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I'm just sending you a
sort of daily greeting.
Last night's adjournment
makes my conscience easy
but even there had been
no adjournment I'd have
taken what vacation
seemed necessary. It is
now 10 a.m. We've finished
breakfast after 15 minutes
in the ocean. This is our
regular procedure and we'll
like to go on with it forever.
Love to the kiddies & yourself too

Hiram W. Johnson Jr.
Atty. at Law,
Mills Building
San Francisco
Calif.

BOARDWALK VIEW NEAR MILLION DOLLAR PIER, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.



Wednesday Aug. 24.

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

A whole week and a half here & it's been wonderful for auto trip ends here. We hope to remain in another week. It has done Mother a world of good & I feel as I haven't in many months. Tell Bill F. comes here this aft. I'll write you after the visit. I don't want to see anybody & do anything except sit on beach & take my daily swim with Mother before breakfast. The Rioz has made this place most enjoyable. Your cool letter was forwarded here this morning. Write me about Frank & whether you think Harriet and, be made Regretters.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CUBAN RELATIONS.

July 9, 1921.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorneys at law,
Millis Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Boys:

Tuesday afternoon, your Mother and I went to New York, returning Thursday night. The case there, which has been decided against us in the Appellate Division, was in such a situation, that we did not know when we could be heard by the Court of Appeals, the Court of last resort in New York State. While this is vacation time, the Courts re-convene to hear specific cases under peculiar circumstances. The Governor can direct them to re-convene at any time he desires, or, of their own motion, if the case be of primary importance involving vast interests, they may do so. Ours is a case where the money necessary to carry on the work of the Traction Commission, that is, any work, was at stake. The Traction Commission being the obedient servant of the Governor, and his particular creature, is, of course, the object of great solicitude with him. Were we to take an immediate appeal to stay proceedings, I have no doubt that within a week or two the Court of Appeals would have been re-convened, we would have been subject to an immediate argument, and we would have an immediate decision against us.

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Complicated by the legal situation is, of course, the political one in New York City. I want the opportunity to improve our brief, to present leisurely our case to the Court of last resort, and to present it, not in the heat of a political campaign, in which the Court is arrayed politically against us, but when the smoke is cleared in that political campaign, and when possibly some of the members of the Court may have forgotten their political prejudice. I sought, therefore, a way in which the matter might be postponed. We finally definitely reached an agreement with the attorneys on the other side by which we'll pay them a portion of the moneys the Court has said they are entitled to, leaving sufficient in dispute to enable us to present our case upon stipulation in November. I left New York before any order had been entered by the Court, but I think this kind of agreement will be carried out. The final argument in New York City, therefore, is likely to be heard in November. I wanted this for another reason, too. I am not satisfied with the way the litigation has gone. We have been beaten in detail rather than upon the very serious and important questions involved. The other side unconsciously (because really they have gone at the whole thing in haphazard fashion and have argued it like school boys) have treated us as Napoleon treated the enemy in the celebrated Italian campaign. Napoleon's maxim was to beat the enemy in detail, never permitting it to combine all its forces, and pursuing this maxim by rapid and forced marches, he whipped one Austrian army, and then another, each of which was

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equal to his own, and the combination of both of which would have overwhelmed him. I told our people in New York we had not had the opportunity yet really to bring up our heavy artillery. We had had a detachment whipped in a premature action, a garrison routed in a mandamus, and a division overwhelmed upon a requisition, but our real forces with our heavy guns had never been in action at all. Time of necessity will put all our forces in action because the Transit Commission must do something pretty soon. They are afraid to do much before election, but just about election time, or immediately thereafter, they will function as it was intended they should function, and then our heavy artillery will be in play. In confirmation of what I wrote you recently about the position taken by the political parties in New York, Calder told me yesterday that the Republican nominee for Mayor would probably be Senator Lockwood, who fought the traction bill in the legislature, and who voted with the side I represent. His campaign will be made upon the fact that he is for a five-cent fare, against the Miller program, and against the activities of the Transit Commission. I will have something to say on this when finally the Republican platform is adopted and the candidate named.

While I was away, as usually occurs, one of the most important events of the session transpired here. The bonus bill

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is now before us. It is before us because of the insistence of the American Legion, and because the opinion is general that something ought to be done in recognition of the soldiers who fought abroad. The administration in its usual wobbly fashion had remained silent concerning the bill until its passage was imminent. Tuesday, the Secretary of the Treasury wrote, as you've probably read, a letter very strongly opposing the bill. Thursday, the President called at the Senate and privately asked the Senators to send the bill back to committee (this is one way of killing off a measure) and then to take an adjournment. He had been roused into action finally because Congress was getting away from its masters. The farmers of the country are really in a deplorable condition. Various remedies have been suggested, none of which, in my opinion, will be efficacious; but those from the farming states have insisted that something be done, and perhaps in their eagerness to be of service to their constituents, they have adopted some expedients which promise relief, but which ultimately will be found unavailing. At any rate, they are very much in earnest. The measures they seek embrace aid to farmers of the sort that the government has sought to extend to exporters, curtailment of stock exchanges, grain gambling, and the like, and various other palliatives which are aimed at big business. This, of course, is contrary to a safe, sane, and conservative program. But the pressure behind members of Congress was so great that they were forgetting the dear old Republican doctrine of letting business alone and getting back to normalcy, and were rushed forward with really radical measures. Under such circumstances,

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there is only one way to prevent action, and that is to adjourn Congress. The effort was made in the Senate on Tuesday and I voted for adjournment through rather selfish reasons, and to the surprise of all of us, adjournment was defeated. Harding now insists on it. In my opinion, he will carry his point, but he does it with some little loss of prestige. The fact that he waited so long tells against him, and injures his strength, and the fact that men have to vote against their wishes and contrary to what they think is the desire of their constituents, makes them discontented and irritable. Monday will see the beginning of the contest. My prophecy is that the bonus bill will be recommitted, and that within a very few days a recess will be voted. Very many of my colleagues insist the contrary, but I have seen them fall so often, that I haven't any doubt of what they will lie down on this occasion.

Congressman Nolan called on me last evening red-eyed. A very plausible and I think very estimable gentleman named Dillingham representing the sugar planters of Hawaii has been here for a month or more endeavoring to get a bill through permitting Chinese under bond to come into the Sandwich Islands to labor on the plantations. The bill would restrict the activities of these laborers, keep tab upon them, and they must be returned to the country from which they come within five years. A rather persuasive plea made by Dillingham is that the sugar men had been convinced of the undesirability of the Japanese who are in the majority in the Islands

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that their labor is no longer efficient nor satisfactory, and that by admitting Chinese, the plantations could be effectively worked, and that the Japanese laborers driven from employment, would probably depart. On the other hand, Nolan insists that it is a mere system of peonage, that it would break down the principle of exclusion for which California has contended, and that it is the old story of labor slavery for adding to the riches of those already too rich. I agree with him in one particular, that we would be in rather a difficult position maintaining our attitude on Japanese exclusion in California, while destroying the exclusion principle in Hawaii. The most interesting thing told me by Nolan in this connection, however, was of Fred Upham, Treasurer of the National Committee. Upham told him that the sugar planters from the Sandwich Islands had contributed very largely to the last campaign, and in the event of the passage of this bill, would contribute even to a greater extent to pay the deficit of the Republican National Committee. I confess this reason for the passage of the measure did not appeal to me.

I told you in my last letter that McLaughlin's name had been sent to the President by Shortridge and myself. The same protests which have come to us from various employers organizations have been sent to him. He is holding up the nomination because of these protests. The protests do not assail either the ability or the integrity of McLaughlin. They attack him solely because he is a Union labor man. I have written to Harding today in defense of McLaughlin and have stated that no man should be denied official preferment because of

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his labor affiliations. If Harding shall deny McLaughlin appointment, the incident will not be without its national consequences. The story at once will go out that the Republican party is no place for a laboring man, and that the national administration has issued its fiat that no man connected with the Union is fit for a position of confidence. I may add in connection with McLaughlin that the Draymen's Associations, which have always fought his organization endorse him most enthusiastically.

Williams' name as United States District Attorney has finally gone to the Attorney General and the appointment will be made, doubtless, within a week. McCormack will be given some sort of employment under the Attorney General, and to this I do not object. Shortridge's attitude seems to me perfectly silly under the circumstances. He has fought Williams and McLaughlin now for a couple of months. He has finally yielded. He yielded neither graciously nor whole-heartedly. Both are likely to be appointed. If either preserves in his memory the difficulties of the contest they will neither feel that abiding faith in Mr. Shortridge which originally they evinced.

By the way, sometime ago I received a letter either from McCabe or Rowell saying that Rowell had had some conversation with Merrit, and others, in which the Hoover people indicated there would be no opposition to me next year. I wrote in response that I would not believe Hoover or any of his people under oath, and that I was

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perfectly confident they would, if they could, foment a contest and give me all possible trouble. I received the other day a clipping from the Los Angeles Times detailing a meeting of the Republican Study Club, at which were present Governor and Mrs. Stephens, the newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dickson, Robert Arnold, Judge Craig, and others. Judge Craig delivered a speech in which, while not mentioning my name, he pointedly denounced me. He concluded his speech, as follows: "For one I am most gratified at and proud of the able, diplomatic, and at the same time, statesmanlike, course, followed by our junior Senator, Sam Shortridge, which I think you will agree has already made him a power for good to the entire Pacific Coast and through it to the Nation." The burden of his talk respecting me was, out of tune with the administration, opposing Republican policies, etc., and destroying any usefulness I might have to my state. Of course, incidents such as this demonstrate what is in store for us. However, we would not know what to do with ourselves if we did not have a fight, and perhaps it is just as well for me to have a real contest again.

Of course, as I foresaw, the few of us who voted against Taft's confirmation received an awful lacing from the press. The reflex in letters was not great, but the few I had from people I did not know, and one or two like Raymond Robins and Harold Ickes were commendatory. The appointment, undoubtedly, from the standpoint of the press is a very popular one, and probably a popular one from the standpoint of the people. I am not so sure of the latter propo-

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sition, but I think that the newspapers during the war, and since, have given a fictitious reputation for patriotism and service to old Taft which he never has, and never will deserve. It is awful to think of Taft on the United States Supreme Court, and more so to me personally, because I have been looking to that court for justice in the New York case .

We have had a horrible four weeks of weather here. You both know what this eastern climate is, so I will not attempt to describe it. This siege has been longer than I have ever experienced, and while the Signal Service has kept the thermometer at 93 and 94, the humidity has made it almost unbearable. I can feel myself going down physically, and I think I notice the same in your Mother, yet I cannot get her to agree to go to California. The best I have been able to do is to have her say that after the argument in November, if we live until then, we'll come to California and remain until after the holidays. probably this will be our ultimate decision, although I am continuing to beg her to go to San Francisco during the summer.

Last night we had a horrible experience with the dogs. We had company at the house, and they left sometime after eleven. After their departure, both dogs came upon the porch where we were sitting, and finally Spartan became very jealous because Victor received an equal amount of petting. While they were at my knee, they went at it. It was really shocking. They were locked at each other's throats. When I seized Victor and exerted every particle of strength I had, and choked him until I choked his jaws apart. I kicked Spartan

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one side for an instant and held Victor by the throat, but the game Aerdale leapt upon me and went at it again. Victor threw me aside, and again they locked. Joe, Mori, and myself took probably five minutes to pry them apart, and even then, old Spartan had to be held by both of them while I held Victor. Of course, Spartan had all the worst of it. Aerdale fur is all over the porch this morning, and he has a few gashes in his neck. I must say, too, that Victor was minus some fur, too. The two dogs will play together beautifully, but if an occasion arises when both want the same thing, then there is trouble. Spartan as he grows older is getting crosser, and I really think he is the aggressor, but once they go to it, it is worse than Dempsey and Carpentier. I am all lamed up today because I was a part of the fracas. I am now thinking I will never do that thing again. If they get fighting and I can't throw a bucket of water or the hose on them, I will let them go.

As I have said to you in the beginning of this note, by the time this reaches you, probably a vacation will have been agreed upon here. I do not think I will be able to come to California, although I will not cease to hope or to argue.

Affectionately,

Dad

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SECRETARY STATE YESTERDAY ANSWERED CHINESE MINISTER ABOUT FEDERAL COMPANY IF STATEMENT NOT PUBLISHED CALIFORNIA WOULD YOU WISH IT WIRED

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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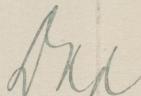
My dear Jack:

Since the receipt of your letter yesterday concerning Exnicios and what he did with the application of the young man you sent to him, I have had a letter from Mitchell regarding an individual whom I sought to place with Mitchell, and whom I know Mitchell would at once place, if he could. In Mitchell's letter, he says:

"I sent in Mr. Walter Greer's application for Inspector with my approval to the Department but to date have received no reply. "

I assume from this that applications have to be made by the individuals, that these applications are approved, and then sent to Washington for approval here before the individual can be put to work. I hope this is the fact and that it will not turn out that Exnicios was simply stalling with us.

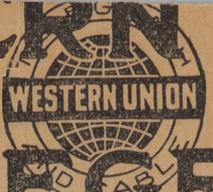
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 LAST CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE (STOP) I RECOMMENDED HIM TO MCCABE
 BUT BEYOND THIS COULD DO NOTHING THANKS FOR WIRE MOTHER JOINS IN
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HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

July 30, 1921.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorneys at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Boys:

From the standpoint of legislative activity the week has been a barren one with me. I had my little warning physically two weeks ago, and since then, I have been trying to devote sometime during the day to my physical well-being. In the Senate Office Building, there are some very beautiful baths, and a miniature plunge. By subscription among certain Senators, a chiropractor was employed sometime ago, and he has been attending to those who came to these baths. Although, I have subscribed for some months, I have never been to them until I got out again after my recent indisposition. Since then, I have devoted an hour each afternoon under the direction of the distinguished chiropractor, and you, doubtless, would laugh your heads off, if you were to see me throwing the medicine ball, then yanking at the pulleys, then undergoing the torture of the mat exercises, and then being kneaded like a stack of dough by the muscular chiropractor. The fact that I could stand so little of it demonstrated to me conclusively the necessity for it. After ten days, in which I have missed none, I really think I am in a little better shape. If I can only continue, which previous experience teaches me I will not, I may emerge

from the gruelling process very much improved physically.

An incident occurred in the Senate on Thursday that left a singular lasting impression with me. George Norris of Nebraska had been fighting for a long time for his bill for the relief of the farmers. He had got his bill on the floor, and, with the agricultural Senators behind him, there was every prospect of its passage. Norris is one of the most independent of men, and of the very highest character. The powers that be did not wish Norris to have the credit of passing his big agricultural relief bill, and so he was jobbed in the usual parliamentary fashion here. There are various methods in which these jobs are perpetrated. Sometimes by recommitting the bill, sometimes by amendment, and sometimes by offering a substitute. In this instance, Hoover and the War Finance Board got together and prepared a substitute, and the very men who had been prating about taking the government into business, and, apparently, opposing the bill on these grounds, suddenly presented a substitute, which, while not in the same fashion, yet take government into business exactly as the Norris Bill did. Norris is as super-sensitive as I am. He indignantly denounced the efforts that were made, and the petty little trick that was played upon him in the matter of the recognition of Kellogg one noon. Perhaps it would have been better if he had not been so sensitive and had passed over the incident. I confess, though, I was sympathetic with him. Because I like him, and because he came with me when there were few here who would, I sat by him during his talk, merely that he might know that he had

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one friend. I think the only other man sympathetic with him was LaFollette. The powers here had taken from him all of those who presumably had been with him. At the end of a very long speech, and quite an impassioned one, on Thursday, he collapsed. I stood by him in an ante-room off the Senate, while it was touch and go, and when it was impossible to foretell whether he would ever rally. I can't tell you how my heart went out to the big pallid figure immediately in front of me during those moments. I saw, too, then, behind the bitter and repellant visage of LaFollette, real affection. I don't think anybody else was particularly interested. It may be we were then in a miniature little world reflecting merely what the world reflects; but I do think this body, of which I am a member, is harsher, more selfish, and less sympathetic, than even the world in its most hardened moods. Norris is better, but he had a very close call. I am hoping he will be out again Monday. He is one of the very few men here who has, I think, a real regard and affection for me.

We have had another illustration lately of the sensitiveness of journalists, newspaper men, and publicity agents. The new Shipping Board is filled with high-grade men of this sort. The head of it, as you know, is Lasker, of whom we are all very fond. He is the most prominent advertising agent in the United States. Recently, the Shipping Board seized some vessels in New York. Out of the seizure has grown a lawsuit and a great

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deal of publicity. In the course of it, the New York World, the New York Times, and the Hearst papers, too, have slapped the Shipping Board, and there have been one or two nasty editorials in the World and the Times on Lasker and Schlessinger. They used to tell me that nobody paid any attention to newspapers and newspaper abuse, and laughed at me for being so thin-skinned as to be affected by what the newspapers said. Now, Messrs. Lasker and Schlessinger and Cal O'Laughlin, and the rest of them are perfectly frantic over any slight criticism in any of the papers, and they illustrate what I have so often said that the most thin-skinned people on earth are the journalistic fraternity. Lasker has a tough job. He is a man of very remarkable ability, however, and of great driving force. I am not entirely certain that his methods are the most efficacious in a political or governmental position.

I don't know what I am going to do about Spartan. I hate to give him away because I like him so much, and yet if I do not, I am perfectly certain he is going to be killed. Most of his quarrels with Victor are of his own making. Just as soon as he begins, Victor in his enormous strength shakes him, exactly as he would worry a small animal. He actually picks him up by the back of the neck and throws him about. Last night, they had another encounter. Spartan's neck is cut, and his ear bitten through. I don't doubt, however, that tonight if I were to pet one in the presence of the other they would be at it again. I am quite in earnest in saying I am going to try to give Spartan

away to save his life. I am getting worried somewhat about Victor, too. As he grows older, he gets fiercer. Anybody that comes around the house is likely to be chased quite a ways. The boy delivering the papers is becoming so frightened of him that I probably will have to go without having any papers delivered. When the 1st walked up the other morning, Victor made a leap, grabbed all of the papers away from him, held them in his mouth, and ran the boy off the premises.

(Miss Connot adopts the English spelling)
There are all sorts of rumours here about vacation. There's a real sentiment about recessing next Saturday. A great number have been signed up on it. I am not certain that it will occur, but it is just possible that Saturday next we'll recess until early in September. I will not attempt to come out during that period, but will take two weeks off with your mother at Atlantic City or motoring through New England. I am adhering now to the idea I have expressed to you before of coming out sometime in November and staying over the holidays.

Withall our love,

Affectionately,

Dad

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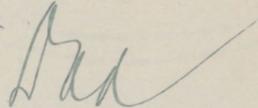
I have written you and Jack a poor rambling letter today, but I wanted to say a word to you personally concerning your last letter, which reached me Thursday. I did not know Bebergall, and I can't recall that I ever met him. Of course, knowing Lennon, and because Bebergall apparently had been with us, I would like to have seen him succeed in his ambition to be a part of the State Veterans Welfare Board. In this behalf, I could be of little service to him, because I would not make a personal recommendation to Stephens. I did write to McCabe in his behalf and I presume McCabe has sufficient discretion to act as he will deem appropriate, and that he has knowledge, too, of Bebergall.

Barney Flood was here yesterday, and I spent a couple of hours with him very pleasantly. I showed him the miniature plunge that we have in the Senate Office Building, and perhaps he will tell you about it, when he meets you.

I want a real personal letter from you. I want to know, first, about your health. Tell me your weight, and every detail you can. Singularly enough, you never will reply to my questions

and you do not tell me about yourself, as I wish. Tell me how you are, my boy, and how you are getting on, whether business is good with you, and generally, what you are doing. It surely is not necessary for me to say to you that your best friend is here, and that best friend will consider it a privilege to be of any service at any time. I have had some peculiar thoughts of late, with which, of course, I don't intend to burden you, but I am realizing much more than I have ever before realized, that your mother and I are rapidly approaching old age. I hope that we may grow into old age without senility, and as gracefully as human beings can. But with the realization comes the increased affection for my boys. I know your mother hungers, just as I do, for personal news of you.

Affectionately,

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

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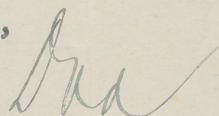
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Jack:

Although I have written you and Arch today, I thought you might be interested in a quotation from a letter I have received today from your grandfather. He says: "I was laid up a day or two in San Francisco, but remained to hear the argument last Monday in the Mary Elizabeth case. Jack did well. The judge ruled in our favor on all questions. Your eldest son has the Johnson quickness and pugnacity".

I had the old gentleman confirmed, and I presume by this time he is installed in his office in Sacramento. May it bring him the pleasure that he counts upon, and may it make a little easier his remaining days!

Affectionately,



Your mother and I were so exercised over your recent accident that I wined you in rejoicing over your providential escape. We had a good laugh about your "burglary". How often have I wandered over the house with a gun in the wee sma' hours, hoping I'd never run into anything! The pictures of the 'boys' were fine. How well they look! Love to them and yourself.

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ATTY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

ANXIOUS OVER BIRTHDAY GIFT MUST KNOW TODAY PLEASE HELP DECIDE

ANYTHING WE SAW NEWYORK ARE YOU SURE YOU DONT WANT MIRROR LOVE

MOTHER

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ATTORNEY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

IF KATENKAMP IS IN GERMANY AND DESIRES TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY
HE SHOULD SECURE GERMAN PASSPORT FROM GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND TAKE
IT TO NEAREST AMERICAN CONSUL THERE TO BE VISED (STOP) STATE
DEPT INFORMS ME AMERICAN CONSUL THERE HAS COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO VISE
PASSPORTS IN HIS DISCRETION RULES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT RELAXED AND
HE SHOULD EXPERIENCE NO DIFFICULTY (STOP) IF KATENKAMP IS GERMAN
CITIZEN IN THIS COUNTRY

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NEAREST SWISS CONSUL AS SWISS GOVERNMENT HANDLES GERMANY'S

AFFAIRS IN THIS COUNTY WILL BE GLAD TO BE OF ANY FURTHER AID
IN MATTER

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

August 2, 1921.

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

My dear Arch:

I have just received your letter of July 27. Of course, it's a shock to me to have suit brought for the individual whose child was bitten, and equally, of course, it is outrageous that a man should try to capitalize such a thing and present an exorbitant and robbing claim. I do wish there was some way the thing could be ended without a suit, but I would not want you for an instant to respond to the extortion attempted. You'll have to be careful in the trial of such a suit because there is an innate prejudice in every man's mind against the individual who has a dog that bites others, particularly children.

I am writing you this just hastily on receipt of your note. Please keep me advised.

I was more than sorry to hear that you were not feeling well physically. Do take care of yourself!

Affectionately,

Dad

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MAJOR ARCHIBALD W. JOHNSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

AWFULLY SORRY TO HEAR OF GUS ACCIDENT WIRE ME HIS ADDRESS SO I
MAY TELEGRAPH HIM SORRY FOR YOUR ADDED LABORS WOULD LIKE TO HELP
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF MOTHER AND I SEND LOVE

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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MAY TELEGRAPH HIM BODY FOR YOUR FATHERS WOULD LIKE HELP

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF BROTHER AND I SEND LOVE

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August 4, 1921.

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

My dear Arch:

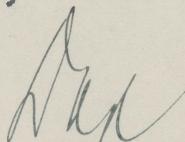
Inasmuch as the suit has been commenced on account of the unfortunate dog bite, I want to get the facts, which, in my press of work here and the thought that the matter was concluded, I have heretofore neglected to ask for. Will you please write me

- (1) The name of the little girl, her age, the name of her father, and their residence.
- (2) Did the accident occur upon our premises or upon the street?
- (3) How soon after it occurred did you learn about it?
- (4) Who, if anybody, interviewed the parties, and did everything possible for the comfort and aid of the little girl, and when was the offer of aid and comfort in relation to the accident made?
- (5) Have you ever seen the girl, or has anybody, in my behalf, seen the parties, or ever expressed any regret for the occurrence?

Major Archibald M. Johnson - 2

I am not asking this information except for the purpose of informing myself fully in a matter which may develop rather disagreeably. I know there are some neighbors who will probably magnify and distort anything in respect to the dogs. Of course, if these people come to the court, as I assume they will, they will make a pretty difficult case. I would not, however, for an instant yield to a blackmail demand, and I do not wish you to do so.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. M. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON.

August 5, 1921.

[Hiram, Jr.]

My dear boy:

I am endeavoring to time this note so it may reach you on your birthday. It's the feeble expression of love, the weak ebullition of a full heart. For, my dear son, wherever we may be, whatever comes to us, and however fate may separate us, there's no time when you are not with me, no combination of circumstances that can crowd you from my thoughts.

I've nothing to send you but a proud father's affection, a parental love that would like to shield you from adversity,

comfort you in times of stress, and
rejoice with you in happiness and
prosperity.

It's easy to write from the head,
difficult from the heart, and in
thinking of you and your day, I
can't indulge in the usual processes, -
I can only feel.

I've said to you on similar
occasions, how my memory goes
back to the days of your infancy
and boyhood. I see you now,
dear lad, with your curls, trustingly
holding my hand, certain the world
can hold no harm for you
because we are together. Again,
a little drummer boy passes me

by in a school children's parade;
and then the budding intelligence
as the world's wonders opened for
you and the vibrant youth that
ripened into successful manhood.

My thoughts are very tender, my
heart melts, my son, as I try to
write you. God bless you! You've
been a good boy, a splendid man
to your father and your mother.
May you have many more birthdays,
each replete with happiness, each
crowned with success.

No father ~~had~~ had a better son;
none ever had a greater pride in or
love for a son.

Here's to my boy!

Lovingly,
Dad.

United States Senate.

[Aug. 1921]

MEMORANDUM.

Send this wire to H W J Jr ;
Surveyor General asks
recommendations for Surveyor
General position now held
by Louis H. Mosser ~~It is~~
~~not going to succeed~~ We
probably will not succeed
with Dwyer for Director
Operations Shipping Board.
Do not ~~particularly~~ suggest
him for Surveyor General, but

United States Senate.

MEMORANDUM.

wished you to know fact.
Have would all leave and
Johnston and asked
names candidates and
their recommendations.
Would appreciate if you
would see Johnston and
advise me.

Wm. C. Johnson

Miss Tompkins,
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ATTORNEY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE DAY IF WE WERE TO WRITE ALL WE
FEEL YOU COULD NEVER FINISH THE READING AND THE TELEGRAPH OFFICES
COULD TRANSACT NO OTHER BUSINESS WE HAVE FULL HEARTS TODAY AND
A GREAT TENDER LOVE FOR OUR FIRST BORN HE WAS ORIGINALLY OUR HOPE
THEN OUR PRIDE AND NOW ALL THAT FOND AND LOVING PARENTS COULD DESIRE
WE ARE WITH YOU IN THE CELEBRATION IN MELTING

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MOOD BUT HAPPY IN THE DAY MAY THE GOOD GOD BLESS YOU AS A GOOD SON

HAS BLESSED US ALL OUR LOVE

MOTHER AND DAD.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

August 13, 1921.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorneys at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Boys:

The uppermost matter in my mind the past week has been the condition of your mother. While the wound received from the dog apparently was healing nicely, a feverish and swollen condition of the arm ensued. It was with the utmost difficulty that I got her to go to the doctor, but finally yesterday I persuaded her to go. He declared the condition was due to the vaccination, that it would last a day or two, and there was nothing to worry about. I feel immensely relieved, but, nevertheless, I am watching intently. This morning I think the arm is very much better, at least, Mother says so. It is not by any means well. The very powerful and sharp teeth of Victor were what did the damage, and one of them evidently penetrated her deeply. Today finds me not nearly so nervous as I have been, and so I write you with a feeling of thankfulness and relief.

I have been having my first experience driving the car. The little Dodge that we have is really a beautiful machine. In appearance it equals any other kind of automobile. Of course, it is a sort of minia^{ture} limousine, but very comfortable and very easy of manipulation. Accompanied by Cooke I drive it in and out now each

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day. I have learned the first requisite in automobile driving, not to be afraid of the car or of myself. I do not change gears with facility and am inclined to make an awful racket in my haste to accomplish my purpose; but this like everything else, I assume, will come with practice. Driving is easy for me, and I feel quite at home now in making the various turns, twisting about on the roads, and the like. I really enjoy it, and I look forward to very much greater enjoyment. I am not entirely certain what may happen to me, because in my present condition, occasionally comes over me quite an insane desire to run into an approaching car to see what would happen. I can imagine an impulse like this can overcome a man wrought to high tension. It has occurred to me several times, and while immediately dismissed, nevertheless, there is a fascination in the contemplation of how badly one could be knocked to pieces, or how badly he could knock to pieces somebody else.

The domestic life of our dogs has been somewhat disturbed of late. It is difficult for me to be kind to Victor, and this makes your Mother all the more kind to him. He is becoming quite like his father in sitting in the house at your mother's feet now and being with her all day. She says he is great company, and I don't think she ever cared so much for an animal before. On the other hand, poor old Spartan is in a very sore and scabby state. Either in a fight with Victor, or in a contest on one of his nocturnal excursions, he has been quite severely hurt, and on the back of his head and below his
/ ear he has quite terrible injuries. We brought him in, in the

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machine this morning to have the veterinary look him over and see what could be done for him. He is just an old fighting son of a gun. It is evidently the nature of the brute, and there's no way in which he can be broken of it.

In the matter of patronage in the state I feel myself in a web of intrigue here, in which I can only struggle, and struggle, and from which it is difficult to extricate myself. Last year at Chicago I saw plainly the consequences of having a hostile national committeeman, and you'll remember the events there. In my endeavor to obtain a friendly committeeman I had the sympathy only of Lissner, my two sons, and possibly Bert Meek. What has transpired since March 4 has justified fully our attitude. On every occasion where he could cause trouble, Crocker has done it. He would have defeated Lissner, if he could have done so. He is holding up McLaughlin's nomination today. It is he who is preventing the recommendation of Mikulich. And, of course, his influence with Benjamin is all-powerful, and Benjamin's evasiveness and prevarication in many of these matters is caused by him. My situation with the national administration, of course, is delicate and hangs upon a hair trigger. My colleague knows this and he is most anxious to take advantage of it. He has no good fellowship, absolutely is without any spirit of cooperation, and his anxiety hinges most upon getting men in office who cannot be considered as particularly friendly to me. His activities, of course, can be controlled by Benjamin, and Crocker, and McCabe, and then in differing degree by the Spreckels' and DeYoung. What transpires

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in California I have only the vaguest hints of. I am able, however from Shortridge's conduct intuitively to understand it. Take the Mikulich matter, for instance. There are two candidates for postmaster, and only two - Colonel Power and Bill. Of course, you know I feel very kindly toward Power, and you're at liberty to tell him so. Shortridge has said to me with the utmost emphasis and profanity that under no circumstances would he support Power; that Power was against him, was for Phelan; and that all of the endorsements in San Francisco could not induce him to recommend Power. This, of course, leaves of the two candidates, Mikulich. And yet I cannot get Shortridge to endorse Mikulich. The reason is I know wires from Benjamin and from Crocker. He will make no suggestion in answer to mine, just begs me to wait, saying he expects to hear from people, and thus the matter stands. During all this time, there have been passing back and forth telegrams from those who represent the organization in California, and those who do politics there, to Shortridge, and I have been kept in ignorance, so far as they are concerned, of their activities. The Surveyor General illustrates the situation again. Suddenly the Secretary of the Interior asked us for recommendations. I confess I did not know really who were the likely candidates. I wired California, and Jack Plover is suggested. I took the matter up at once with Shortridge, and although he makes no recommendation, he went unite with me in mine. I relate all these facts to you so that you may understand the difficulties under which I labor here. Those who

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assume to represent the politics of California are working not in my interest, but in the interest of Shortridge, first, and Stephens, next. There is little or nothing I can do. There is no need of a public outcry at the moment, but the time will come when no longer it can be avoided, and when it comes, I will endeavor to make the situation plain. And added to the irritation is the condition relating to publicity. In Shortridge's office are Dodds, the correspondent of the Chronicle, and Armstrong of the Los Angeles Times, both of whom feed the Spreckels' papers of San Diego. They are not true correspondents, and do not pretend to send the news. They simply send publicity for Shortridge out. The work that I do is attributed to him. I have been the active man in the tariff fight here, and my office has done practically all the work. Whenever I do anything it is appropriated by these correspondents, and I cannot meet it. No legitimate newspaper correspondent, no self-respecting newspaper man, will do the things that Dodds and Armstrong do, and no news agency, of course, will lend itself for mere propaganda for an individual here.

I sometimes think that it would be better in the long run if I had no patronage at all, and my colleague had all of it, and then I think that in the long run, as in the instances of Lissner, Williams, and McLaughlin, I have won out, and that the better way to play the game, perhaps, is to continue in the future, as I have in the past. The annoyances and irritation of it, however, are well-nigh insupportable.

Last Wednesday on Jack's birthday I was sent for in hot haste by Lodge, and Harrison on the Democratic side was commenting upon an article of the evening before by David Lawrence. Lawrence had utilized a conversation we had had, and sent out a story practically charging the Administration with secrecy in the matter of the German Treaty. He printed sufficient of our conversation accurately so that it was difficult to deny any of it. Harrison, who, by the way, I have learned to like pretty well, and who is really a pretty good fellow, was jibing our side, particularly Lodge, and reading with all the satirical emphasis that he could, the statements attributed to me by Lawrence. He jibed Lodge so much Lodge ran out of the room, which Harrison was quick to comment on for the purposes of the Record. I remained, of course, more amused than otherwise, at the tirade, and the effect upon our "peerless leader". At the conclusion of Harrison's remarks, I don't know what possessed me, but I made a snappy ten-minute speech that was as good as anything I have done here. It shot out in rapid succession a half dozen policies and my views upon them. I commenced with the Treaty with Germany, followed it with the soldiers abroad, my desire to bring them home, then the indebtedness due to us from foreign nations, and the fact that we had paid \$6,000,000.00 interest while we were forbidden by our economists to collect any interest ourselves, then announcement of my opposition to the funding bill, and finally the expression of the hope that the disarmament conference would be held in the open. There was really nothing more to my remarks than a rapid expression

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of my views on the one side or the other of these different matters. The effect, however, has been rather startling. The morning following, the President telephoned me at great length to tell me of the negotiations with Germany, that a Treaty was being consumma^{ted}/ now along the lines of the Senate Peace Resolution, and that it was in fair way to success, and that the Versailles Treaty would be, of course, ~~no~~ a thing of the past if he could accomplish what he was striving to do. He was exceedingly courteous, and apparently, very frank. After our conversation over the 'phone he sent for Borah and talked somewhat at length with Borah about disarmament and the coming conference. He made a very interesting statement to Borah. He said there was no real leadership in the Senate now, that what leadership there was there was afraid of Johnson and Borah, and because of this fact, he was most anxious to have us come along with the administration. Borah claims that he asserted he and I had various principles which we were compelled, by the very nature of things, to advocate, and that while the administration could defeat us in a fight in the Senate, we were good losers, and content because we put before the people what we believed to be the righteous side. The President responded to him that he could recognize that, but unfortunately, he was the President, and therefore the leader. To which Borah says he responded, that that was quite so, but nevertheless, there were men who in one contingency or another must follow the line they believed to be right. The administration papers have been indirectly cracking me over the head on

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what I said about open sessions at the disarmament conference. I have here, however, a real and a tangible policy, and followed up my speech with a little statement that was carried in the east, and I presume in the west. If we go into a secret conference when all the nations meet here in November, our experience will be not unlike that we suffered at Paris. The only hope for disarmament is that the public opinion of the world exerted by reason of open sessions upon the diplomats of the world will make them, for the first time, act for peoples. There is a great deal of bunk about this disarmament proposition. I will not attempt in this letter to go into it in detail, but next week, I am going to write you the full story of it. It was not voluntarily undertaken by the Administration, although it has reaped the benefit of it. This, however, is another story that I will tell you later. I may add, parenthetically, that I have just been invited to the White House tonight and I am going to dine there at 7:30. I would be very glad to play the game with the Administration, but I cannot play it with funding bills, which forget our rights and magnify those of our debtor nations, nor can I do it with railroad legislation which adds n't ~~add~~ to the profit of those already over-rich.

Your Mother and I will probably go to Atlantic City next week. She is anxious to go there and see what a tremendous and fashionable eastern seaside resort is like, and I am glad to go for her benefit. If we like it, we'll remain there a week or two. If we don't like it, we'll start out on a motor trip through New England. At any rate, your Mother will decide which course we'll pursue. I will

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wire you when we leave here so that you'll know just where our address is from day to day.

Wednesday night at 11 o'clock Mother, Joe and I drank to our eldest son. If there is such a thing as a thought wave or a psychic influence, you should have felt at eight at your table the heart throb that went out across the continent to you. It is difficult for both of us to realize the age of you two, although I think, for the first time in our lives, we're beginning to realize our own ages.

With all our love,

Affectionately,

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

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

August 15, 1921.

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

My dear Arch:

I am just in receipt of your letter of August 9 giving me the details of the accident to the little girl which has resulted in the commencement of action against you and me for injuries. I rather gathered from your letter that you may have been piqued at my questions. I do hope this was not so. I wanted to know just the situation so that I could follow the events of the future. I have always had a horror of a dog bite and from the very instant I got your first telegram I have been quite exercised over this matter. I am not blaming you in the slightest degree, but I am perfectly frank in saying to you that if I maintain dogs on my premises that are so savage that they inflict injury upon human beings I am doing something that I would not justify in others, and therefore, I am sufficiently honest with myself not to justify it with myself. This is entirely apart from being blackmailed out of a tremendously large sum of money, and is a general observation concerning humanly carnivorous canines. From your letter I see that the little girl was either confined to the house or the bed for a couple of weeks. I presume this will be magnified immensely.

However, I am not going to worry about the lawsuit and I don't want you to worry about it. I know you will do the best that can be done, and we need not worry about the consequences. I think you know how very little I care for the money involved in the case, and the prospect of either having to pay some money, or not having to pay some money does not trouble me at all.

Affectionately,

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

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HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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Atty at Law Molls Blg SanFran

Wire recd double crossed of course will do nothing for present with
postmastership if bill and mcabe wish let them continue efforts
shortridge have notified hays I want no appointment made without
personal endorsement but he belongs same fraternity

Hiram W Johnson

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-COMMERCIAL CABLES

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3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this telegram over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

5. No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if any message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts as the agent of the sender for the purpose of delivering the message and any notice or instructions regarding it to the Company's agent in its said office. Messages sent to the Company's office by private wire or telephone are sent at the sender's risk of errors or failures in such service and all of the terms and conditions herein shall apply to the message throughout.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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Telegram	
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WESTERN UNION



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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR 044

ATTY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

MOTHER SAYS SENATOR PREFERS CIGARS ABOVE EVERYTHING BUT IF
ANYTHING ELSE OCCURS TO HER WILL WIRE YOU TOMORROW

MARY CONNOR.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

RECEIVED AT MAIN OFFICE
 POSTAL TELEGRAPH BUILDING
 COR. MARKET & BATTERY STS.
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 TELEPHONE: KEARNY 1000

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TELEGRAM

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26 AUG 26 '21

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18-58768

r52chba 114 N.L. 125am

STANDARD TIME INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE.

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 Bancroft Library

R Atlantic City NJ Aug 25

Hiram W. Johnson, Jr, Atty at law, Mills Bldg, San Francisco.

Power called today his plea is continuous loyal support for

years with never a favor asked before he states crocker

and speckels got shortridge that in February McCabe gave interview

to Gleason for him that organization supports and fleishacker

promised to that to lose now will affect him in city

fight and might destroy him I told him next week

on return would advise him my conclusions wire you thus

briefly his statements so you and Bill may be advised

most I can do is deadlock appointment for present this

I am doing his remarks about benjamin indicate benjamin against

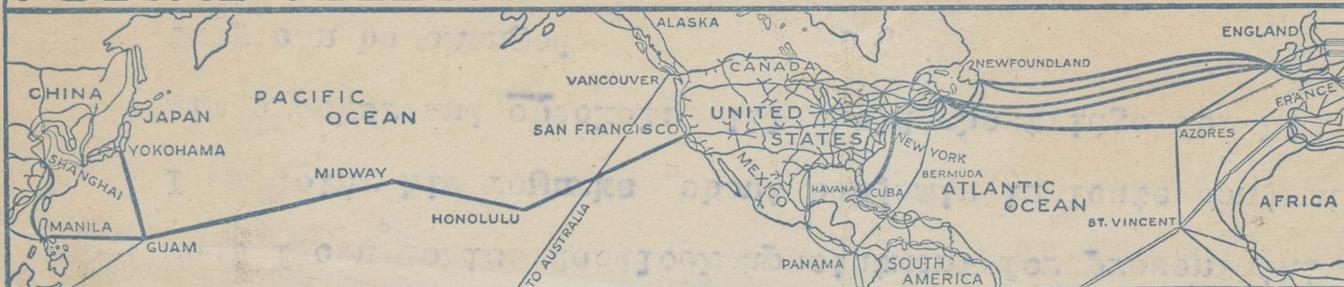
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Sunday Aug. 28. [Aug. 28, 1921]

FOR WRITING MESSAGES

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PUBLISHED BY I. ROBEINS & SON, PITTSBURGH, PA. MADE IN U. S. A.

Received your good letter today & Mother had the one describing the kiddies. We enjoyed immensely what you said of the two boys. I congratulate you on your powers of portraiture. Will write in morning about Kelly.

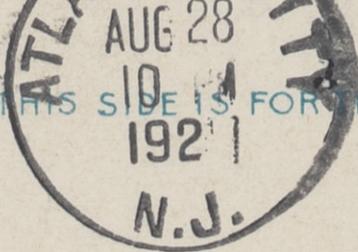
Directed the office to send you a Arch copy of the Forum with article on my situation. It's printed in full on today's American

Weather not so good past few days - too cool & foggy today. But nothing can keep us from early morning swim. Thousands upon thousands some here for week ends

Will probably remain three days more. It has been a great thing for both of us. Love to all Dad

Panderson

POST CARD



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Atty. - at Law,

Mills Building,

San Francisco,

Calif.

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R Atlantic City N J Aug 30 21

Archibald M Bohnson

Atty at Law Mills Blg., San Francisco

Will probably remain here during this week if you hear
nothing from us we will still be here mother joins in love

Dad

