary-Haugen Bill; and then realizing the rebellion that was on, he about faced entirely on his economic position, and enthusiastically embraced what before he had scouted, and demanded the passage, for the poor farmer, of the Fess substitute. As a matter of economic policy, the Fess substitute differed not at all from the McNary-Haugen Bill, and as I said in the debate, it had all of the vices, and none of the virtues of the latter measure. We resolved to give him a beating, if it were possible, upon the Fess substitute, and we gave him the worst beating a President has ever had in my memory, 54 to 26. It was one of the instances where de-

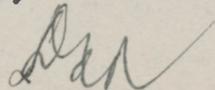
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bate upon the floor really accomplished some results. The long session from eleven in the morning until nine thirty at night upon the Fess substitute demonstrated not only the wickedness of the substitute, but its utter inability to accomplish any honest purpose. Even some of the stalwarts who have had no other slogan than "stand by the President" could not stomach it. It is interesting to read the metropolitan press now. Some of them frankly recognize that there is a rebellion, and that Coolidge is not the Coolidge they have been painting, while others in the most ridiculous and laughable fashion endeavor to ascribe the defeat to other than the real causes. The fact of the matter is Coolidge would not know an economic policy, if he met it on the street. He has one great virtue. Apparently he knows his limitations, and therefore, he will not talk at all. If he talked at all, the poverty of his intellect would at once be obvious, so he sits tight, and follows implicitly what is told him, and trusts to the press of the land. Two days before the primary in North Dakota, Butler was asserting here that Hanna was sure to win. While the returns are not all in yet, Nye, doubtless, wins by a very large majority.

If we adjourn tomorrow, I will write you again either Sunday or Monday, although I think adjournment certain, and our plans are fixed.

With all the love of Mother and myself to our boys and their dear ones,

Affectionately,



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## United States Senate

W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

July 6, 1926

My dear Boys:

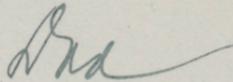
I wrote you both last Saturday just before adjournment, which occurred on Saturday afternoon, as I had advised you. It is the intention of your Mother and myself to leave tomorrow morning. We're not entirely certain yet of our itinerary. We shall go, of course, from here to New York, reaching New York, we expect, Wednesday night, and leaving there Thursday morning. Mother wishes to go up through Westchester County to Tarrytown and from there to Ossining to see Margaret. From there we'll cut across into Connecticut, our original plan being to lunch at Danbury and to dine at Lakeville in northwestern Connecticut, spending Thursday night at Lakeville. Friday morning we shall go diagonally through Connecticut from northwest to southeast, lunching at Hartford, and dining at New London. We expect to spend the night at New London, although there is a possibility we may push on a distance from there, <sup>from New London we</sup> and go north in Connecticut to Pomfret, thence into Massachusetts to Worcester, and then into Boston, reaching Boston Saturday night. Our intention is to stay in Boston Sunday, fixing up our further itinerary and visiting points of interest about there. We'll be at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Our plans following Sunday will depend a great deal upon what we learn in Boston, and what we decide there; but at present our expectation is to drive into Portland, Maine, thence to Poland Springs, where we'll spend at least one night. We expect to go to

Bar Harbor, and then retracing our steps by another route drive into the White and the Green Mountains, spending at least one night at Bretton Woods, and probably one night in the Berkshire Hills, and perhaps at Pittsfield. From Boston, however, I will wire you when we have made up our minds. Miss Connor will be kept advised here of where we are each night, so that we may be easily accessible.

Both Mother and I are a little the worse for wear now because of two holidays, and we have not the same enthusiasm for starting out in the morning that we had last week while contemplating it. Perhaps it will return, though, when once we are on the way.

Love to your family and yourself,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dad", written in dark ink.

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## United States Senate

W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

July 19, 1926

My dear Boys:

We returned to our Washington home Saturday night after eleven days and ten nights of our automobile trip. We traveled 1800 miles, - to be exact 1796 miles by the speedometer. The first day from here to New York was unpleasantly hot. I had many misgivings concerning the tour. On the second day, however, out of New York the weather moderated and from that time until the conclusion of the journey, the weather was perfect and most enjoyable. Rains were just ahead of us, or just behind us, but we got in none. If you are interested in following our journey at all, I will tell you our stopping places so that by a glance at the map, you may see the territory we covered.

The first night we reached New York, the longest and meanest of our trips. From New York we drove through Westchester County and up the Housatonic River in Connecticut to a little place called Lakeville in northwestern Connecticut. The following day we zigzagged across the State of Connecticut, stopped with Mrs. C. Boughton Woods at Simsbury for an hour or two, and then lunched in Hartford, and that evening on to Boston. Saturday and Sunday we spent about Boston visiting Plymouth, Bunker Hill, Lexington, Concord, and other places. Monday morning we drove along the coast through Portland, Maine, to Poland Springs in Maine, <sup>spent the night there and then</sup> passed from Poland Springs to Bretton Woods where we stayed at the famous Mt. Washington Hotel. Wednesday from Bretton Woods to Burlington, Vermont, staying at a beautiful

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little inn called the Allenwood. Thursday down Vermont across the river at Ticonderoga, a part of the way in New York, then south to Williamstown, Mass., and the next day into New York again. New England is beautiful, and particularly was it beautiful at this time of the year with its marvelous green verdure. No rides we have ever had equaled a part of the ride through New Hampshire, and the trip through the Berkshires, and later in the hills of the New England territory. The mountains there are a joke to a Californiana. They told us of the hills of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire towering above the country like "impending Shasta". Its altitude, however, is but five thousand feet, and it required a bit of imagination to picture it as New Englanders believe it. Going from Maine to Vermont, we crossed the White and the Green Mountain ranges, justly famous for their beauty, but which never from our viewpoint would be deemed at all difficult as mountain ranges.

I believe your Mother enjoyed the trip immensely, and I think she was in an ever increasing state of surprise and wonderment at the beauties of the New England territory. The car worked like a charm. Our chauffeur is a respectful and obedient square-head. He is a Norwegian and undoubtedly tries as best he can, but I would liken him to the assistant engineer who became Jack's chauffeur. He had the happy faculty, which generally we were able quickly to correct, of getting on the wrong road. Mother thinks he will never learn properly to shift his gears. The trip was not unduly wearisome, and wholly enjoyable. Occasionally we would have liked to have stayed longer in different places, but as I look back upon it, I think if we had, our

recollections of the places would not have been so keen, and that within a very brief period, they would have palled upon us. We met Neylan at the Allenwood Inn, Burlington. He has done, I think, a very sensible thing which I recommend to you. He had intended, originally, to take his young daughter, a precocious twelve year old girl, but really splendidly behaved and very likable, on a trip to Europe, but concluded that prior to a trip to Europe, he would take her to see the historic places of her own country. You would enjoy, and our grandchildren would enjoy, beyond measure, the places in New England, which, because they represent the beginning of this Nation have such an affectionate hold upon our hearts. Both Mother and I got a real thrill from looking at Plymouth Rock, from reading in the museum there the old deeds, and declarations, and pronunciamientos, from standing on the ground at Lexington, where the first Minute Men opposed themselves to Britain's might, and from walking across the old wooden bridge at Concord that was so stoutly defended by the embattled farmers of New England. Lake Champlain and Lake George were mere geographical memories to me, and to drive along them and through Ticonderoga where Anthony Wayne won undying fame roused every patriotic instinct. I think it would be a great thing for you to take a like trip, and it would be of all absorbing interest to Hiram and Frere. They would have at first hand the story of this country that they never would forget. Nothing untoward occurred in our tour until Saturday in New York City. In the jam of the traffic at 23rd street and Broadway when we were going to the ferry, a motor truck from Newark ran into us

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and smashed one of the fenders. The boys who were driving the motor truck, I think, recognized their fault. They said they were insured, and that if we were, of course, the matter would be quickly adjusted. This morning I have advised the insurance company of the accident, and the machine is at the Locomobile service station here either to have the fender repaired, if it be possible, or a new one put on. It will give me a good test of the insurance policies.

I am back in the office today getting ready now to return to California. I shall leave here Monday next, if nothing unforeseen occurs, and shall expect to reach California on Friday. I do hope you will not think that I am disagreeable in saying to you that because of the peculiarities of this trip, and my own personal peculiarities, I do not want to trespass upon either of my sons. I know how much you would both love to have me with you, and, intermittently, I hope perhaps to dine with you, but I am absolutely of the opinion that it would be better for you and better for me, for me to stay during the very short time that I shall be in San Francisco at a hotel. I am firmly resolved upon this course, and because I am so thoroughly convinced I write you thus candidly. I am not clear whether I should stay at the Palace or the St. Francis, and upon receipt of this letter if either has a distinct view in the matter, I would appreciate a wire. I expect to remain in California until just after the primary and then return here. I am coming out to take an active part in this primary, a part I deem necessary from every standpoint. I would like to shirk this if I could and remain here

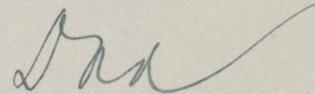
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while the fighting goes on in California, but I feel that I can no longer ask others to fight for me, if the occasion should arise, and then hide when they are striving and fighting. I confess to you very readily I am getting too old longer to enjoy it, but a sense of obligation and the recognition of a debt of gratitude compel me to spur myself into activity. If it were possible for me to get into something which would preclude the necessity of this life, I think I would gladly accept it, but I have so long followed my present course, that I probably am unfit to turn aside or do anything else. Mother still insists that she will remain here.

I will wire you if anything transpires to change my plans, and of course I will keep you advised of my departure.

With my love to your families and to Martha and my dear grandchildren, I am

Affectionately your father.



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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

July 23, 1926

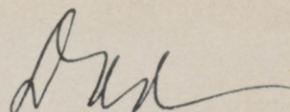
Major Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorney at law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

My dear Arch:

I sent by parcel post to myself care of you today a bundle which contains some things I may want to use in the next month in California. In the bundle is a scrap book, data on farm relief, world court, and the boulder dam. Will you please carefully preserve this bundle for me.

We have been having the worst heat the last couple of days Washington has ever known, and that is some heat. It probably will be with us while we go across the continent, so pray for me next week.

Affectionately,



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W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

October 16, 1926

Major Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorney at law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

My dear Arch:

I received late last night your day letter of yesterday. The action of Richardson calling a special session, in my opinion, was dictated by those who are opposed to the Boulder Dam Project and its sole purpose is to muddy the waters and cause embarrassment and controversy. It makes no difference what the legislature shall do when it convenes, arguments will be made against us. If the Colorado Ruer pact is unconditionally ratified, the action will stultify those who conditionally ratified it two years ago, and then adopted what was termed the "Finney reservation". Ratification, too, will deprive California of the one trading point that it has. If the pact is not ratified, then the upper-basin states will insist that California is recalcitrant, acting like a dog in the manger concerning the division of the Colorado River waters, and is entitled to no consideration from the the national legislature. I am at a wretched disadvantage in a controversy raging in California. The meagerness of my advices you may readily understand, when I say to you that only today have I had before me Richardson's statement, and that in previous statements I have made in the matter, I have been fair and judicial in tone. If I had had the statement before me when I replied yesterday, I should have been

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pretty caustic, and perhaps may be yet. However, I presume nobody cares one way or the other about a personal controversy, and that the big thing will be what the legislature will do. I am advised by those in Los Angeles in charge of the matter, that there will be no unconditional ratification such as Richardson wishes.

We returned all right on Wednesday. We had a pleasant trip from San Francisco to Chicago, and the usual unpleasant trip from Chicago to Washington. I would like to be in charge of the Interstate Commerce Commission long enough to require the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio to construct new road beds. They certainly are a fright, and particularly disagreeable after the wonderful road bed of the U.P. across the continent.

Our household was as we left it - two Chinese boys, three dogs, and one cat. They all viewed our return with some stoicism, usual in the Oriental and the animal. Singularly enough, the least affectionate of the animals, the cat, tramped around with me the night we came home and sat on my shoulder at dinner. The dogs, of course, we were very glad to see. Mother thinks that dogs have no conception or perception of time, and I am not sure but what she is right.

I am not looking forward to the ensuing session with any degree of enthusiasm. I am thinking of next March, and during the next few months I want you to think more or less of next March, and where you believe would be best for me to open an office in San Francisco.

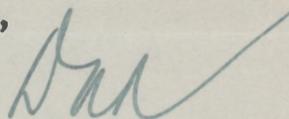
The world is agog here over the expected arrival of a royal prostitute from Roumania. The great, and the near-great

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will vie with one another in toadying, sycophantic genuflections next week, and America will demonstrate her vaunted democracy in running wild over a queen. Beyond this, the sole topic of conversation here is the election to be held in November. The Democrats believe they will regain control of the senate. I am by no means sure of this.

Mother joins me in love to Martha and yourself.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dan', written in a cursive style.

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W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

October 16, 1926

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

My dear Jack:

I can't resist on Saturday following my old habit of writing you, even though there is little to say. Washington is agog over the advent of Queen Marie of Roumania. Democracy can then exhibit its sycophancy, and the American people demonstrate their love of royalty, and this, too, over a queen, whose character scarcely can commend her.

We found our household as we left it, and we have fitted into the old groove, the household running as usual with two Chinese boys, three dogs, and the cat. In the office, we are not particularly busy, and there are very few Senators about. The main topic of conversation with newspaper men and others here is the November election. The Democrats affect to believe that they will win the Senate in November, and once again be in control of the congress. I doubt very much if they are correct in this. There are some real contests that are extremely interesting. In Illinois a number of Republicans shocked by the exposures regarding money paid by Insull, head of the traction companies, to the Republican candidate, are running an independent candidate named Magill. They have some newspaper support in Chicago and down State for him, and they expect to cut a very wide swath. I cannot believe that an independent candidate

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of this sort will be at all effective. In New York State if Tammany were in earnest in supporting a Democratic candidate for Senator, Wadsworth's path would be a very thorny one, but the general belief is that there is a complete understanding between the Tammany organization supporting Smith and the Republican organization supporting Wadsworth, by which Smith will be again elected Governor, and Wadsworth again elected United States Senator. Some honest-to-goodness "drys" in New York State are running a man named Chrisman, as an independent Republican, because ~~they think~~ Wadsworth and his Democratic opponent are wet. One of the battle grounds is in Massachusetts, where Butler, Republican National Chairman, and principal Coolidge man in the Nation, is opposed by David I. Walsh, a real Progressive character, and the little white child of the great church. The principal question involved in that contest is whether money can buy the senatorship in Massachusetts. If it can, of course, Butler will be successful.

We're just at the threshold of winter. From now on, the weather gradually will get colder, and the days more distressingly disagreeable. There is only one thing worse than the Washington winter climate, and that is the Washington summer climate. I wish I was out of it all.

Mother joins me in love to the kiddies and yourself.

Affectionately,



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W. H. KILLAM, CLERK

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

October 23, 1926

Major Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorney at law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

My dear Arch:

Last night your Mother and I had quite a thrill when we read in the evening papers of the earthquake shocks in San Francisco. The articles recalled very vividly our experiences of 1906, and I could almost see myself roused from sleep, staring from a window at gathering crowds in the street, dressing hastily, and finally witnessing the unfolding of that marvelous panorama of disaster of April 18. I am wondering if the accounts received here were grossly exaggerated. They indicated that the people in fright ran from their houses into the streets and parks, and that while little damage was done, the community was very greatly exercised. We were speculating, too, as to whether you were in your home at Hillsboro, and if so, whether you even felt the shock there.

Mother and I have been taking some rides of late into the surrounding country here. We have done this, first, because really we have nothing to do at present, and next because neither one of us has felt any too good. We are contemplating in the near future running to Annapolis one day, to Gettsburg another, and possibly we may also go to Harpers Ferry. All of this, however, is dependent upon the weather. Winter is approaching here, and winter in the east is real winter. I watch the temperature

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reports from San Francisco, and I think how foolish it is for any one of us, <sup>to</sup> who resides in a place like this, where the atmosphere is penetrating and depressing, when it is possible to live where the sun is shining, and where the air is like wine.

The political contests in the east are engrossing the newspapers and the politicians. The Democrats believe that they are going to control the next senate. I doubt this very much. While there is a great difference of opinion, I look to see Wadsworth win in New York, and I rather think Butler will buy his way in in Massachusetts. The wise guys seem to hold different views.

Mother joins in love to Martha and yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad

I just weighed, and while the fact has neither historical value nor human interest, I scaled stripped 189 and fully dressed 198 1/2 x I remember when I was 235.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

October 27, 1926

Major Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorney at law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

My dear Arch:

Jack Neylan dined with us last night. In the course of the dinner he said that Rudolph Spreckels called upon him and urged the appointment of Gus Deligne as superintendent of banks. I was anxious to ascertain thoroughly the situation, and without intimating that I had ever heard of the matter before, I said I presumed Spreckels's interest came in a round about fashion because Deligne had been Billy Williams's attorney when Williams was superintendent, and Williams was now occupying an important position in the Bank of Italy, and the interest of the Bank of Italy in a new superintendent, of course, was obvious. Neylan said I was undoubtedly in error, because Spreckels had told him that when he, Spreckels, mentioned the matter to Giannini, Giannini at once had inquired whether Deligne being a drinking man, would not be likely to be subject to the influences of rich and powerful bankers. Spreckels, according to what Spreckels said to Neylan, combated this view of Giannini and urged Deligne's appointment very strongly. I then told Neylan my opinion of Deligne, how long I had known him, how obstinate he was for the right, that influence could not swerve him,

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nor power deter him from doing exactly what he thought he ought to do, and that no appointment would be better or more appropriate, and I told Neylan that the sole objection to him, of course, might be that he was the partner of my son. Neylan gave rather grudging assent to the encomium I passed upon Gus. The whole tenor of his conversation was that the matter emanated with Spreckels, and Spreckels alone, and that nobody else was interested in it. I pass this along to you, so that you may convey it to Billy Williams. There is some intimate relationship that I am unable to fathom, between Neylan and Giannini, and if Neylan is to be enlisted in this matter, it is Gianini who must get him, as once I explained to Williams. Spreckels may be of some slight service, but at best, it will be slight. I impress upon you, and through you, upon Williams, Giannini must do the job with Neylan. In my opinion, nobody else can.

Affectionately,

Dad

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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

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My dear Arch:

I received your wire during the week containing the views of Ebright upon inoculation for colds. As I wrote you, our doctor here, Elliott, was very anxious to inoculate me, and was quite enthusiastic over the efficacy of the inoculation. He said that in his experience, and his experience was borne out by others, that 80 to 85 per cent of the cases have been successful and effective. He was quite insistent in my instance, because I have acquired the bad habit of getting what I term, a cold on my lungs each winter that lays me up for a considerable period of time. This he said last winter had developed into pneumonia, and he was very anxious to attempt to prevent a recurrence. I detest inoculation. I recognize in such instances as smallpox, its necessity, but as a matter merely of experiment I do not wish to undergo it. I let the matter pass after receiving your wire saying, substantially, that Ebright had no confidence in it. I may take it yet, and if I do, I will write you, and if we find it at all efficacious, I will insist that you, too, shall have it.

You have been advised by the office of what has happened in the matter of Mrs. Jean Foy. Evidently, the parties misinformed

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you, and I cannot for the life of me see why they should do so. However, I think the matter is fairly well straightened out, and I hope that it turns out as you desire.

Washington awaits Tuesday's results. In all the prognostications, California, of course, is dismissed as wholly a mere ratification in the election of the primary results. Contests, however, are either close or doubtful in many of the states - Illinois, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, and perhaps, even in Indiana, Ohio, and New York. The last three states, however, it is expected, will return their Republican senators. It seems a foregone conclusion that the Democrats will gain a number of seats in the senate. I do hope they will not gain enough to have a majority. If it should happen that the Republicans still have a majority of one, two, three, or four, the balance of power will be held entirely by the insurgent group, and this is a consummation which might be a very excellent thing for the country.

We have not taken those trips that I wrote you about, that Mother and I intended to take. Mother is as busy here as she was in San Francisco, so that with each day occupied now with a seamstress at home, it is quite as impossible for us to start any little adventure as it was in California.

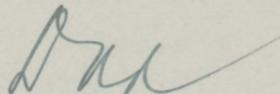
I take it that your Racing Bill will be quite badly beaten, although I note that you still are hopeful concerning it. So far as I have been able to see, not a single newspaper in California, save the Byron Times with its extensive circulation of 206 has had a word to say in its behalf. My im-

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pression is that Matt Sullivan's referendum on the Wright Act will suffer a like fate.

With love to Martha and yourself, in which Mother joins,

Affectionately,



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My dear Jack:

Washington breathlessly awaits Tuesday next. Speculation is rife as to whether the elections will change the politics of the senate. Of course, the Democrats pretend they will, while the Republicans assert the contrary, and are very badly frightened. That there will be Democratic gains in the senate is undoubted, but I do not think they will be sufficient to overcome the Republican majority. I think the Republicans will be left with a majority of one, two, three or four, and this will not be wholly a bad thing, because the insurgent group, or a very few of them, will have the balance of power. The President with a statement concerning Butler, that is entirely untrue and that the few Senators who are here have all laughed at, has entered really the Massachusetts campaign, and it is claimed by those who pretend to know that the character of the politics of New England is such, the President's entrance will change the result there. The evidence multiplies that New York State republican bosses view with equanimity the success of Al Smith, and the Democratic bosses, returning the compliment, are very complaisant concerning Wadsworth's success. As I wrote you before, I think New York will be "Al and Jim". It is but

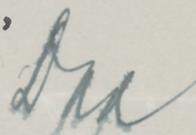
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another illustration that the same great forces control both parties, and that really when it comes to these vast interests, there is no partisanship at all. Party politics in this country now are for the purpose of catching the unwary and befooling the "mutt" who constitutes the majority of the voting populace.

We have not taken any of the trips that we contemplated, as I wrote you. I am hoping the weather continues good next week so we may do so. We'll get into our accustomed groove after Tuesday here, but until then officialdom in this city is topsy turvy.

With love to the boys and yourself in which Mother joins,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dad', written in a cursive style.