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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 2, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Boys:

I am writing you again together because of what I seem ever repeating, my extraordinary stress here. I leave tomorrow for Detroit. I shall be there on the Fourth to welcome home the Detroit boys, who have constituted nearly the whole force that was in north Russia. I go there purely for sentimental reasons. I think the people are delighted to have me come, because they recognize that mine was the only voice originally crying out for their loved ones. I shall from Detroit go to New York, and then on Monday commence my itinerary in New England. The New England itinerary I gave you in my letter, but it probably has been shifted a bit, and I enclose you copy of it as handed to me today.

We had a wonderful meeting in New York. Carnegie Hall was jammed, and outside the Hall were as many more people. The meeting was a scream from beginning to end. It was utterly impossible to make a connected speech, because of the intense enthusiasm. I really made a rotten speech, but as we have often said, what's the difference as long as it got by, and it really got by. I could not finish ^a the sentence, because the crowd would anticipate it. I have never before heard the President of the United States treated in such fashion. My first mention of him, which was wholly incidental, brought from all

parts of the audience cries of "Traitor!" "Traitor!" My next mention of him, which was of like sort, and only in passing, not in denunciation at all, brought the whole audience booing. The audience was just a cross section of New York. The shirt-front and plug hat brigade were represented, the ordinary man upon the street, and merchant, and the proletariat. If you could judge by the cheering, they were of one mind. I doubt if ever I had a more enthusiastic meeting. The reception when I came on the stage, long before I was introduced, was mighty touching. It was the sort of continued applause, with which you are familiar in meetings, and then various remarks about the Presidency, and the like, in different sections of the hall that would start the cheering, and it continued a long time. The end of the speech was a repetition that was really surprising and gratifying to me.

Your Mother and I are both utterly worn. I feel so sorry for her, and yet, I don't know what can be done. We've had a long time of visitors, as you know, and she worries so over them and works so hard that she wears herself out in her generosity. She expects to go to Detroit with me tomorrow. I hope while I am in New England she can get something of a rest. As for me, the New York meeting taught me in what rotten shape I am. Forty-five minutes nearly killed me. Maybe the week in New England will do me good. I am much more concerned, however, over Mother's condition, and I do hope she will get some rest in my absence and be herself soon again.

Matt Sullivan was with us for a while; and then, Harry and Bill came; and Mr. and Mrs. Bowles, and Robert Bowles, returned from

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New York with us on Sunday and remained until last night. They were all very nice, and we were delighted to have them, but Mother does too much for her guests and really works herself almost to death for them. We have had no letter from Arch for a long time. I have not talked to your Mother about it, but I am beginning to fret. If one doesn't come during this afternoon I shall wire you, so that I will have definite news from him by the time we start for Detroit tomorrow.

I am unable to write you about the various turns the League of Nations fight has taken here. I fear if I expressed my real views to you, you would say I was pessimistic, as usual. Suffice it to say, we have a great many timid men on the Republican side, and the propaganda has terrorized them, so that I have little hope they will act independently.

If you meet McCabe, or Lisener, or any of the others to whom I ought to write, explain to them I am on the road, and that is why they don't hear from me at length. I have written some letters to Phillip Bancroft, assuming he was to be the secretary of the organization. I had a letter from him yesterday saying he was about to take a month up in Humboldt. Someone in the organization ought to take charge of these letters and begin activities at once in the few little directions that I suggested to Bancroft. I shall try to write a brief note to Neylan today, because he has been very good and has written me quite at length.

With all our love,

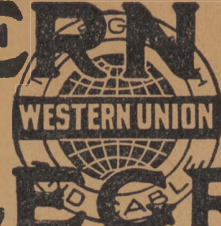
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Dad

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 IN NEW ENGLAND SUCCESSFUL FROM EVERY STANDPOINT LOVE
 TO BOTH FROM BOTH

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 24, 1919.

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

My dear Jack:

I transmitted to the Secretary of War the military record of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bradford Buttler, and directed the Secretary's attention to the desire of the friends of Colonel Butler to obtain for him, if possible, the distinguished conduct medal. I send you herein a copy of a letter that has come to me from the Adjutant General in response to my communication.

Sincerely,
Sincerely,

Dad

201-Buttler, Bruce Bradford
(Misc. Div.)

July 22, 1919

Honorable Hiram W. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of July 10, 1919, addressed to the Secretary of War, relative to the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bradford Buttler, Air Service, has been received and filed with his efficiency record.

The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. I regret to inform you that it has been determined that the services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Buttler do not justify the award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

Very truly yours,

F. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 28, 1919.

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

My dear Boys:

I have received this morning a letter from James T. Williams, Jr., of the Boston Evening Transcript. I have tried to describe Williams to you. He has ever been against what I stand for, but he's a real, red-blooded American, and he is as much in earnest concerning the League of Nations as I am. I wanted to send you his letter, so that you may see his estimate of the present situation, and of my position in it. From more than one source, I have been told what he asserts concerning the White House view of me. Indeed, this trip to California ^{of the President}, I think, we may take as something of a personal tribute.

Affectionately,

Dnd.

If there is any way in which I can be sure nothing will be done with the League or Treaty during my absence, I shall try to come out after Wilson concludes.

COPYBOSTON EVENING TRANSCRIPT
Editorial Rooms.

Boston, July 26, 1919.

Dear Senator Johnson:

I have just been reading, in the Washington report of the Associated Press today, regarding the President's plan for a trans-continental trip. He makes a review of the Pacific Fleet his apparent objective, and thereby enables himself to draw travel pay for the trip. It is disclosed, however, that he intends to make speeches going and coming in support of the unconditional ratification of the unamended treaty, and that his ex-campaign manager, Mr. Vance McCormick, is preparing to form a new organization for the purpose of compelling the Senate to give its advice and consent to such a ratification.

The announcement, my dear Senator, makes it all the more imperative, as I believe, that the majority of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations should have a spokesman on the stump at the same time that the President is on the stump, in order that their spokesman may lay before the jury of the nation the other side of the case - the case of straight Americanism versus Crooked Imperialism, the case of those senators of whom David Jayne Hill, in the forthcoming number of the North American Review, writes as follows:

"The time may soon come when statesmen whose hands it is now attempted to force by emotional influences and appeals to their personal interests under the weight of an expensive popular propaganda, will be counted among those whose prudence and courage have saved the nation from serious complications and even from shame and humiliation."

It is no reflection upon the ability of your sympathetic associates in this great fight, on the Committee and in the Senate, to say that you are, as I believe, the most available senator as a spokesman at this time. The reasons for your preeminent availability have never been better set forth than Senator Borah set them forth the evening we were your guests at dinner. The Man in the White House is more afraid of you in this particular fight than of any other member of the Senate. I know this from men in his confidence, and my knowledge is reenforced by reasons obvious to all. He never has stood up in a two-fisted fight, and you are at all times a two-fisted fighter. The invisible government which you overthrew in California he has talked against eloquently in campaigns, but at Versailles he made common cause with invisible international government and will soon take the stump in its support. Nothing more repugnant to the spirit of Roosevelt can be imagined than the infamies in the pending treaty. As you were told so many times throughout your New England trip, the spirit of Roosevelt speaks through you today in your demand that the three-fold challenge made by the treaty to (1) American self-respect, (2) American conscience, (3) American common sense, must be met in one of two ways: (1) either by purging the treaty of those challenges and kindred insult and infamy; or (2) by rejection of the treaty. You and I, with

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others, would prefer to see the treaty rejected. We hope that in time the necessary one-third of the Senate will so vote, but you and thirty odd other senators, even though you have not yet agreed upon the form of the operation, are agreed in your diagnosis. You can therefore, without awaiting an agreement upon the operation, afford to take the stump in defence of the diagnosis and of the diagnosticians upon whom the Constitution imposes the solemn duty of making just such a diagnosis of the condition of each and every treaty submitted to the Senate.

If ways and means are provided, I can not but hope, and I earnestly beg of you, that you will answer the call, take the stump, and answer Mr. Wilson's arguments and riddle his rhetoric in every state in which he speaks. Unless the ways and means are provided for you to do this, and unless your big heart and abundant courage prompt you to do it, the ultimate victory will be jeopardized if not lost. Anything that I can do or write or say to facilitate your decision in favor of the course I have ventured to commend to you will be done, said, or written with a will.

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) James T. Williams, Jr.

Honorable Hiram W. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

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United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

August 4, 1919.

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

Our dear Boy:

We're writing this note on Monday in the hope it will reach you on your thirty-second birthday. We sit here together, separated by a continent from our first born, but with such tender thoughts and hearts so filled with love for him that we seem to feel his very presence. The years of his life which have gone by with such rapidity all pass in memory with startling photographic distinctness. We ever see you in the days which you scarcely remember and but dimly understand. Even now in the pride and strength of a successful manhood, you are still our dear lad. And because you've ever been our dear lad, ever increasing our happiness and our love, we rejoice with you in the day. No need for us to send you love. You have always had it to the full from us, and what is better, have always deserved it. Two fond old parents send you their hearts' greeting—

affectionately and proudly,

Dad & Mother

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

August 7, 1919.

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

My dear Boys:

I don't want to begin every letter I write you by telling you how busy I am, and hereafter I will leave to your imagination the hours I endeavor to keep here. We have begun our public hearings in the Foreign Relations Committee upon the Treaty. I very soon discovered that there was no system in these hearings, no examination worthy the name, and that everything was conducted in a perfunctory sort of fashion, so that various individuals might get their names in the newspapers asking wholly immaterial things. Accordingly, the last couple of days I have got into the examinations, and wound up yesterday practically leading. I am sending you the testimony thus far taken. I do this because I want you to read the testimony of the Secretary of State. In cold type it might not present the picture as it was presented to us yesterday, the picture of indifference, vacillation, hesitation, and downright ignorance. When I finished with Lansing, I walked over to the office saddened and humiliated, because my country was in the hands of such men, and at the mercy of their dullness, stupidity, and worse. What he showed to us yesterday was exactly what I said in my speech, that in the Peace Conference we knew nothing at all about what was transpiring, and that the other nations did exactly as they pleased, distributed territory as they desired, and used the United States simply

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for their own selfish ends, tying us up irrevocably with their sinister designs. Lansing finally cried for mercy during my examination. I told him that I would not attempt further to question him, inasmuch as he knew nothing of the important element of the Treaty, that relating to reparations, which binds us for thirty years in the European muddle. It is a horrible situation, and when I think how little our people apparently care I get quite pessimistic.

Wilson postponed his trip ^{to} California, in my opinion, in order that he might have the last say. He did not want to go across the country while this Treaty was pending, and then be followed by men, who might answer him. He put up one excuse, and then another, so that he might delay, until such time as he knew he would be unable to go. I am still anxious to make my trip. The dispatch saying McCabe was to leave yesterday and be here on Sunday has made me to pause, and so I have let everything wait until next week, and then I'll determine upon the course I shall pursue.

I am glad McCabe is coming, so that I may talk to him about the present situation, which has become increasingly plain to me. There is no possibility, in my opinion, that I can win the nomination next year. I am writing to my two boys with utmost frankness. Don't put this down to pessimism on my part, because I have not any in this matter. I am going ahead and do the best I can. I don't propose, under any circumstances now, to quit. But, nevertheless, I am not going to lie to myself, or indulge in pretensions to you. I am a

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pretty intimate part of the game here now, and fairly close to what is transpiring. I see that while a pretty intimate part of the game, I can not become head of the game. It is simply not in the minds of these people who control delegations to accept me within the period now of a year. The value of the fight for next year will be in the possibilities four years from now, if I live. This does not greatly appeal to me any more than it does to you probably, and it is not upon that theory I am continuing the fight, but I am continuing it upon the theory that the attenuated millionth chance may by some unlooked for miracle come our way. If I had some millions of dollars and many organizers I could make a showing, but even then, I am not clear that we could be successful. I don't know that I have told you before, but Mr. Hughes and his friends are extremely bitter, and they lose no opportunity to raise the 1916 campaign and the falsehoods concerning myself in that campaign. There is a basic groundwork of common people in many places, and it is these I would like to get together, so as to make something of a showing. Just how to do this I don't know, but if I attempt to do anything I shall have to have somebody here who can be of some service. Confidentially, while Havenner is a very nice boy, I don't think his health is good, and he is unable to attend to the work of the office here, the detail of which drives me simply frantic. However, all this I will discuss with Al.

We are living in an artificial atmosphere here wholly. It is one of excitement, surcharged with all the human emotions. With my peculiar temperament it is very wearing, and yet I would not be out of it for anything. Your mother enjoys it just as I do, but it is telling

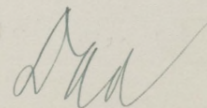
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upon both of us. I can not take situations as men like Knox do, with utter equanimity and indifference. My whole being is absorbed in the things in which I believe, and I am constantly, therefore, being torn and rocked with my varying emotions. I am so interested in what we're engaged in, that it was difficult for me to write even as I did above concerning politics.

The utter fallacy of the League of Nations is demonstrated by two facts, first, the alliance with France, which is substantially an offensive and defensive alliance, and secondly, by the demand made day before yesterday for a peace time army of ^{576,000} 510,000, with, substantially, peace time conscription. These two things ought to make men like Rowell blush for the position they have taken, and yet, as I read his letter, in which he said the highest honor in the world would be to pre- side when Wilson spoke on the League of Nations, I had an utter sinking of the heart. If every argument were omitted, and we had only the facts of the League of Nations, the alliance with France, the new army with its practical conscription, there ought to be no difficulty in deciding it. Yet, I believe that Rowell and men like him have got themselves into the situation where Wilson could have come back with new England ceded to old England, and they would have justified it on the theory that the League of Nations was there to correct the infamy. Read Mr. Lansing's testimony of yesterday and see how the United States was represented at Paris.

Good-bye temporarily, with all my love.

Affectionately,



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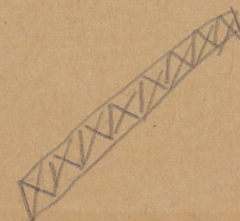
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

August 15, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.

My dear Boys:

Last night I finished my first article for Sunset. Of course, I left it to the last minute. I am bothered by the necessity ~~for~~ ^{of} writing an article a month in advance of its publication. I could only write upon the one subject that fills my mind, the League of Nations. I fear my first article will be a very great disappointment to the publishers, and perhaps to the readers of the magazine. If the sentiment in favor of the League is anything like it has been represented to me, the Magazine will get a return swat on this article that will make them want to break their contract, I fear. However, my agreement was that I could write just as I pleased and upon any subject I desired. I am incapable now of writing but ~~just~~ upon one subject.

In the Foreign Relations Committee, which meets daily, I have been taking quite the leading part. I am unable, however, to get personal publicity. This, however, will come ultimately and it does not worry me, although it distresses your mother to observe the publicity given to many men here, when she thinks I have been playing an important part in directing policies, etc. I insisted yesterday that the Committee take advantage of the offer of the President to meet us and give us such information as he had concerning the Treaty

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and the league of nations. I did this because I wanted to relieve the Committee and myself hereafter from the charge that he had offered us every facility for knowing all that he knew, and we had not availed ourselves of what was within our reach. He knows nothing, in my opinion, and he will tell nothing. But I wanted to be in a position hereafter to present him as he is, and some day, in the not far future I am going to do this. I insisted as well upon calling the various witnesses, and although concerning the signatories to the peace treaty who are abroad, I failed by a vote of 9 to 8, I did get the experts by a vote of 9 to 7 called, who will testify as to Shantung, etc. I have not changed at all my view of what the outcome will be. This view I expressed to you some time ago. It becomes increasingly evident that Morgan and Company, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, and the Guaranty Trust Company, and the smaller international bankers are determined to have a league of nations and their determination, unfortunately, is the law of the land. On this subject all we seek is just a little information to break forth.

The President claims now that he is going out to the nation just after we report the treaty from the Committee. If he does, and I can get any assurance of how long the treaty will be before the Senate, I shall start as well. I really feel after my experience in New England I can do more in talking to our people than in talking to the Senate. I will take one blast in the Senate before my departure and then go upon the road. My difficulty is, as I told you, in not knowing what will be done in my absence, but gradually a little group consisting of Borah, Moses, Reed, and one or two others, are getting together with the purpose of keeping discussion going in the

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Senate for such period of time as will enable me to get across the continent. It will be an awful tough trip because of the stops and the jumps, but it is perhaps the greatest contribution that I can give to the Republic.

I can't tell you what memories were revived with your mother and myself by Jack's trip to the Lake and his letters upon exactly the same kind of paper with exactly the same sort of envelopes we formerly used there. A great longing came over both of us for Tahoe's beauty and quiet. Sometimes I think how futile is my life here anyway. There is so little that can be done, so much of irritation and disappointment, when at my hand, there is quiet, and peace, seclusion - I was going to say happiness, but I am not clear that the quiet, and the peace, and the seclusion of private life would bring happiness now.

We were very sorry to read in Art's last note that he had not been feeling well again, and mother immediately upon reading it, wired. I do hope that the illness was only temporary and that there is nothing continuous or alarming about it. Please write us. If you don't advise us, and we have no word, we both worry unnecessarily.

We have had a remarkable August here. It has been fairly cool and pleasant, with more than half the days raining. The old house is fine and delightful, and the yard a constant joy. Our pup is developing into a really fine dog. He is active and intelligent, and both of us have grown to be very, very fond of him. The cat is the same sly, shy, fluffy thing, always stealthily moving around, thinking of herself alone. The pup stands and looks into your eye to see what you want. The dog loves the people, the cat the place. The dog is

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unselfish in his affections, and the cat has none, so far as human beings are concerned.

I have been waiting, as I have repeatedly written you, until an organization in California was formed, in order to communicate with some one officially, and have some official committee start the work. Thus far, I have had no notice of what has been done in this regard. I received Jack's wire about McCabe coming. Then I wired Arch to make sure, and Al. telegraphed me he'd probably leave this week. I have heard nothing further from him. If you can just get a committee with ~~somebody~~ somebody who can devote himself to the work there are things that may be done that will keep him fairly well occupied.

There is the possibility of a break in the league of nations fight at any time. The pussy-footing Republicans who want to be on both sides may bealessce with the Democrats and take the treaty away from the Committee, put it upon the floor, and then they may adopt very mild reservations which will be of no consequence at all, and ~~end~~ the thing. The impatience of the country at the delay, too, may contribute to this result. As I study the treaty I believe it is a more infamous thing than the league of nations itself, and that under the treaty, we will be embroiled in Europe's quarrels at least until 1950, and, of course, that will mean for all time.

With all our love,

Affectionately,

Dad

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August 16, 1919.

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

My dear Boys:

I want you to take Lodge's speech, which has aroused so much interest and enthusiasm here, and read it side by side with mine made two and a half months ago. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. When Lodge had his debate with Lowell, and subsequently when he spoke in the Senate, there was little strength or virility to his utterances. The other day he made a finished speech, an artistic literary effort. Of course, in the speech I delivered I did nothing of the sort, but I want you to follow the sequence of ideas in the two. I take it that you notice also that attacks upon the league of nations have followed pretty closely the assault I made. I enclose you, just as a bit of interest, something that came into the office, I don't know from whom, of a poll of a few people upon the Congressional Limited. Frank received another poll on the same ship containing soldiers as the former one, but, of course, two months later. This you'll doubtless see.

Mr. Harrison of Nebraska was in this morning and said he had never received a communication from California, and wanted to know whether we had given up organization there. I explained the difficulties. I do wish there would be something of a committee formed there that might receive correspondence and communicate with

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different individuals. The biggest thing, in my opinion, as I wrote you in the commencement of the game, to be done immediately, is to get someone in California (a mere skeleton of organization would have done this) who would write to people in other states, and who would be a sort of central repository for information, letters, etc.

Hitchcock, by the way, the former Postmaster General and manager of the Hughes campaign, etc. is, I am told, managing the Lowden campaign. It will be a tough fight between him and John King, Penrose's protege, who is running the Wood campaign, to see who can buy, and having purchased, retain the colored delegates from the south.

With all love,

Affectionately,

Dad

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At Home, Sunday, Aug. 31, 1919.

My dear Boys:

The Foreign Relations committee ran all day yesterday adjourning at five thirty, and I did not therefore, have time to dictate my usual letter to you. I am trying to make up for it by writing at home.

Al. McCabe came last night. We met him and he is here with us. I have talked to him in a desultory fashion thus far, but I imagine this is the only way I can talk of the political situation. The job is so big, and requires so much organization and so many lieutenants, that I get lost in its contemplation. In fact, I cant hope to do more than merely scratch the surface, trusting to some cataclysm or revolution to pitchfork us in finally. I've told you, I think, of Wood's organization. He has John King of Connecticut, national committeeman from that state, devoting himself exclusively to the job. King has an unlimited coin at his disposal, and hires in the different states the workers necessary. He is thus enabled when the soil is not fertile, and in Wood's case he has a groundwrok nearly everywhere, to do what is essential to build up a sentiment. I have been told recently that Hitchcock is Lowden's manager, and through his long continued political activities, and the unlimited use of coin, he is able to do for Lowden what King is doing for Wood. Politics in the East are not like the politics we have created in California.

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Here, the old idea of organization, party machinery, ward and precinct committeeman, who answer for localities, control results. I can't hope for this sort of fight, and I'm perfectly content to raise as much legitimate noise as I can, depending on the proletariat for ultimate success. I recognize how slender is hope under such circumstances, and so I'm losing no sleep, now permitting any illusions.

The event of the week is the decision of the President to make his swing to the Coast in behalf of the League of Nations. He backed and filled on this, until he thought so much time had elapsed that he would have the field to himself. He will endeavor to tell the great injury the country is suffering from the failure to ratify the treaty, and how the high cost of living is caused wholly by our action in not forming the League and in delaying adoption of the treaty exactly as presented. There never was a more specious or false plea made, but I presume like "keeping us out of war" and the world vision of the League, he will put it over with the good church people of the land. Tomorrow it will be determined whether I follow him. There are various opinions on this subject. Men who do not like me, and the various candidates for President, think it would be a great mistake. Some, damned few, who are disinterested, believe the people will resent any Senator trailing the President. Others

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like Borah, insist that our side should be put before the people, in exactly the same fashion as the President's side, and that he should be answered by some representative of the Senate. Of course, there is diversity of opinion as to who is the proper person to make the answer, and probably each individual who has made speeches on this subject sees with an incandescent clarity the individual who can answer and confound the President and at once by his persuasive and convincing eloquence lead and direct the populaco. However, leaving out the aspirants for President, and the men who have no doubt of their own eloquence, I think the consensus of opinion is that if anybody goes on the road, I should be that one. I am not at all clear about the effect; but I have taken my stand, I am firm in the position I have assumed I must go up or down as I have now chosen, and therefore, both on patriotic grounds and for selfish reasons, I think, if the opportunity presents itself, I'll go to the bat. Wilson has cleverly chosen the Western states as the theater of his activities, because in them, he knows is his greatest strength and the most unreasoning allegiance to his League. I do not know why those states, however, should not respond just as New England did, to pure Americanism. At any rate, with my attitude as it is, with my determination to fight it out on the line I have chosen, I can do myself no harm in preaching my faith any place in the country. You may, therefore, hear from me by wire in the

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next day or two that I am on my way. Coolidge comes tomorrow and the decision will then be made.

I had the Committee adopt my amendment to give the United States as many votes as Great Britain in the League. The Democrats and McCumber voted against this. I want to put the Senate up against it. It seems incredible that an American can oppose this amendment, but it will be defeated before the United States Senate, and the Anglo-Japanese press will all applaud its defeat. What a strange effect the war has had. Instead of arousing our patriotism, and making us stand straighter for Americanism, it has apparently deprived us of the love of country we boasted so much about during the actual hostilities. Long ago, I wrote you the reason. We as a nation, were natural pacifists, and we were patriotic only under compulsion and from fear. However, it's a great right, and I'd rather end my political career doing as I am, than in pussy footing to a victorious second or third term as Senator.

The Irish yesterday made a great showing before the committee. While I care little for most of them, their arguments on self determination and the reasons for which we went to war as announced by Wilson, were unanswerable. They are raising merry hell with the Democratic party too, and this is the one comforting thing in their agitation.

Thursday I went to Baltimore with Reed to hold a public meeting there. I was quite curious to see what would happen to us in a Democratic and Southern city

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to us in a Democratic and Southern city. What really did happen was a repetition of meetings in every other place - a hall crowded to overflowing, hundreds turned away, a cheering audience that never quit yelling until the end of the meeting, a meeting admitted by the local papers to be one of the greatest in the history of the city. I don't see why this cannot be duplicated all over the West, although ~~apparently~~ a neurotic condition exists there apparently at variance with conditions elsewhere.

We were mighty glad to learn from Art's letter that he was again feeling all right. I presume he will have more or less recurrences of his old trouble, until it wholly disappears. Jack's letter with his photos of the children came the other day. How the kiddies seem to have grown. They looked as I presume they now are, like great big boys, strong and healthy. General Burt was here last Sunday and dined with us. I leave Mother to tell you of his visit. He is now only a Major, a gross and rank injustice, but one I cannot see how to cure with the shrinkage of our army.

I left Mother and Al in the yard talking some deep dark secret. I'll now return to them. You say, and then again you may not see me in the next four weeks.

With all love,

Affectionately, Dad

I hate to write you in this double ended fashion, but I know you'll understand. It much prefer as formerly to dictate separate letters but I'm about a thousand letters behind on my correspondence, and it's simply an impossibility.

My beginning to think of getting home for a short time. I really need a couple of months absolute rest and I'll need it more if I go upon the road now. It'll be in California but a couple of days at the end of September, but I should return for November and December.

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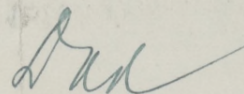
Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
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My dear Boys:

I wrote you Sunday of the possibility of coming to California. I want to advise you at the earliest possible moment the whole thing is off. I am not clear whether the trip is off because those who are in charge of the League for the Preservation of American Independence believe it ill-advised, or because the tremendous success of my former trip has caused my brethren to be most anxious to prevent any others on my part. I am hastily sending you this note so that you'll know the fact. This is sent on the morning of my birthday. McCabe and Stanley Washburn are both with us.

With all our love,

Affectionately,



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September 8, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.

My dear Boys:

I wrote you very briefly last week that my itinerary to the Coast was off. The facts were undoubtedly that I had too much success in New England. A little organization, the League for the Preservation of American Independence, was called down for sending me out on the road. I will not go into detail with you now, but it was the usual incident of our standpat brethren. They are ever remembering politics, and even in a fight for a principle, making their politics the main thing. When we became convinced of the facts, Borah, McCormick, and I got together and resolved that we'd go to the bat anyway. We've had an awful week trying to fix a trip. It is a difficult thing to stump the United States without any aid. We did, however, succeed in making an itinerary for this week and next, as follows:

September	10,	Wednesday noon,	Hamilton Club, Chicago
"	10	" evening,	Chicago Auditorium
"	11,	Thursday evening,	Indianapolis
"	12,	Friday noon,	City Club, St. Louis
"	12,	" evening,	St. Louis
"	13,	Saturday evening	Kansas City
"	15,	Monday evening	Des Moines
"	16,	Tuesday "	Sioux Falls
"	17,	Wednesday "	Sioux City
"	19,	Friday "	Duluth
"	20,	Saturday	Minneapolis and St. Paul.

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Thence, if conditions permit, to Pacific Coast, with meetings

Spokane
Seattle and Tacoma
Portland
San Francisco
Los Angeles

and on return, if possible

Salt Lake
Denver
Topeka and Wichita
Omaha

This takes me to the principal places which have been visited by the President. The Chicago meeting will be our flare, in which the three of us will appear. I then go my way alone for the remainder of the tour. The greatest obstacle to the trip and to coming to the Coast is the possibility of action in the Senate. The international bankers who are back of the league have become seriously frightened and are willing to accept the drastic reservations proposed. If the matter is held in the Senate, as it ought to be held, for a month, from Minneapolis I will come to Spokane, and thence down through California, but I can not be positive upon this point until the situation develops here. We feel very proud of the fact that we have gone to the bat in spite of our colleagues, and in spite of the opposition, and the endeavors to prevent us. It is up to me now to make the tour successful, if I can. I do hope I can get out to the Coast. I would be there but a couple of days, and I think it is the thing to do. Last night, after our trip was assured, and the itinerary published, the gentlemen who had forbidden it a week before, began to suggest their aid,

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sending other speakers with me, special train, and the like. I told them to go to a warmer place, that we had made the trip of our own initiative against their desires, and we did not desire or require any of their valuable assistance. Mother, of course, will not go with me on the trip. If I decide to go to the Coast, she will go there, although this is doubtful.

Affectionately,

Dad

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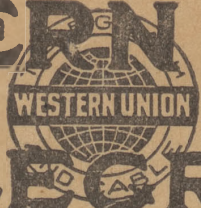
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AND WIRE ME WHAT RESERVATIONS MADE

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

November 1, 1919.

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

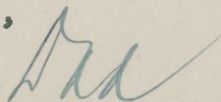
My dear Jack:

I was delighted to read from your letter of your success in the Palladini case. I feel very proud of the way in which you conducted it. There is really a great charm in the trial of a case. It is not the most lucrative part of the profession, it is true, and it is nerve racking, but after all, it has the greatest zest and the keenest enjoyment. I think it would be wise for you to get into a case occasionally just like the one you have recently tried. It is good for you from every standpoint, and particularly from the mental exhilaration.

I can't tell you how sorry I am that I forgot Frere's birthday. It is an evidence of the peculiar situation in which I have been of late. I never can forget it for long, because I remember his birth while I was making a speech in Los Angeles, and it seems it were but yesterday. Mother was quite heart-broken but tried to make tardy reparation. She remembered it before your reminder came.

With all love,

Affectionately,



emo. for Senator.

Have been unable to obtain
additional copies of Baltimore Sun
of Nov. 6th.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CUBAN RELATIONS.

November 8, 1919.

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

My dear Boys:

We're almost to the end of the game here. Before another week, in my opinion, we will be through. The test vote yesterday on reservations, as you have seen, was 48 - 40, and many of the reservations will go through with substantially this vote. The real ones, however, -Reed's, for instance, that is No. 14, Knox's, that makes us practically a consulting member only of the league, and mine, concerning representation, will all be beaten. They will be beaten because they are effective. The whole sham battle will have been fought out soon, and it is my hope that we can then come home.

Winter is upon us now. All the foliage that made our place so beautiful is gone. Everything is bleak and drear. We have had no snow, as yet, and probably won't have for another month, but we have reached the stage of super-heated rooms.

I was very glad that Rolph won easily, and I am glad that Fickert was beaten. I was very thankful for Jack's wires telling me the result. The elections in the east have been more or less peculiar, but I think the Republicans have greater consolation than the Democrats. The election in Massachusetts, which involved the policemen's strike up there was such an overwhelming

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victory for Coolidge that he has suddenly become a presidential possibility. It is amazing the circulation that has been given to the malicious letters and telegrams sent me from California, on the league of nations. I received, for instance, from South Dakota, a letter today from a little town of which you doubtless never have heard, whose local paper published communications from San Francisco and Los Angeles taking me to task for my stand, signed by those who formerly were my political friends. Some of my pseudo-friends have very cheerfully entered into the malice of the thing. Men like Stinson and Dickson have willingly become a part of it. Men like Rowell, unwillingly and unwittingly, have been flattered into it. I enclose clipping from the Baltimore Sun, written presumably by its correspondent in Los Angeles, quoting Dickson, and showing how I have lost my grip in California. This sort of thing has been going around as well in the east. I've developed sufficiently to make a regular campaign against me of this character apparently necessary. My newspaper support in the East is so very scant that I think this kind of campaign has done a great deal of harm. However, there was no way to prevent it. In a telegram from Kate to mother the other day she said Arch was "now better," and we have been wondering whether he has been ill again. Please tell us.

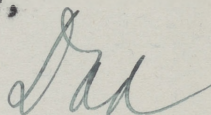
I am so completely played out that it is my present intention (which of course eventually I may alter) to spend December

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and the holidays in California, leaving just after New Year's for the work here. I am not entirely clear yet that this may be done but it is my hope to try to get myself in good shape by a month's rest for whatever may transpire next year.

With all our love,

Affectionately,

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

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

November 18, 1919.

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

My dear Boys:

I am sending you herein copy of night letter I have just sent McCabe. Because of Al's intimacy with the people in the various states through which I went in my itinerary from here west, he is the only one, in my opinion, who can do the job in those states from our standpoint. He was brought in contact with the people who run things, and with those who are friendly to me. Any new man could not possibly get in touch, as he was in touch, and no new man could be taught by me from here what to do, as Al. will know what to do. The trip would not be long, and I would not expect him to stay here, or anything of that sort. I would want him to go to St. Louis, Kansas City; Lincoln and to Omaha; and Des Moines, and possibly Sioux City; to Minneapolis and possibly to Detroit; and then on his way home, to follow the lines we followed in our western itinerary. After very mature deliberation I think this is the only thing to do, and he is the only man who can do it. While I was on these trips, everything of a political character was turned over to Al. Every man who was kindly disposed to me was immediately brought to him. I care-

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fully refrained from talking politics on the trip, and everything of that character was left with him. A new man would have to get from me what I could give, would have to see Al., and get from him the real data, and then, as a strange, go into the various communities. I am writing you this situation, so you may convey it to others who are interested. I have reached the conclusion that there is no other way to do it with our situation in its present condition.

I received a wire from South Dakota yesterday that was by no means discouraging. Because of our lack of organization, of field workers, etc., I thought the whole thing was done there. My message indicated it was not entirely hopeless.

We have reached the point here in politics where the fellows on the other side are decrying us now. The articles in the newspapers run like this: The suggestions of a few months ago, which were so numerous, that both conservatives and the liberals of the Republican Party might unite on Johnson are no longer heard. The prominent candidates are Wood and Lowden.

The great incident with us the last few days has been our dog. We brought him home from the hospital yesterday. He is able to move a little now, but he is a terribly sick dog. The doctor thinks there is an even chance for his recovery. As I look at him, unable to move his neck, and lying there evidently most grievously injured, I feel uncertain of his future, and also sorry for him. He seems human. His great eyes follow you,

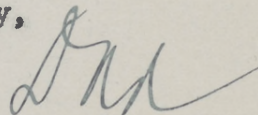
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apparently, so thankful when you aid him a little. He has to be fed and cared for, exactly like a paralyzed infant. We are doing everything in our power to pull him through.

I am not writing you anything of the league and the treaty fight. I presume you are following it in the papers. Notwithstanding all that is said to the contrary, I repeat to you what I have iterated and re-iterated during the last six months. The treaty will be ratified, the league adopted with strong reservations, and in the form in which they are ratified and adopted, they will be accepted by the President and the Democrats.

With all our love,


Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D.H.' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

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WORRIED ABOUT YOU AND HIRMA HOPE YOU BETTER WE REMAIN HERE FOR
PRESENT NOTIFY ARCH LOVE

MOTHER AND DAD.

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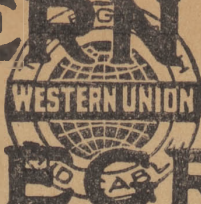
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WE WILL NOT LEAVE HERE AT PRESENT MCCABE WIRES HE STARTS EAST
SATURDAY I REMAIN TO SEE HIM IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF I
CONTINUE IN GAME WILL TRY TO COME HOME IN DECEMBER LOVE TO
KIDDIES ARCH AND YOURSELF
DAD.

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H W JOHNSON JR

MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

HAVE JUST READ IN BULLETIN OF ACCIDENT TO ARCH AT POLO MOTHER KNOWS
NOTHING ABOUT IT WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY STRAIGHT FAST WIRE DETAILS AND
ARCHS CONDITION

HIRAM W JOHNSON

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MAJ ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

LEARNED THIS MORNING FROM BULLETIN FOR FIRST TIME OF YOUR ACCIDENT

HAVE BEEN GREATLY WORRIED SINCE PLEASE WIRE ME DETAILS AND YOUR EXACT

PRESENT CONDITION

H W JOHNSON

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

December 1, 1919.

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

My dear Arch:

I received this morning your letter of November 24th telling me about your accident. I am mighty glad it was no worse. I hope your three cracked ribs have got all right by this time.

Weinstock has been here the past week with the Federal Trade Commission. He left with me copy of brief of yourself and Deligne concerning the dairymen of milk trust in your state. He thought it was a great brief. Sutherland of Fresno, whom I saw yesterday, agreed. I was very glad to hear them compliment you in the manner that they did.

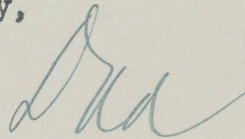
I wanted simply today to acknowledge receipt of your note and tell you how relieved we were when I got the message of your accident, and how your letter today makes me feel better. I really think, as your mother does, that you ought to quit polo. I hate to repeat what I used to say ten years ago to you, but I think if you were in a crowd of ten thousand, and somebody shied a brick, you would be the only man hit. However, this may be wholly imagination on my part.

Major Archibald M. Johnson - 2.

I had a good opportunity yesterday to examine our pup. He moves about now, not with his old activity at all, and is suffering unquestionably from some sort of injury, which makes it difficult, first, for him to rise, and then interferes with his balance. I am going to bring him in this week for an X-ray examination. It's a marvel that he has recovered at all. If it were possible, he has endeared himself more to us during his injury by his apparent gratitude for care and attention.

With all our love,


Affectionately,



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WE BEG YOU POSTPONE PLAYING UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS LOVE

MOTHER AND DAD

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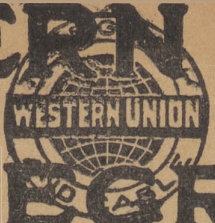
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HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON. ✓

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MR HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

MILLS BLDG SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY NEWYORK CORRESPONDENT OF CROCKER NATIONAL BANK

HIRAM W JOHNSON

Director's file


National Park - principal

5 or 6 others - Chase National chief

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HIRMA W JOHNSON. ✓

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF


DAD TAKEN SICK TODAY SLIGHT ATTACK INFLAMMATION BOWELS DOCTOR
THINKS UNWISE TO MAKE JOURNEY UNTIL PERFECTLY WELL ON ACCOUNT
MOTION TRAIN AND DANGER OF COLD THINK DAD BETTER TODAY BUT DO NOT
WANT RISK ANYTHING IF HE IMPROVED WILL TRY START SUNDAY IF NOT
WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP TRIP ENTIRELY WILL WIRE YOU EACH DAY LOVE

MOTHER:

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HIRAM W JOHNSON

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CARE ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

LEAVING TONIGHT GET OVERLAND LIMITED IF POSSIBLE MONDAY NIGHT CHICAGO

BOTH IN FAIR SHAPE LOOKING FORWARD TO FEW DAYS OF REST AND PLEASURE

WITH YOU IN CALIFORNIA LOVE TO ALL

DAD AND MOTHER.

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LEAVE TONIGHT OVERLAND LIMITED MUCH LOVE YOU AND KIDDIE

MOTHER AND DAD.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

PRACTICALLY ON TIME HERE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL WELL

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

BOTH FEELING FINE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL TOMORROW

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

