



George B. Wright and Family Papers

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Draught — I meant to get at this letter sooner and ^[1920] now
it is nearly 6 P.M. — If you will send me a 1st & Sec. blank
check book from the drawer in my desk I will make you a
subscription for B.M. My check book is used up. \$300.00 is
all I feel like contributing but I will make it cash because I
have the funds now and don't like to make promises for the future
when I may not find it so easy.

Algiers sounds good to me. If we were going alone I shouldn't
hesitate. Whether Moroccan food would be good for Ann seems to
me doubtful. I think I favor Bermuda but if you think
it safe to try Algier, all right. In any case we should engage passage
as soon as possible. The Am. Exp. (Wfco) is quiet
and could reserve cabins.

H.L. Hardy — Graves Registration Service — 1800 Virginia Ave. Washington, D.C.
Pardon my curiosity. Enclose boys reports D. Also O.T.P. preferred div.

[1920?]

Copy of letter received from the American Chamber of Commerce of Tampico
S.C.L.
Tampico, Mexico.

Mr. J. A. Brown,
General Manager Transcontinental Pet. Co./,
City.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have been thinking lately that the American Chamber of Commerce should make some appreciation of the great public work which the late Thomas W Clarke, consulting engineer for your company, did for this community.

It seems a pity that such a useful life should have to be ended so soon. Men of this type are very scarce; who would rather do a good work for someone else than stick strictly to the sterner side of business and thereby make themselves better off financially are very few indeed, and we, as a body, express our sincere sorrow at his going.

Of course, you, in your executive position, know of the works which Mr. Clarke started or contemplated. We came to know him more because of his work in the yellow fever campaign and the diagnosis of the city's water needs. The speed with which he organized the yellow fever campaign and got actual work of fighting the mosquitoes and cleaning up the entire community of Tampico and Tuxpan started was very worthy of note, and show the clear thinking type of brain that was in command of this.

You probably know also of his contemplated work of installing bouys off the Tuxpan reefs and outside the mouth of the Panuco River in order that shipping might be saved and with it many human lives.

I have talked with his associates in the work of dredging the Chijol canal and they all speak highly of his efficiency in carrying on this work. This would not come so much under our notice, but we know how important it was in keeping traffic open between Tampico and the lower fields.

It was a pleasure to see and know a man who could take all this outside work for which no pay was received and at the same time give true service and attention to the business in which he was employed by your company.

In token of our sincere appreciation of his public services and effort for community welfare, we wish you would send a copy of this letter to his wife, who has our sincere sympathy in her loss.

Yours very sincerely,

The American Chamber of Commerce of Tampico, S. C. L.,

Robt. E. Sweeney
General Manager

RES-pw

15 Taylor Hall Andover Mass.

January 11, 1920.

Dear Mother,

I have just about settled down by now. I had to have a new schedule made out, as I am taking plane geometry which is a lower middle subject instead of algebra. I think I have an even better schedule than before. I was very surprised when I found out my marks for last term. I guess it was my team that flunked me in Latin because I know I was doing all right in my daily work. Mr. Hinman said the other day that I was doing all right now. I thought that I would pass German, but I didn't. It is hard to tell with my German teacher just what you will get. I think I am all right thus far. French is my hardest subject. I just can't see through it. I work hard on it but I can't seem to retain it.

We have just received about six inches of snow. There is fine skiing and if you were sure they would get here all right, I wish you would send my skis.

I could use them very profitably. Don't send them unless they were well packed or fixed somehow so they wouldn't break. If you send them please put in the straps too. I think they are there already but I'm not sure. The only trouble is that I haven't anything to wear with them. I can't wear shoes and I haven't anything else.

I would like to have my washing soon, as I am getting short. I guess I must have left my uniform pants at home too as they weren't in the trunk. I think they are in the guest room but I'm not sure.

The food at the beanery is better now. The new system is slower but we get better food. I got the money for the meal tickets all right so I am safe there.

I had an awfully nice time in Boston. We got there late, but we had all of Sunday and Monday to get around in we saw Cousin Amelia for a short time Sunday and then went out and saw Lincoln, Miss Mary our old house, the Brooks etc, a full day

Monday morning & did my shopping with Aunt Min, but I couldn't take her to lunch as she was going to entertain some women, so I went out and saw Aunt Jane and Aunt Elizabeth. Uncle Tom was in New York and Aunt Katharine was downtown, so I couldn't see them.

And also if you could get Virginia Bartlett's address I would write her a letter. I don't know just how to start a letter to her but I could have some one to write to. I am writes to Kay so I am out of luck. I tried writing to her but she turned me down. I'm somewhat out of place here since Kay stopped writing to me. It seems that you must have at least one if not more girls to write to, to uphold your honor. Please write soon as I would like to hear from home. With much love to all,
Byrnes.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday. Jan. 11. 20

Dearst G - It appears that Algie is not in Morocco and so Ann would not have to eat leather if she ~~was~~ ^{went} there. Probably she would have to ~~have to~~ depend upon the goat but only for milk and that might be better than his or her hide. It will be necessary to find out means of getting home again on or before the end of March. And it has just occurred to me that passports may be required ^{for} either Algie or Bermuda. Mr. Chandler of the Am. Exp. could tell you about that and if necessary we shall have to begin at once. I don't think I should like to trust the better part of my family all in a dinky little tub of a boat but if the steamers are big it would be different. The Bermuda boat is of 11,000 tons and probably safe and comfortable. The "Parsi" have had C.D and Murray and me as well as Mr.

McMahon at dinner today. All girls are away from home.

The Community House meeting came off Thursday and I spoke with others — as reported in the Friday Journal. The matter seems to have received and it is quite possible that an election will be called to vote on the question. There is doubt about carrying bonds which require a 60 per cent majority but it would be a satisfaction to have the thing decided. I am very busy and my insides are not too all right but as the wind. It will be very pleasant to get away if only I can dispose of most of the preparations for the coming year before I go.

Yours S.

Dear Sir -

Jan. 6. 1920.

A letter from Anderson informs me that Cyrus has been placed on probation for low marks in French, Latin and German. That means that he is in danger of losing his standing. I have written to Cyrus that I hope he will take it seriously and try to regain his standing but I try not to discourage him. Also I have written to the acting principal that I think Cyrus needs personal attention and that I think he will respond to it - which is intended to let them know that it is up to them to some extent.

I am also sending each boy 10.⁰⁰ for meal
(over)

tickets with a suggestion that when they begin to get hungry it would be well to write and apply for more tickets. That seems to me an excellent plan of hearing from them once in a while.

Also I have to speak 15 minutes on Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church. I am glad it is no longer C.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

A. M. WRIGHT, AGENT.

VERNON A. WRIGHT,
GEO. B. WRIGHT ESTATE.

[Jan., 1920]

Dearest G —

I have sent \$400. to the First
& Security for deposit to your acct.

I am now enclosing Genl. Chk.
for scrip fractional dividend which should
have been given you in Septs.

Also Boston check for Myra Mann.

If only Mr. Chandler will now get
action we shall be all right. Yours G.

Dearest - I have just been answering a letter from Hippolyte Hardy which sounds quite doleful. He has been discharged but has re-entered the service as civilian agent in the same work which as you know was registration of graves of soldiers. He sails again for Europe in a few days. I judge he is not as good times with Annie, and I don't know whether she is in N.Y. or Cal. but sent her draft to N.Y.

Mrs. Hannah wants Chas. Rolla and probably me to speak to a combined women's club meeting on the civic center problem. There is some indication that the matter is coming to life again, not only in the women movement, but also in the City Council.

Cousin Leonard has had a letter in Wheelock's violently attacking the predatory interests who are backing the infamous project. and Chas. Rolla has answered it. The latest rumor is that Leonard has again changed front. But that doesn't bother me so much as public speaking
v.

[Jan. 1920?]

Dearest —

Friday evening.

Yesterday I wrote that I did not think I could come before Monday. The letter disappeared and I didn't think I had mailed it. So you may have received and may not. I can do a lot of cleaning up things on Sunday when there is nothing to interfere so I think I had better stay. You are probably just getting ready for the concert at this minute and I wish I were with you. As a compensation Chas. D. has been playing some of favorite old tunes mixed with prima donna numbers and I found them quite all right. It is a relief to have mild weather again. Today has been as comfy as a winter day could be.

With love to her and to them

U.

Jan. 12. 1920.

Frank G. - It was a little difficult to talk to you last night because Chas. D. was standing not far away within hearing.

There is no one here who knows about getting passports and I don't see how I can get away until sometime next week - possibly about the 20th or 22nd. If possible I will get away sooner but do not feel confident. We are letting contracts for machinery and equipment for the new steam plant and there are numerous representations of factories to meet and their proposals to consider. It is necessary to keep my head as clear as possible and so I can't be of much help in making preparations until I can get back to Upps. I am afraid that will be too late for the Algeiras plan but I should like to do it if it can be done. I can't tell you how

sorry I am to be so useless. My insides are not quite right for the last two or three days and that makes it hard to use my head much. I get up at 8 and go to bed at 9 or earlier and take a long rest after lunch. By following this regime I am able to concentrate pretty well during office hours.

But the effort to get through on a schedule time and make the boat on the 29th seems a little more than I can undertake. Perhaps I may feel differently in a few days.

Any way I send my love and hope we can make some plan that will work out well.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT,
GEO. B. WRIGHT ESTATE.

A. M. WRIGHT, AGENT.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

Jan. 18. '20

Frank —

I have just sent check for \$200 kindly
to the bank for deposit to your account.

I am planning to leave Thursday evening but
am not sure. There are things to go for and
things to stay for and I am torn.

Nastily
baw.

Andover Mass

Jan. 18, 1920.

Dear Mother,

We had more snow Friday night. It snowed till Saturday afternoon, and then last night the wind came up and we have had a terrible wind all day. All the paths are covered over and drifts are everywhere. It's not very cold, but the wind is up to 60 per. or more so you see we have a considerable blow. Every puff sends great clouds of snow in your face and if you jump in the air the wind will blow you off the path. I got some water proof moccasins the other day which will do for both cold and warm weather. I can't wear them very well without my uniform pants because there is about an inch of my pants I have to tuck in the top and that spoils my pants. I have to wear shoes now but the drifts are deep and the snow goes right up my pants leg, and my feet almost freeze so I am kind of out of luck. I'm still wearing B.V.D.'s, but I guess I'll have to change if this

keeps up much longer.

I'd like to get Virginia's address soon, so I can write to her. I'm anxious to start writing to her. I would like to get my flannel shirts and skis as soon as possible. So, I told Tom that I had written for Virginia's address and he got all excited and wanted me to tell him as soon as I found out. I told him I would think about it. He's occupied all ready, so I didn't think it fair that he should know Virginia's too unless I told him. Please write soon with Virginia's address.

I will have to have more money soon for a meal ticket. I have just bought my second, but it takes some time for it to get here. I got my first one and used it first from the 6th at noon and it lasted till Saturday morning the 17th, so you see I have stretched it pretty far, considering what we have to buy. About all we get free are cereals in the morning, whatever vegetables there are, usually sprouts, and bread & butter, tea and coffee. Meats and desserts we have to buy, the meats usually are 10 or 15 p. Desserts and so forth range from 2 to 5 p. We don't get any more vegetables than before but everything is of a better variety. I'll send you a menu card sometime so you can see what we get.

The only money I have spent since I came back was for my necessities and a new pressing ticket for my clothes.

I'm all right in my studies. I think only thinking French, Latin and Geometry and English and German are all passing. I feel pretty sure. I guess you know already that if I get on probation again I will be kicked out of school. But believe me I won't get on p.w. again. I'll keep off or die in the attempt and I intend to live. Geometry so far is quite easy for me. One or two problems have stuck me, but not very many.

Please write soon with Virginia's address,

With love to all.

G.

Some time between now and the first of March will you please send me Mrs. Sparrow's entirely? If possible I want to make arrangements to eat there, at least part of the time.

We have a wireless apparatus in the house now. The owner has ordered a part with which he will be able to hear any of the commercial stations. This means he can get the news before the papers, for it seems that a good deal of it is sent by wireless.

Don't bother to send my lamp. I have my one lamp arranged so that I can put it in two or three positions according



147-Main St, Andover
Jan. 18, 1920

Dear Mother:

First of all, I want to explain to you about two of the pictures that were in the camera. One night one of the boys posed as Cleopatra in her boudoir, and we took some flash light pictures of him. Personally, ^{standing} the costume is rather un-Egyptian, but that is a mere detail. It consists of a B.V.D., a towel and a pair of socks. When the film is developed, I wish you would send me both the pictures and also their respective negatives. I want to see how they came

out, and Cleopatra - otherwise known as "Nig" May - wants some copies.

There is one boy here that seems rather a low sort. He swiped a diary and read it, then had the nerve to plague the writer about it. Another one caught him reading one of his letters. Now, I have a number of things that I am not anxious to have other people get at. To protect them, I invested in a lock for my drawer. Under the circumstances I don't think it was a waste of money. Besides, I am going to take the lock along with me at the end of the year.

Speaking of money, I think

I am going to come out considerably ahead this ~~year~~ month. The month is half over and I have used way less than half my allowance.

I am getting so I can play my mandolin fairly well, I can't read the music, but I can pick out most tunes that don't go too fast or have irregular fingering. By spring I ought to be an artist(?)

I've got my spring vacation all planned out. I am going to spend half the time in Lincoln and the other half down on the cape. Which half ~~it~~ where it doesn't particularly matter.

I don't know where I would
put them. Though I could
stand some pictures of the
family, if you have them.

I have to go to vespers now.

Good bye with love,
Tom.

P.S. If you wouldn't mind,
I wish you would send me
the pictures of Cleopatra, ^{as soon as you can} even
if you send me the roll as
it is. Her Majesty is very
desireous of seeing her latest
portrait.

T. C. W.

to the needs of the time. So there
is no need for another.

We are having what would
be a blizzard if it were a little
colder - say thirty degrees. There
is enough wind and almost
enough snow. I haven't seen
a single day colder than -10°
since I came here. But
this has the chilling-power of
about twenty or twenty-five
below in Minnesota. Some
climate! I'd like to see a real
cold day just to see what it
is like.

Connigly Dawson lectured
here Friday about some of
his experiences in the war in
relation to their application

to peace.

Tell Father that I got his check. One ticket will last almost two weeks, so I won't need any more for almost a month. You see, it's quite a chore to walk a quarter of a mile to breakfast, and that before sunrise. So I don't do it. I stay in bed until I have to get up for Chapel. Also, I never get up Sunday till 9.30. It is too good a chance to sleep. Meals cost me thirty to forty cents a day. Not so bad. I don't know how Cy is coming out with his.

I have paid for the Geographic,

and at the same time invested fifty cents of Christmas money in a copy of "The Hour of Prayer in the Sahara Desert." I have seen the picture somewhere and it is a beauty. I don't know just where I will put it, but that is the least of my difficulties.

I am getting to like my room. I am gradually filling up the walls with various posters and pictures. Also, I haven't got anything I would take down if visitors came, as some have. I haven't got a single servant or valet, either of school or Tech. To tell the truth,

Miss Louise H.

Summer

1632 Chicago Ave

Evaston, Ill.

absolutely nothing to fear from that quarter. Fact is, I think Miss Moffat was pretty much attracted by her. I am telling you this because I overheard a good part of your conversation with Mrs. Wehler. Also, Miss Moffat said there was nothing to be afraid of from Mr. Wehler's friends in this part of the country.

I left ~~then~~ in time to catch the 5.55 train from Boston. I took the early one so there would be no chance of being late this time. Some were not so wise. One boy in my

house was just about 24 hours late. Three others were about 12 hours late. They will have some time explaining to the powers that be why they were late.

My schedule for this term is quite radically changed. I am taking no math at all. Also, there is no course in archaeology this term. In stead I am doing something that I hadn't thought of before. I am taking 1st year German as well as 2^d year. This seems a wise move to me, as it will give a good review of the first principals of the lan-

guage, which I probably have forgotten. It seems to me to be a very wise move, taken all in all, though whether it will help my second year work remains to be seen.

I've used up all the news for the present, so I can't write another letter for some time.

With love,

Tom.

Francis G. —

Jan. 22, 1920

I have just sent \$500. to First & Trinity
for your acct.

Feb. 7. would be just about right for
me and I hope you can secure
passage for that date.

I think I shall come down Sat eve.

V.

other for ~~three~~ quarters of an hour. It is some sport, it is ^{as} good exercise as anything else, as far as I can see, and it sure is a developer of quickness of eye, not to say muscle in the right arm.

I've got a comp. to write for tomorrow's English, and that means work up at the library now. So I guess this is about all I have time to say.

With Love,

Tom.
TH

147 Main St. Andover.
Jan. 25, 1920

Dear Mother:

If you are so busy, don't bother to send that junk to me, with the exception of my watch and the pictures of Cleopatra. I would like those if it isn't too much trouble.

I didn't wire because I figured that my letter would get there just as soon, and that would mean \$.55 or \$.88 saved, depending on whether I sent a night letter or telegram. I mailed the letter the 21st & it should get there by Saturday at the latest, the same day a night letter would have. I don't like to tell the next,

but I suppose I ought to, Cy is on probation. Continued pro means he will go home. He will have a chance to get up the middle of February, and another at Easter. If he doesn't get up then there is every chance he will go home for good.

Now, there is no dishonor attached to the fact at this end. It simply means that he is not a good enough student, and that some one else is, and an exchange will be made. All the dishonor is in Minneapolis.

Personally, if I got fired, I couldn't promise you that I would go home at all.

We've just had a foot or so of snow. It started in night before last and has been going

more or less steadily ever since. It cleared up this morning and is clear at present.

The wireless operators think they heard Arlington the other night. It was so faint that they couldn't read it. If it stays the way it is now they ought to get it tonight. Last night there was too much static electricity in the air to hear anything. They are going to put up a longer aerial to day. If they can't get 'em now, there will be no use trying.

The fencing is coming along all right. We are doing regular combat ^{work} now. We stand up and poke at each

#15 Taylor Hall Andover Mass.
January 29, 1920.

Dear Mother.

I received your letter saying that you would send Virginia's address, and also Ann's letter which came a little before yours. Tell Ann I was glad to hear from her and to know what she was doing now. If it is anything out there ~~there~~ it is ~~there~~ here I guess she is about drowned in snow. We have had a great deal of snow here, and it is rather hard to get around. I would like to get my flannel shirts and army pants as soon as possible, because now all the snow goes up my pant legs.

About my skis I guess it will be pretty hard to wrap them properly. Anyway I'll tell you how a lot of skis have been sent safely all ready.

I'll draw a diagram.



In the places where I have marked, wrap paper around as tightly as possible, and then tie with string

label them and send by American express co.

Be sure to include the heel straps and also to wrap a little extra around the middle so that no one may swipe the straps while on there journey. A lot of skis have come thru safely this way, in fact I don't know of any that have been broken or in any way injured. Perhaps Richard could do it some afternoon. I would like to get them because we are having wonderful weather for skiing and also the snow is good for it.

We have had snow off and on for the last two weeks, so now we have quite an accumulation of snow. About a foot and a half all together. It has just stopped snowing now and the sun is beginning to come out. Some of the boys intend to go skiing this afternoon. It sure will be good skiing, I wish I could go, but I'm going to stay home and study. I got B- on ^a geometry test the other day, so I have hopes of getting an honor in it. I'm passing in everything, but French now I guess.

I guess I'm safe anyway. I'll ask my teachers just what is the matter with my work, so that I can bring it up. I had a talk with Prof. Forbes who acts in the Principal's absence. He told me that the rating came next Feb. 10, and that unless I was able to get off ^{pro.} that I would have to leave school. Just a warning

but one that had best be listened to. I'm going to listen awfully hard, believe me. I'm not going to get kicked out if I can help it. I've got to start studying so I will close now.

It's stopped snowing and cleared up but the wind is coming up in a good 60 per gale which I don't like.

With love to all

Cyrus

P. S. Please send Virginia's address.

P. S. S. Send cash for another meal ticket or two.
Five dollars apiece.

#15 Taylor Hall Andover Mass
Feb 1, 1920.

Dear Father,

We've been having awfully cold weather lately. It seems just as cold as weather out west. I have kept a fire in my fireplace just as much as possible. Yesterday I had a fire from 6.45 A.M. when I got up, to about 11 P.M. when I went to bed.

These may seem awfully long hours to you. They seem so to me, but I can't shorten them any and get my work done at the same time. Sundays, of course, we can sleep till about 10 A.M., but other days we have to get our breakfast and be at chapel at 7.45. This means that we have to get up about a quarter to seven get our breakfast at the Beanery, which opens at 7.10 and be at chapel by quarter to eight. Classes begin at 8.07.

Speaking of the Beanery reminds me that I must have another meal ticket. I can just about make them last for a week and a half or on a stretch two weeks. Two weeks means that I can't get anything hot for breakfast. Only shredded wheat and rolls. That is

about all that I can get free at breakfast. It shines potatoes and soup are free, or rather they go on the \$3.00 that is paid to the treasurer. At supper potatoes, soup, and sometimes some other vegetable are free. So you see there isn't much that we don't have to pay for at the door as we go out. A meal ticket means cash so please send me some money for another meal ticket.

Mother said that you were coming here on the seventh of Feb. I hope you get a chance to come out and visit the school for a day or so. I would like to see you before you go south to Bermuda. It's kind of cold now, and awfully slippery so you had better bring a preventive of some kind for both.

I wish I could get some sunshine in my room. I don't get a bit all day long. The building faces northwest, so as I am on the north west side I don't get any at all. A fellow who was in this building last year told me that in summer when you try to keep cool the sun shines in in the afternoon and makes it suffocating. I don't if they have mosquitos in large quantities or not but I certainly hope not.

It's getting near five o'clock now so I'll have to close and get ready for chapel which comes at quarter past five.

With love
Byrus.

147-Main St, Andover
Feb. 4, 1920

Dear Mather:

In accordance with Cy's instructions,
this is the contents of the first package:

one coat (brown)

" pair pants to match coat

two assorted rain-coats.

I have delivered one rain coat to its owner.

The other things I kept.

When are you going South? That's right,
though, you have told me already. Please
let me know your address as soon as you
get to your destination. As far as I know, a
letter addressed to Bermuda only would not reach
you.

I had an exam. in English this morning.
I am under the opinion that I "crashed" it,
as the saying is. But it is only an opinion. It
may have crashed me. There was only one
fifth of one question that I didn't know, or
one fifteenth of the whole. The rest was easy,
only it took time to think up sentences that
would illustrate certain rules of punctuation.

Is there such a thing as sustained clear
weather in this part of the country? Almost
ever since I have been back there has been
about one, or at most two, real nice clear
days per week. I'd like it to clear and stay

there just to see what it is like. Then too we have had two real thaws lately. Now, I am used to continued cold weather about this time of year. It seems unnatural, somehow. But it is nice to be able to go out without having to put on an extra foot or two of clothing. I'm still wearing B.V.D's and shall continue to do so till it stays down at ten below for five consecutive days. That is, I will wear them all winter.

Can you suggest a way to get undesirable out of your room? Under certain circumstances it is nice to have some effective method that is not hard on the performer. Sometimes you can freeze 'em out, but you have to go your self. Same with stink. I haven't got electricity in the right form, and I am not a hypnotist. Some can study with a gang around but I can't. Not that it happens very often, but sometimes I do like to be able to apply the shoe to the posteriority of some.

With love,

T.

Dearest - G-

Feb. 17. 1920.

I received your statement of your destitute condition and will send you \$400. tomorrow as the bank is closed for today.

The plot appears to be thickening but I hope Mr. Chandler will unravel it.

I am getting on pretty well and can get through if only the boat will take us.

I shall have to start in time to have a day in Chicago and another in N. Y. before sailing with love and still hope
B.

Dearest —

Feb. 18. 1920

I am enclosing — No I am not — but I have sent to 1st & Sec. bank a draft for \$400. which will be placed to your credit.

It is a very satisfactory feeling to be actually on the way to our vacation at last and I hope nothing will now occur to change our plans.

Mrs. Hannah would like to have you say to Mrs. Herward that Ole Grande may come any day to see the vestibule.

Also she hopes that vacations can be arranged next summer so that the boys will be at Burnaby Lake in August. Mr. Hannah's two nephews from Gervin are about the ages of D & C. and will be here in August. I now think I will be here until Sunday night and leave Mpls. Tuesday evening. —

two or three days sooner, the
last Hamilton sails on the 3^d but
I had to make my guess and I
guessed Sat. the 6th.

I am enclosing Boston check for
\$200. which I realize is not
enough but all my account will
stand.

I will also ask the Penn. Hotel
to reserve a room with 2 beds &
a cot for Thursday evening. and
if you don't take it Miss Strong
should notify them.

with much love and anticipation
of seeing you soon when the climate
will be good for Ann to recuperate &c.



Hotel Pennsylvania
New York

Feb. 27. 1920

My dearest -

It is quite a blow to
have to go off without you and
Ann but let us hope it will not
be for long. It was a little
difficult to hear Miss Strong over
the telephone but I think I got
it all correctly. After hearing from
her I went to the Steamship office
"Furness Bermuda Line" 34 Whitehall
St. and explained and also had
them put you down for a room

on the same steamer sailing one week from tomorrow. They could not give me a number but assured me that you could have a \$100. room. All the same Miss Strong should write about Monday or Tuesday to get the thing confirmed. They would not accept payment until they could give a number.

If you should arrive the evening before sailing you might have difficulty in getting baggage transferred in time to get the

boat. The N.Y. Transfer Co. would not guarantee to get my trunk there so I am planning to take it in a Taxi and probably Lucy's also. But there is a limit to what you can transfer by that means. So if you sail Sat. it would be best to arrive here Thursday evening and give directions as the train to the Transfer agent to have your trunks sent to Furness Line "Pier 95" at foot of 55th St. If you find you can, come



Hotel Pennsylvania
New York

Dearest —

Feb. 28. 1920

After sleeping on the problem it seemed to me best to stay if the S.S. Co. would transfer our tickets to another date.

So we went to the boat ready to sail if necessary but the agent whom I saw at the office yesterday agreed to transfer all tickets and said he could accommodate us on the Wed. ship.

It would have been impossible to get your trunks transferred in time for the boat today so if we had sailed I should have been obliged

to mail the trunk checks back to you. You will not have to see the Am. Exp. man in Boston and if you have already begun business with him you can notify him that you don't need him any more. The important thing is to find out if possible when we can sail — Wed. or Sat.

By ^{my} staying over in N.Y. it will now not be necessary for you to come until one day before sailing. So if you think you can start as Tuesday please let me know by wire on Sunday if possible.

The S.S. office is closed this afternoon but I should like to be able to go down Monday morning and exchange the tickets. Of course if you can't decide on Sunday I shall take passage for Wed. any way and then if necessary try to change again to Sat.

But the ~~fewer~~ fewer complications the better. So if you think you can come by Tuesday let me know by wire on Sunday if possible. The train was late but Lucy does not seem too tired.

Very best love V.

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Apr. 1, 1920

Dear —
The passage was smooth
and we arrived early this morning
but had to lie out and wait so it
was noon by the time I had got
everything attached to. I leave at
5 p.m. and have written to the boys.

Suggestions for Passengers
intending to sail
from Buenos Aires

- 1- Go aboard the day before and reserve
steamer chairs so you don't get them.
- 2- Get tags for hand baggage and for

baggage in the hold with initial W.
so that everything will be brought to
the same place for customs inspection.

3 - I think that trunks which you
do not want with you, can be sent
by express from the pier. — or
transferred by Transfer Co.

4 - The upper or boat deck is the
place for promenade up. but there are
openings between the boats and under
them which men could slip through
and there is no railing outside of the
boats. It would not be safe unless
someone should hang on all the time
and I think it would be better not
to take her up onto that deck at all.

5 - The Victoria is certainly very steady
but of course the swells lift her up
and let her down again.

Much love V.

Monday
Apr. 5. 1920

My dearest -

I got home yesterday after a day in Springfield, Ohio, and a day in Chicago. It is still winter - 18 to 20 degrees above zero.

Mrs. Howard says she can take Lucy for a few days before you get home but I think she hopes it will not be for too long. She gets little help from Mary - 3 half days a week - because something happened ^(Mary) there and she is not very well.

There was considerable mail but not of a personal variety. Only one check but of course there will be more this month which I will forward to Anderson.

I go to F.T. this morning. The new trunk is in the basement and I will leave the key in the bath room on the bureau, duly tagged.

My best love to thee and the little girls and I hope you are riding your charger with Lucy.

G.

Apr. 6. 1920.

Dearest -

It is a week today since I sailed
from ^V Bermuda and it seems a long time.

I arrived in T.T. yesterday in a snow storm
and it has been cold today. Chas. D. told me
last night that the blow has fallen and Chas. Rolla
revised his stenographer just after. I left T.T. There
was no announcement which of course is characteristic
of Chas. Rolla. I have seen him once or twice and
he looks more cheerful but I have not had an
opportunity to say anything about his marriage.

There is quite a bunch of checks here which I will
forward before you get back to Andover. I wrote
you yesterday that Mrs. Howard says she will take
Lucy for a few days while you are in Mass.
Chas. D. is about the same. - also Wherry.
Mrs. Adams promptly invited me to cooking club
which I have declined. Another blow has fallen.
Mr. Taylor is to leave for a better job on May 1.
with love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday Apr. 10 '10

Dearest — It is as hot as summer — 83° in the shade this afternoon. C.D. took me to Swan Lake where I went over the house and found it in good condition. I brought in the overall suits but I cannot remember the other things you wanted me to send so I shall wait till I hear from you. Mrs. Whelock went out today and Mrs. Kannah goes out to her home (Mrs. W's) tomorrow. So the season is opening. I keep expecting cold wet weather but so far it is like our last day in Springfield. Tomorrow we begin work grading at the dam again. I hope we shall get it all done and seeded so that it will begin to look like a park soon. It is hard to get men and the work will probably lag. I have been having a cold in the head but the worst seems to be over. Mr and Mrs Adams are back home and I have discussed

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with these certain attractions in their house. They want more
bath rooms and an altered and improved dining room - that is -
painted wainscot and new paper. The old varnish to be removed
and the oak stained dark which will give a new character to
the room. As usual I see few people and stick to my
job but am not putting in long hours or overworking. Mrs.
Barrows & Miss J. are not back yet and I have not heard when
they are to come. Mr. Barrows lives at home and goes to
the Hotel for food. Of course everyone I must ask when you
are coming and I have to say I don't know yet.
With much love to thee and thy little people

Y.

David -

Apr. 10. 1920

I have just got into telephone touch with Annie Nelson. She did not give a definite answer but said she would come in to see me next Monday. That will make it too late to get word to you on the Wednesday boat but there will be one more before you sail. The fact that she did not turn me down and volunteered to come in looks hopeful. Cyren has moved into town and Annie is at home which is not a favorable condition. Chas. Rolla has invited me to a picnic tomorrow - also ~~Rolla~~ Murray. He says Elsie and David will go and save me else. It will be a good chance to get acquainted with the new cousin Clara who seems quite timid and whose lot is likely to be a bit difficult. I do not know how Cousin Myra takes the event. I have asked Geoffrey to take Mr. Taylor's position. There

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A. M. WRIGHT, AGENT.

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is some reason to expect that he will
come and I hope he will. The season
is very backward which is perhaps lucky
for me as it gives me a little more time to make
preparations. Mike is here and just beginning to
organize a crew. Carlus is here and the dredge is straining
up. I have sent their Apr. incomes to the boys
and urged Cy. to let me know how the tutoring progresses
but have heard nothing yet. Communication takes so
long. I have not got my car out yet and have
been kept very busy in the office. Did you know that
Jack had measles about the same time that Ann. had them.
He seemed well recovered when I saw him. Mr. Howard said
he did not need money for home expenses. Much love to

Apr. 13. 1920.

Dearest —

Annie Nelson did not come in but wrote me a note which I enclose. It doesn't look favorable but I still have hopes that if she can talk with you she will come.

The letters from the boys indicate that they had a good time except for Cy being out of condition. It still is indefinite as to Cy's position at school. Here I am very busy but nothing exciting has happened. I have written to Geoffrey and Dr. Welch came in this morning to enquire what the chances were. He seems to want Geoffrey to come.

I began a course in teeth with Dr. Chas. Nelson a day or two ago. He thinks my gums need attention so I am letting him attend to them.

A letter from mother says she and Jimmie plan to leave Cal. about the 20th of this month coming via St. Joe. To Fergus Falls if anyone wants to put them up here. So I am going to ask Chas. D. if he wants boarders and if he don't perhaps Corinne Myers will take them.

We had a successful picnic at Battle Lake on Sunday with most of the new cousins present. I enclose draft for \$200.00 which I hope the Post Office department of Bemidji will take time to deliver. Love to the U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
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Saturday
Apr. 17. 1920

Detroit — If you succeed in getting passage on Apr. 20. this will not get to you. I hope it won't. In my last letter which I hope you did get there was a draft for \$200. and letters from Thomas, Cyrus and Annie Nelson.

Business continues to be very much alive but I do not know of any news, unless it is that Cousin Myra told Chas. D. that Rolla's marriage was a surprise to her. Mother and family expect to leave California about Apr. 20 and I have wired them that Chas. D. will have a place for them at his house. I do not know where they will get here as they may stop in Washington. Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Adams and I drove to Detroit and back - 130 miles. It was rather tiring but not too much. Mrs. Hannah invited me to dinner as usual. She is getting the habit whenever I return to it. Chas. Rolla's community home continues to find obstacles in its way but I think it is progressing. I am sending checks for \$370.¹² to Thomas for you. Much love and hope to hear from you in N.Y. U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 24. 1920.

Dearest —

Your telegram came this morning after I had quite given you. The message was pretty well garbled and will need a translation but the signature is all right. I am wondering whether Lucy will come home with ~~Miss~~ Strong. You know I wrote that Mrs. Howard would keep her for a few days if you wanted to send her ahead of the rest of the family.

Your own checks are at Anderson in Lanny's care but I will send you another at the College Club, Boston.

Mother and Jimmie are expected here Tuesday or Wednesday or about the time you leave for Boston. I don't know how long they intend to stay here. It will be good to be at the Lake again. We shall probably have electricity before the end of the summer. Much love to you all v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Draught —

Sunday
Apr. 25. 1920.

This morning I had a telegram saying that mother would be here on the night train (2:35 AM) Monday morning. I assume that Jennie is with her. Vernon F., after being well all winter, took one of his colds as soon as he got home and is now pretty sick. Myra and two nurses are taking care of him and Myra looks like a wreck. Elsie and David are with her since Rolla's marriage so their house is full. I enclose check for \$500.⁰⁰ and much love
W.

~~Apr~~ May 2. 1920.

Dearest —

a week has gone without writing to you for which my regret is only partly tempered by the incident that you have been just as bad. Mother and Junior have been here and are now gone and I have not seen any time when there was not more to do than I could even begin on. The drawings for the Stord Lake steam plant are not very well along and Mike is getting to the point where he begins to need them. In the mean time other Paper things demand attention and incidentally I go two or three times a week to Dr. Chas. Nelson.

Vernon F. has been dangerously sick again and Myra has gone to the G.B.W.M.H. to rest for which we are thankful. She was persuaded or ordered in a moment when V. F. seemed to be out of danger and she had no sooner gone than a hurry call brought Dr. F. back to the house. I don't know whether Myra was told of the change. The latest news I have indicate that he is getting along satisfactorily again. Mother seemed pretty well and Junior is fat and full of her house plans. I was able to supply mother \$1000. to apply in furnishing the house but I can't see how they can do much toward furnishing it, or keeping it up after they move in. Mother is not enthusiastic but wants to please Junior. I shall want to hear how you find the Anderson situation. The letter which you forwarded (Mr. Stems') was not encouraging for little Cy boy, and not

Too enthusiastic about Thomas' work. I wrote to J. asking how much he had spent for extra table board and how much he needed for future expense of the same kind. He has not answered.

It will be only another week till I see you again and I shall be ready. My love to you and all the boys and girls. U.

147 Main St.,
Andover, Mass
May 4, 1920,

Dear Father:

Please excuse me for not writing sooner. Mother gave us some money before she went to Bermuda. For both Cy and myself it is still lasting. I have enough for two weeks more - I just got a ticket today. I can make one last two weeks very nicely, & I don't starve myself by any manner of means. Cy has enough for about three weeks more. He had more to begin with, and has not been using so much lately as formerly.

I got an overnight excuse last Saturday & spend Saturday & Sunday in town. Aunt Min, Cy, and I went to see "Hamlet," with Walter Hampden. It was good acting, a powerful play, and decidedly not pleasant in some places. But I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Mother was on another boat. She went to the Symphony with Miss Walton, a friend of Aunt Min's. Personally, I'm sorry I couldn't take in both of them. The only real music I have heard this year was at a concert given by the combined musical clubs of Andover and Exeter. Even here there were only three numbers that I thought were really in place. Most of the rest was plain, unadulterated "jazz." The small remainder that comes under neither head was played on the wrong kind of instrument.

I expect Mother and here tomorrow. She said she was coming without Lucy for a private talk with Cy and I.

I got my mandolin back a few weeks ago. You may know that I broke it slightly, and had to send it to the factory to be repaired. Somehow I

missed it a great deal. It doesn't give all high-class music, even under the best of circumstances, but it is rather fun to tinkle on it occasionally. It helps greatly to pass the time, and sometimes I can recognize the tune I am trying to play.

Cy has also turned musician, but uses even a lower-class instrument than the mandolin; namely, the mouth-organ. I haven't heard him lately, but he is able to get the general gist of a tune out of it if he coaxes it sufficiently. I'm only glad he didn't get a few's harp, of which there are several in my house.

I suppose you know that there was a perfectly good lunar eclipse Sunday night. Now, this is the first eclipse of the moon I have had any chance at for some time. So I was anxious to see it, I naturally had to be cloudy. There weren't even rifts through which to watch it by occasional glances. I was one peeved guy when ten o'clock came, and not a single glimpse of the eclipse. Nor even by eleven, & totality ended about 10:30. Can you beat it?

With Love,

P.S. You have ^Tprobably received a doctor's bill for Cy's illness. The doctor made two visits.
T.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

May 6. 1920

Your telegram received this morning. I shall be ready to greet you when you finally come.

Thomas F., after being well all winter, developed a cold on his arrival in Minn. He did not recover and died this morning. Chas. D. and I have been up to see Myron. She has lots of nerve as you know and really looks better than when I saw her last. My best love to you all
V.

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C.T.

Flossie

Geo. W. M.

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My dear Mr. Garrison,
I have been thinking of you very much lately, and
wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are
well and happy. I have been very busy lately,
but I have managed to find some time to write to you.
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wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are
well and happy. I have been very busy lately,
but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

147 Main St.,
Andover, Mass.,
May 9, 1920.

Dear Father:

Mother came out here yesterday instead of Wednesday. When she was here, she gave both Cy and I enough for meals for the rest of the year. Incidentally she advanced a new idea about college. She rather wants me to go to the Harvard engineering school instead of Tech. She got her inspiration from Mr. Goldmark. I'll let her explain her reasons herself. That is, her personal reasons.

But there is also expense to consider. I figured up last night what it cost to go here for one year. If I came back I will only need to take three subjects - Ancient History, Trig., and a 1 year French. French is the only one that would be hard.

Now, there are ten weeks of vacations. Tutoring costs \$2.50 per hour. I can tutor six days per week, or 60 hours in all, allowing an hour a day. This gives two hours a week for each of the three subjects mentioned above, and costs \$150.00 dollars. This means a saving of close to a \$1,000 and a year's time. What do you think of the plan? You see, I can get my credits at Tech. transferred to Harvard when I want.

I am going to have a talk with Dr. Stearns in a day or so, to see what he thinks of the plan.

With love,

T.

Sunday, May 9, 1920.

Dearest G. -

Your Boston letter came yesterday. I had heard nothing of the Hawley tragedy as you call it and do not know now what it consists of or what has happened. I think nothing has been in the papers. The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon - 5 days after Vernon's death - just why the long delay I don't know. Carlton and Hazel are coming up Monday night. Rella says his mother is bearing up pretty well which is what you would expect.

I shall be very glad to have my family at Swan Lake but will it not be necessary to give Lucy some coaching so that she can make up her school work? I have not seen Annie H. She will have to decide on the impulse at the last moment. How about Edith? Have you heard from her? But why the questions. You will be leaving a day after you receive this. I expect to go down Saturday evening. My best love.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 19, 1920

Dearest —

Welcome To Minneapolis and my home.
Mrs. Howard will tell you of the fiasco of last
week. I am expecting to come down Sat. night on
the usual train. Life is a good deal of a
whirl in the quiet village of F.F. and will be
much improved by having a family at near
by Sunday Lake. With much love

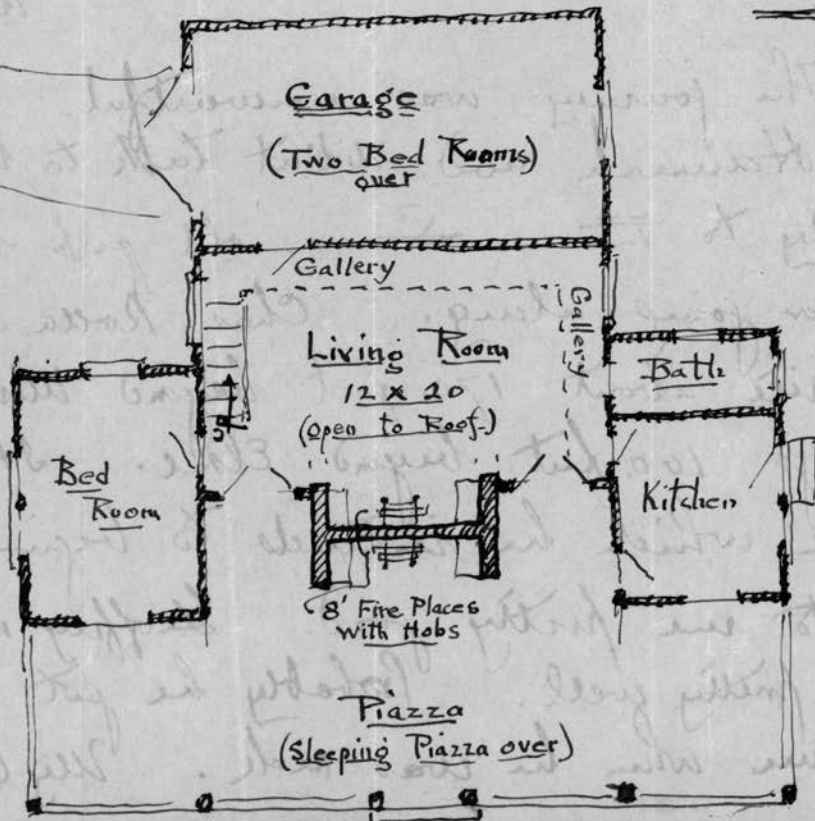
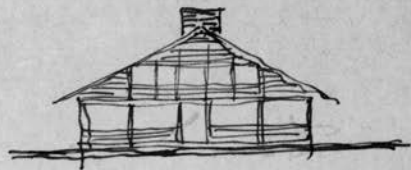
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VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

May 27. 1920

The journey was uneventful. I didn't lunch with Mrs. Hannah and didn't talk to her until we were nearly to T.T. Same old job here. Everything all right or going along. Chas. Rolla says Elsie wants a site about 170. feet beyond Miss Rummy and he will go 100. feet beyond Elsie. He has a sketch of a house which he intends to begin on immediately. It seems to me pretty good. Geoffrey is on the job and looks pretty well. Probably he got something out of his system when he was sick. My love to the U. (over)



VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 31, 1920.

Dearest -

I am enclosing a power of atty. for you to sign and send to Messrs Cabot. The purpose is to authorize them to convey the rights which they have already sold and for which you have their check.

The other day I discovered that my automobile keys are not at hand. I have searched and do not find them and I cannot use the car. It is possible that I put them away carefully in the top bureau drawer or they may be in some of my clothes. I used to carry them in the money pocket which is inside of the right hand outside coat pocket of most of my suits. They are like Yale keys but shorter and have a V-shaped conformation. One of them would be sufficient.

Possibly I put them in my office desk drawer. I think I tried to put them in some safe place and succeeded too well. You might also look in my over-coat many pocket. If you find them or one of them please forward at once.

It is raining this Decoration Day and I have a chance to catch my breath and clean up personal business. Mr. Barnum is here, without Mrs., and I have to talk to him. Do you think you will come in Sat. and have you heard from Geo. Harvard. If I could see my car I might get the plumbing connected and clean up a little of an evening. My love to them
G.

Your "ad" is in the paper tonight.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

June 2, 1920

The auto keys came this morning and relieved my mind. It has rained and the roads are muddy and I haven't found time to drive anyway but I shall get out to the lake soon and get the water turned on. Mrs. Hamrick tells me that she has written to you about milk. Mrs. Vickland is said to be still there and expecting to sell milk to the Wrights as usual. If you would like to go directly to the lake it seems to me that I could manage to get some supplies and milk on hand and get beds made so that we could move in. If this appeals you might send me a list if you want to. I hope the tired feeling is wearing off — If not, it will when you get here.

V.

Tampico, Tamps., October 16, 1920

Mrs. Thos. W. Clarke,
Buzzards Bay, Mass.

My dear Jane:

As Miss Robinson wrote you, the Oil Association on September 24th, appointed me Manager in charge of their Campaign against Yellow Fever, in the Oil Fields, Tuxpam and Tampico. This has kept me very busy; some days from seven o'clock in the morning until ten or eleven at night.

We are endeavoring to stop the spread of yellow fever from Tuxpam where there have been sixty-three cases and over thirty-four deaths. We have expected that the fever might spread into the oil fields as well as to Tampico. At present we have had only two cases in Tampico, both originating from Tuxpam; one man dying, and one getting well. No new cases have been detected since the twenty-third of September. It is hard to say whether the success in controlling the disease in Tampico has been due to our efforts therein; no doubt we have been of material assistance.

You will see by the letter-head that the committee is composed of Dr. Cuaron, who represents the Mexican Government, Dr. Stubbs, who is technical adviser, having had a great deal of experience with yellow fever epidemics in Mexico and on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and myself, as Business Manager, dictating the policy of the Oil Companies, and managing the work. The Oil Association has appropriated \$150,000.00, U. S. Cy., for this work, with more to come, if it is necessary.

The work is very large, and means an attempt to eliminate the Stegomyia Mosquito which, as you no doubt know, is the only means of spreading the disease. When we discover a yellow fever patient, we immediately remove him from the room, and screening him thoroughly, and then continuing the fumigation of the whole house, a block, and a half of a block on the opposite side of the street.

The Stegomyia Mosquito is purely domestic; it does not breed in pools of water or on the ground, but does breed in containers, such as buckets, five gallon cans, tubs, pails, barrels and tanks. The mosquito cannot spread the disease except under the following conditions:

The mosquito must bite a sick patient the first three days he has the fever; it then takes eight days of incubation before the mosquito is in condition to spread the disease, that is, if he bites the patient on the fourth or fifth day, he cannot contract the disease, and if he bites anyone in the first seven days after he has bitten the fever patient, the person bitten cannot contract the disease, but after the eighth day he can spread the disease even unto the third generation.

The female mosquito is the only one that bites; the male mosquito does not live on human blood, but on pollen and fruit juices; the female cannot lay her eggs until she has had human blood, as they do not develop. The female mosquito lays about thirty eggs at a time; these hatch into larva, being about three days in this stage, and then change to pupa at the end of three days, emerging as a full-fledged mosquito.

For the last three weeks we have had about three hundred men working in and around Tampico, cleaning up back yards of all rubbish and filth; some yards, no doubt, being cleaned for the first time since the city was started. The filth is terrible. Some of the men are at work oiling all the pools of water which cannot be drained, and emptying containers. The situation is very bad here, because there is not water enough, and everybody collects what water he can in barrels and tanks. These have to be inspected and piled in an endeavor to kill the lava. We are carrying on experiments with fish, hoping to find the fish that we can place in the water-tanks and cisterns that will eat the lava. We have found a few, but near enough to supply our requirements.

Last week I went to Tuxpam with Dr. Cuaron, to see if we could arrange to quarantine the city. After a conference, at which the principal authorities of Tuxpam were present, we arranged to close the city, nobody being allowed to leave, unless they underwent a six days' observation. We believe this necessary, because the disease is in Tuxpam and might spread to the oil fields which are directly north, or to Tampico, by travellers or persons who might be infected. If the fever should break out in the oil fields it would be very difficult to control. We are doing everything in our power to avert such a catastrophe, as it would mean that the men would flock into Tampico where there are no accommodations to care for the men, and it would be very difficult if the fever came from that direction. We have planned to establish a camp for two thousand men, where we can put them observation for six days before they can come into town.

We have the active co-operation, in our work, of the City Governments of Tampico and Tuxpam, and the Mexican Federal Authorities, both military and civil, so there is now ~~work~~ reason why our work should not be successful. The United States Government Public Health Service has also sent Mr. Leprince, a mosquito expert, who was in Havana with General Wood, and later in Panama. His help is going to be of great assistance to us.

I am glad that you have fixed up the house and am sorry I will not be down to Buzzards Bay before you go up, but perhaps when I do come home, we could go down for the weekend. Am glad that nothing was broken when you moved, although I was sure, with your careful management, and seeing stuff loaded personally, that everything would come through alright.

I am enclosing some newspaper clippings from the local papers about our work, which you, no doubt, will find interesting.

Am glad that you saw Mr. Pettingell and Mr. Wooly and that they had encouraging things to say about my work here. Am sorry that Mr. Wooly still has the fever.

With love for Katharine and Edith and yourself, I am,
as always,

Yours,
Tom.

This work means that I am not doing anything except taking care of the yellow fever work. I will probably leave here about Nov. 1, and should be in New York by the 15th, at the latest. I will have to undergo six days' quarantine at the border, before I can enter the U.S. Whether I will come to Boston first or not I do not know. It depends on how well I feel and how tired I will be after the long R.R. trip

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 19. 1920

Dearest -

The plot thickens. I may possibly go to Bureau Friday and get down to work in the evening or the next morning. Possibly I may come down directly from here Thursday or Friday evening. I rather want to go back to Detroit, Minn. next Tuesday, as you see any old thing may happen so don't be surprised if it does or does 'nt.

Mr. Kennedy entertained the Rotary Club at West Lake Power House today and Mrs. Kennedy managed the rats with considerable success. So our voice pretty much is.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear -

Nov. 9. 1920

It has been raining and snowing and my party got good and wet at Otter Tail Lake yesterday. I did not go. Chas. D. seems about the same. I told him that Murray had called in us with a young lady but did not go farther. He made no comment. I am now wondering whether Murray will come up tonight as he said he would. \$4²⁵ for 84.25 is enclosed. Use it extravagantly but wisely.

With love
V.

Nov. 14. 1920.

Dearest -

Your letter came. I haven't told
Chas. D. anything more about Murray. If he
is coming up to tell his father it is hardly my
place to butt in beforehand. I shall feel sure
that he is going to be ~~stunned~~ when the count comes
but not sooner. Chas. D. keeps about the same.
I haven't seen any of your friends. I am
planning to come down Thursday evening so as
to be on hand for the symphony. But perhaps I
had better stay until Friday and give Lucy the
chance she wants so much. What think you?
Business keeps me tied. It will be some time
before Mr. Kennedy can learn the ropes. I didn't
realize it until he came. Most of the time I
keep well but was off a bit yesterday and day
before. "On the mend" today. Chas. Rolla
reports his family doing well. They are back
in the house. Clara is dreading the winter
since Chas. Rolla was elected. Love to Ann
and Lucy and Grace v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS. MINNESOTA

Dec. 3. 1920

Frank G. —

I enclose check for \$400. — also bill of
Banking Hdw. Co. If it is correct send
it back and I will pay it. Perhaps you
have the original bill for \$20.⁷⁸ I don't seem
to have it. My legs are still foggy and
my cold is with me but I think I am
on the mend. Char. D. is about the same.
I think Murray is planning to go back to
Minneapolis.

With love
V.

Dec. 13, 1920.

Dearest -

I will plan to come down Thursday evening. The Davidson case which is a damage suit against us for \$30,000. is in trial and may be finished Monday or they run into Tuesday. I have no idea how it will come out and do not attend the trial except for a few minutes each day. If it goes against us I shall have to be here to decide what further action to take in the case and determine what the effect on other plans would be. We can't pay big damages without altering other plans. Fortunately the business is doing well. The remarkable weather continues and we make the most of it.

The letter from another which is undated tells of falling down stairs without serious injury but I think she is pretty well shaken up and not quite herself again. They seem to be feeling pinched for money which was to be expected and this time there is no surplus to draw on. Another letter written the following day begs for an extra allowance for California where her dependents are in trouble again.

While we were at breakfast this evening a telegram from Murray (in Wfs.) said that he would arrive this afternoon with Miss Beck. Chas. B. announced it and seemed perhaps a trifle flustered and then went on with his comments on Chas. Francis Adams which are interesting. He has just been reading Henry Adams and now is in Chas. F. He finds them as like as two peas. He would think ~~they~~ both

books were written by the same persons - Same point of view - Same habit of making mistakes and talking about them.

I forbore to make any observations as to poetic character of one and matter of factness of the other as these things don't count for him. He found Henry very interesting which also surprised me a little. There must be something in Henry which goes outside my point of view or understanding.

I must take up the daily letter habit again. Two weeks is too long but what is a fellow to do when he is in need? This reminds of the N.Y. Journal (Sunday) with M. Kettner's lamp shade costume. If you have not seen it look it up. It is the only funny thing that has entered my sad life this week. Also Henry Whitlock's review of Sinclair Lewis' book is interesting and now I don't have to read the book.

Mrs. Adams says she is pleased over Sam's engagement which is also interesting after her attitude toward Dorothy's. As usual I haven't seen anybody else. Chas. Roller is quite subdued. He says Clara is improving but very slowly and may not be able to nurse the baby long. Also that she will go back to her people while he is away. My love to them and the little girls. U.

Dec. 13. 1920.

Dear —

This afternoon I had to testify in the Davidson case on a matter of no consequence whatever, but it was interesting listening to a long questioning and cross questioning of Dr. Patterson on the mental condition of the boy and the possible effect of a nervous shock. The attorney was well up in his business technically and made a number of efforts to catch the doctor or to show that he didn't know what he was talking about. The doctor held his own pretty well.

Murray and Miss Arch came up yesterday afternoon and Miss B. went back at 2 AM. This morning as is to be on her job at 8:30. She is not a conversational queen and it was difficult to make the weather last. I like her looks and bearing and don't doubt she would do as well for Murray as anyone could. Murray took her out to meet Mary but I didn't hear the conversation. If Mary has opinions she doesn't give them to me. Chas. D. hasn't said anything to me either. He was polite to her and got out the old 77 pictures to show her and behaved altogether seemly.

This is Jimmy's birthday and it is hard to grasp it with an unimprovised mental equipment.

Dec. 14, 1920.

Dearest —

We got the decision today. The cabinet was in session as usual at 11:30 when John Barclay came up and motioned me to come out mysteriously, i.e. he was mysterious. Then he told me under his breath as if telling an important secret that the judge had given a decision favorable to us. ~~and~~ Then nudging me in the ribs and without looking at me he went down stairs.

Altogether a pleasant episode. Of course they immediately gave notice that they would appeal from the decision of Judge Parsons so the end is not yet. But yet is much better for an end than now however we all are pleased.

Last night after leaving the office I happened to remember that Mrs. Hannah had invited me to dinner. It was only 15 minutes after time so I hurried and didn't upset her arrangements very much. Mrs. Patterson came in and talked about calendars for the Women's League of Voters and this morning she appeared at the office and offered to supply with some for 5.00. I put myself in disgrace by declining. and am preparing to ease my conscience by doing something for European children which appeals to me more.

Love V.

Dec. 15, 1920.

Dear -

It is winter at last. Not very cold but the blizzard has been busy for two days and the air has a different feel.

I am trying to round up the loose ends so that I can go down tomorrow night and stay till after the Holidays without feeling too guilty.

Sam and Lucia are going Jan. 1. and Mr. Adams said today that he expects to go (to Calif.) after the annual meeting of the bank which I think comes on Jan 11. Chas. D. has actually said that he thinks he will get away but did not mention any date. Perhaps he will.

Murray continues to get up in the evening and get away from the house before we are up and otherwise to be walking about in a cloud of artificiality. That is a bad sentence and perhaps you can make out what I am driving at.

Till Thursday eve. then
U.

Jan. 5. 1928

Dearest -

I don't like to bother you about business but there is no escape. So will you please sign the enclosed warrant exactly as written on the face and have a witness sign.

Also the Thor. G. Plant certificate which was on my desk the last I saw ~~it~~ it should be signed and witnessed if there is space intended for a witness. If you will return both certificates soon I will do the rest.

Business is very absorbing just at this time of the year. The city council is getting ready to make no trouble under the able leadership of Mr. Olson but otherwise things are normal and the water still holds up pretty well. I enclose dft. handed me by Murray which you may understand and also your pref. dir. Much love to the C.

Dearest G. -

Jan. 6. 1921.

Nothing in particular is happening today but I have learned that our case will not come to trial until the week beginning Jan. 17. That means that I can count on going home toward the end of next week.

I went down to the Adams home last night and saw Elmer and Mar. Mr. Rosenzweig came in to visit and also Robert Harnish. A pleasant time was had.

Chas. D. is evidently considering going away but he does not announce any definite date. I am somewhat afraid that my presence may interfere with his plans and shall have to tell him not to mind me as I can find other quarters.

With love
V.

Jan. 7. 1921.

Dearest G.

The collection of figures to make income returns continues. I shall have to get yours when I go down next week. It is not a thrilling occupation but it occupies the time just the same.

Chas. S. went to Underwood today to attend an annual bank meeting - returning this afternoon by train. Quite enterprising of him don't you think? Murray went to Fargo this afternoon to see Bartova dance. Did you read Carlton's criticism? It was not flattering to the entertainment as a whole. Also it indicated that Carlton is beginning to make use of his French. Why not?

The weather is continuing mild and I have been forced to remove one layer of my innumerable in order to survive.

My love to this
G.

Jan. 9. 1921.

Dearest G.

May Refahl gave me two parcels which I in turn handed to Chas. Rolla with the request that pass them on to his mother. Chas. Rolla only stayed in St. Paul, two or three days for the opening of the session and then came home to his family and his income tax reports. He will go back again Monday. The principal sport among the business men in those winter times is to compare the amounts of personal taxes paid as reported in the Daily Journal. As might be expected, S.M. Brown comes in for his share of comment, his tax being less than Robt Lincoln's or Budd Wagner's (the colored man). Also Herb. Webster appears to own no personal property & speak of. It is not altogether a pleasant game to play and comes distinctly in the class of "Small Town stuff." I haven't seen Dr. Freshman but have received his bill which was moderate.

I get up, eat, work and go to bed. It is not full of excitement but I like the work part of it. If I could read more it would be more entertaining. Last night the monotony was varied by the news that we had turned on the lights in a new town - Milwaukee.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

Architect

22 CONGRESS STREET

BOSTON,

Jan'y. 11. 1921.

Dearest G - Your very nice letter came this morning and was appreciated by a lonesome party. Also the stock certificates.

The chief item of interest today is that Robt Lincoln's case for running into somebody in Lufers. is a trial. He and his family were in an automobile and bumped into somebody at a crossing where a street car was stopping to load up many passengers. I think Robt had almost stopped his car but there was just enough motion to tip a man over. He was hurt some but not very badly. We are hoping that Robt will not get a heavy verdict against him or that he may be entirely cleared.

Hannah Kempner has organized a subscription for Annie Kemner to buy a couch which she can lie on comfortably. Mrs. Lake is taking the money and the amt is 125. to which we are privileged to subscribe. I think she - Annie Kemner - is in a bad way. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

Architect

22 CONGRESS STREET

BOSTON,

Jan. 10. 1921.

Dearest —

It has got so late that I can't say much without keeping Mary P. waiting which wouldn't do. ~~Not~~ that I ever have much to say anyway. We have been conferring most of the day about plans for the coming year — mostly about accounting plans but also some about building and extending plans. Mr. Adams leaves day after tomorrow. I am expecting to go down Thursday by N.P. and stop at Little Falls to Mr. Taylor's new power plant. I think I can get in to mpls. at about the same time as the regular G.W. train — 10 PM

Much love V.

January - 20, 1921.

Dearest G.

The train was promptly on time on leaving
Mpls. and equally on arriving at T.T. From Mpls.
to St Cloud there were many unattractive babies.
just ahead of me, the smallest of which was shaken
violently most of the way by its mother in an effort
to keep it still. Just before getting off little sister who
might have been 7 yrs. old did the same thing while
mother was putting on her wraps. The risk of dropping
the baby was great but mother did not seem to mind.

It was wet and sloppy in T.T. and continues so
today. But last Sunday appears to have been one of
the worst days ever with low temp. and high wind.

Chas D. seems just the same.

I enclose check for your scrip dividend from G.E.
Co. ^(24.05) with it was one share as stock div. which
I will put in your box.

With love to you and the little girls

B.

G.E. and Am. Tel dividends
forwarded by same mail.

June 21, 1921.

Dearest -

I have been at work on income reports all day and have finished mine and my mother's. The blanks are not yet available for yours and Jennie's. Now I can give time to the Cedar Trail Power Co. This is the season when we try to lay plans for the coming summer work. Some plans can be definitely settled but extensions of the lines depend upon the people in the towns to be taken on and that means delay and often postponement. We began on Pelican Rapids last spring and arrangements are not yet all settled so that we can go on with the work. But the company has done well and I am not complaining. The weather continues mild and we have nearly enough water so that I hope to get through the winter without being very hard hit by our friend or enemy drought. The Evans case has not been called but I suppose it may be any day.

My love to the v.

Jan. 23. 1921.

Draust -

It is a fine day and this evening I walked up the river and around the Hoot Lake reservoir - about 5 or 6 miles. The snow is nearly gone except where the drifts are deep and dirty with the dust which has blown onto them.

The Evann car has not yet been called and I don't know where it will be. But it begins to look doubtful about fitting away on Thursday.

There are so many things and I want if possible to get them cleaned up so that when I go home I can stay for a month.

Yesterday afternoon we drove to Dayton Hollow going on the ice part of the way. We have to go down there whenever we hold directors meetings because that is our legal principal place of business.

My head is full of great development projects but it will take time to work them out and some of them probably won't work anyway. In the mean time it is nice to have a family to think about with love. V.

Jan. 24. 1921.

Dearest G.

It is a little hard to find anything ^{to} write about when one doesn't do anything but the regular grind and sees no one outside of business. Today has been a typical day of that sort with a feeling at the end of it that things have moved along satisfactorily but with ^{nothing} to mark it as different from other days. Sometimes such days go by and leave me feeling that time has been wasted and nothing whatever accomplished — no good turn done — no nothing. But at any rate this day was not of that kind. I have not heard from my mother this month and I fear her fall may have shaken her up more than she said and that writing may be difficult for her. The weather continues cold and clear and quite bracing today. Much love from V.

Jan'y. 25. 1921.

Dearest —

The Excursion ^{coach} is set for Thursday of this week but Mr. Field does not expect that it will be reached until next week — probably the early part of the week. With the other shows to consider it will be impossible to come down this week — that is — but I am trying to arrange so that when I do come it will be for a month.

Tomorrow evening I am to meet Mrs. Kidder at the bank to exchange some bonds which she has for different signs so that they can be divided up properly.

I have not yet been able to get the income tax blanks for your report. Mine is all done. There are the company reports to make also but I don't expect to have to do much on them. Mr. Will Hatch, acquired last summer, is proving a very useful person in all our accounting problems. Would love to see and the little girls. b.

Jan. 26. 1921.

Dearest -

Mr. Field has notified me that the Evanson case will be called tomorrow. I do not think it can make any difference in my plans for going home. I shall have to stay until next week.

This morning I met Mrs. Kidder. She looks pretty well - at least not the entire week she looked last fall. I was glad to learn that she is paying up some of her money and she has asked me to invest \$1000. for her which I am doing through Lar. Higgins & Co.

Willard has gone to St. Louis to go into a Diesel engine factory. This is the thing he is really interested in and knows most about and I think he ought to do well.

Mrs. Kidder said she might possibly go down and keep house for him next winter.

My love to them &c.

Jan. 27. 1921

Dearest -

The long delayed case did not actually begin today but it is expected to tomorrow morning. I spent the morning in Mr. Field's office with the witnesses whom he was questioning to find out what they know and what they don't know. It is a tiresome business to me. - about as interesting as cold potatoes.

This afternoon the court adjourned as a result of Mr. Bark's funeral. I did not go as I did not know him very well.

Chas. S. says the barometer is falling and at any rate it looks like a coming snow storm. I shall be glad of it. Cold and dirty dust blowing about is not good for eyes, ears, noses or stomachs. It is fitting to be a very long time although I can count only one week and one day since I left there. U.

Jan. 25. 1921

Dearest -

Mr. Fild has just telephoned (5:30 PM) that he is getting a jury and the trial will begin in the morning. I shall ~~be~~ glad to have the puttering old thing out of the way. It was a great pleasure to get your long letter. It is not very likely that I can go to Swan Lake but I will try to remember the blanket which is in my office.

Today I have been studying over company accounts. Mr. Hatch has audited them for the year and produced a very business like report which is almost intelligible to me.

Chas. Rolla came in to call on me this afternoon. I am sorry he annoys you but I can't very well tell him so and ask him not to do it any more.

I have begun the first article in the Jan. Atlantic and think it highly diverting. If you have 'nt you had better dip into it.

V.

Jan. 30. 1921.

Dearest G. -

At last the long delayed trial got under way yesterday. Mr. Erikson put me on the witness stand and kept me there most of the morning asking long and involved questions which I could hardly follow and which I am sure the jury could not understand about the organization and history of the Co. and Mr. Adams' connection with it. He repeated himself over and over again and almost none of his questions had any direct bearing on the damage to Mr. Erikson's land. We admit the damage and want the jury to say how much it shall be but I am afraid they ~~I~~ want have a chance for at least one more and perhaps two days. When he got his own witness on the stand he seemed principally interested in finding out how long his mother had lived with him which was courteous but not useful to the jury.

It is pouring today and quite a bit colder. Murray has gone to upls. where he intimated that you might see him. I encouraged him in the notion.

All goes well - or do you from deference to grammar say all go well? Chas. D. indulged in the Sunday morning ceremonial of listening to Caruso in Italian opera before breakfast as usual. My love to the G.

Jan. 31. 1921.

Ernest -

The Trial is dragging along and will take another day. It is very business when you want to do something else and have to listen to the slow process of dragging witness out of witnesses. You always know almost at once what a witness is going to say but it may take an hour or more to make up the record in due form. I have no doubt the jury knows pretty well already what it is going to decide but I have little idea of it. There is some question of treble damages because we flooded his land without permission. He knew it and it was certainly understood that we would pay damages but that may not have given us the legal right. Other jobs are more fun v.

Feb. 1, 1921.

Dearest -

The trial is still on. The jury has been taken out to view the premises in automobiles at the expense of the Company and while they are out I will take time by way of old apudage and write thee a note.

The estimate for upholstering is high enough but I think we had better have it done. I hope too that we can have the living room painted while I am down and then we should be quite presentable. I am very sorry to miss the Kohns. This trial is killing a bit of perfectly good time but I shall come as soon as I can. - possibly Wed night but were probably Thursday night.

Until then with love V.

Feb. 2. 1921

Dearest —

It is nearly six o'clock and I am still in F.F. but expect to get away tomorrow afternoon. The verdict of the jury was \$900. damages. It was a little more than I expected but is near our limit than Eriksson's. His final argument to the jury was a peach. He related an anecdote the burden of which was that a dog has more consideration for rabbit rights than the power company has for human rights.

It was interesting enough to me as a novelty but I do not think Judge Parsons who has heard the same methods over and over took much delight in it. "all were pleased"

B.

Mch. 4. 1921.

Dearest —

I had to wait a long half hour in the station but when the train got started it ran fast — 4 hrs. 20 min. to T.T.

I don't know whether you have heard about Elsie's appendicitis. She is doing well now but gave them another scare. It developed instantly and she was operated on last Monday. Ches. Rolla has been here all the week. I think she is out of danger. The baby meanwhile is feeding on a bottle but C.R. says that Elsie may be able to help out some soon. Ches. S. seems about the same.

I have been busy catching up and today got at the bonds and signed 200 of them — one half.

The business is running smoothly as far as I can see and I think Mr. K. is putting his hand in.

It was cold as winter when I arrived but today it is warm again. A package received during my absence probably contains slippers. I have not yet opened it. I think Geoffrey's family is here again.

With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Mich. 6, 1921

Observe my new stationery with the water-mark which indicates that the paper was made by our St. Paul cousin whose name I cannot at this moment recall.

Also the printer's eye is not true and the line runs down hill as usual.

When you have more information about Ches. Ames I should like to hear it.

Eloir was reported yesterday to be improving and showing interest in food. The baby appears to be getting along as the bottle and Rella says that Dr. Trebbow does not think he will allow Elsie to nurse him.

We had six inches of snow and the ground is now white and glaring in the sun.

I signed another 250. bonds yesterday afternoon and my arm is almost lame as a result. The writing speaks for itself. Otherwise I am reasonably fit with love &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Mich. 8. 1921

Dearest —

The latest report from Elsie is that she is getting along finely. The baby is said to be doing satisfactorily.

Chas. Rolla goes back to St. Paul today.

I think this is all the news.

It is reported to Robt. Hannah that the Hoot Lake reservoir grounds would not be acceptable for a golf course because 90. % of the people interested would not have anything to do with the Power Co. Pleasant situation isn't it? R.H. says he doesn't know why and is inclined to think that it is simply because it is a Power Co. Of the same kind of feeling is that of the Mountain people in Tennessee for the revenue grants. They are revenue agents that's all and we are a power Co. that's all. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 9, 1921

Dearest —

I have been spending the day going over letter files of O.T.P. business running back to the beginning. Nearly all the letters go into the waste basket but each has to be glanced at and some have to be read. It will take another day to go through all the files and get them ready to begin again.

Things are quiet. It has been colder for two or three days which makes spring seem farther away again. There was cooking club last night chug us Angie and I was bid but declined as did Chas. D. Munnay went and carried the offering.

With love

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March. 10. 1921.

Dearest —

Your activities and their results ~~fill~~ me with admiration and awe. It is very interesting to note the effect on Mr. Howard as I get it from your letter. If he is sure of his place in Cleveland why not go ahead and make a fight. If he loses he can fall back on his base, so to speak. I hope he will win out. If you get a Ford democrat does the price quoted cover a starter and the rear fenders and tail light which are spoken of as extras in the circular? You will need all these things.

A 3-seater will be very useful for taking voters to the polls. I tried to get comparative prices from the F.F. agent but he didn't know of them. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Mch. 11. 1921.

Dearest -

This has been a day of waiting time. Nothing particularly important or useful or interesting.

Chas. D. was not feeling quite well and did not get up for breakfast but was at lunch. I think that he will be all right again. It continues cold and rather windy and I don't take evening walks to enjoy the balmy and I find that I am looking forward to the time when winter will have really gone.

No report concerning Elsie has come to me since Rock left but I think she must be all right.

Much love to G. L. & A. & C.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 12. 1921

Frank -

I have collected some Lib bond interest and enclose draft for \$7.⁴⁵ If you make detailed entry as I think you should for income tax purposes you should put it down as \$5.³³ 4th Lib. and \$2.¹² 3^d Lib interest.

Chas. D. is up but has not been out yet. It is cold and rather windy but bright and sunny. I shall be interested to learn what you do about your Henry for 9. That is number you would expect to carry in it I suppose. Who is going to learn you to run it? I have so far avoided learning. Should I have to reform the habit

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday mch. 13. 1921

Dearest -

I am going to try to get away on Wednesday but may have to postpone it till Thursday.

A local contractor is making up an estimate of the cost of the proposed office building and he may not have it ready as soon as I should like.

The most important business for the C.T.P.C. just now is to write advertisements which will induce its customers to put their money into its bonds. Only two obstacles are in the way. First, they may not have any money and, second, they may not want to use it for our purposes if they have got it. So you see that the work of the advertiser is cut out for him. Elsie is reported going home soon. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 14. 1921.

Dearest —

I have another sore throat
and Dr. F., whom I caught just
as he was going to the train to be
gone two days, says it is
connected with digestive troubles.

All of which I had suspected.
Apparently the only way to be
healthy is to stop eating. Then
one can be sure of not eating the
wrong thing. In the absence of
Dr. F. Miss F. will spray and
swab me.

Otherwise all is well with

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 15. 1921

Dearest -

I am still expecting to get away Wednesday afternoon.

Miss F. sprayed me this afternoon and my throat feels better. I think I shall escape a real attack this time.

There is absolutely nothing doing in F.F. except meetings of Elks and other associations where they do what they call "work" Everyone is waiting to see what will turn up.

Y.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 1. 1921

Draught G. —

I enclose Apr. draft [#]500.
Oiler Sail band int — 18.
" " preferred dis. — 7.

The train was prompt in leaving N.Y. and arriving in 7.7. Chas. D. seems pretty well. Mary says his voice is better since she began giving him hot water in the morning. I can't see the improvement. The day is beautiful and men are coming in asking for jobs. VAW.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 3, 1921

Dearest G. -

Your selection of desk lamp appears to have been satisfactory to the Hannah family. I gave it to Mr. H. telling him that it could be exchanged or returned if not entirely satisfactory but he brought back a check for \$7.00 and appeared quite pleased.

It is reported that the Adams triple will return to their reservation today. Margaret and Mary J. are already in the house.

Chas. Rotts came up Friday night and says his family is well and that little David is now using a screw driver to remove door knobs. The day is fine and I wish you were here. W.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 3, 1921.

Dearest G.

I have sent off my monthly drafts and at the same time have notified Jennie that we might be calling on her for a day about May 20th — exact date to be given later. I asked her if it would be convenient to have us at that time and if no to write me at once at T.T.

Chas. D. is not so well. I don't know whether it is a serious turn. He was up yesterday when I came but evidently not feeling well. Otherwise everything is unchanged. \$500. enclosed.
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 4. 1921.

Frank G. —

Of course your telephone message was not unexpected but I had hoped that he would pull through.

I am planning to come down tomorrow evening. (Tuesday) on the usual train.

With much love

V.

Hoping to see you Thursday. p.m.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 12. 1921.

Dearest V. —

The day is beautiful and we are starting things. In another week or two work will be really going ahead — unless it rains or freezes up again.

Chas. D. is about the same. So is Elmer E. — even to his questions about my business. He tells me that Walter Eggstrom was trying to get me to write to Chas. Rolla who is apparently siding with the Bolsheviks is opposing the St. Ry. bill. He always has had a strong tendency that way like many other otherwise useful people. I hope Mr. Keys is at work this afternoon. The coal should arrive Wednesday evening v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 18. 1921

Dearest G.

I send you extra \$15. for last year's Standard G. & E. coupons and also enclose proxy for you to sign and mail.

Tomorrow I am planning to go to Detroit and other towns and so you will not get the daily scribble the next day.

I hope you found the little girls proper and the rest of the household not too unfit.

Nothing is happening here but it is a beautiful day such as there should be next week in mpls. with love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Apr. 20. 1921

We drove yesterday 50 miles to Detroit and then 45 miles to Ulaquomen which is south of Detroit and means "Rice" then back to Detroit for the night. Today we came back by another route through Trage and Berham arriving about 3:30 P.M. It was a rather hard drive but on the whole useful as a change from everyday mental processes. Also it is good to know something of your own state which was recently Indian Reservations and is now open rolling country with plenty of future prospects. Nothing seems to have happened in my absence except the drive for Commercial Club memberships - U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 21, 1921.

Dearest —

It is a rainy, windy day — the kind I am cheered up by in the summer time when the river begins to get low.

Otherwise it is a good day to work without interruptions because nobody goes abroad.

There are very many prospects of new business just below the horizon and we are trying to get them to come over into the open. It is a rather exciting game when the element of competition is in it. I am still planning to be at home Sat. night v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 22. 1921.

Dear —

This has been another day of drizzle — not very wet but just enough to stop outside work. Mr. Kennedy and I have spent a large part of the day making figures for a proposal to the city of Detroit which we would like very much to get into our lines. The plot is getting thick all around and he will be kept busy driving his new flier. I am glad I don't have to do it myself. A week in Upto. will be better. Enclosed a card from my mother

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 4. 1921

Laurel -

The speech came off today according to schedule. My impression of the Rotarians is that they try to be more boisterously jolly than they really are. The result is somewhat hollow and artificial.

I did not cover myself with glory and toward the end I got astray somewhat but the total effect was probably passable.

What would you? I am not a public speaker. Chas D. is somewhat better.

B.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 5, 1921

Dearest —

Before I talked with you this morning Mrs. Hannah gave me a list of three items — 1. Prohibited foods for Ann — 2. Pillow for Ann. — 3 - Plain sewing for Selma when with Ann. Later she said she would write to you which I suppose she has done. I hope the little girl will not delay you long and I am particularly disturbed about your getting tired attending her before you start. Char. S. is about the same but is allowed to eat a little more and I think his condition is not serious and that he will pick up in a few days. With love to the
U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 6. 1921.

Leavitt —

Today I have dealt one blow
at Chaos by getting my taxes
paid — at least most of them.
also the job of grading the
river banks has at last been
taken up again. So it seems
as though some progress is being
made. The worst is that as
soon as one thing is done another
which did not exist demands attention.

The day is fine. Chas. S. is a
little better but is still kept as
very short rations and Mary sees
that he doesn't break the rules.
My love to the v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest G.

May 8. 1921

This afternoon I have been at Swan Lake playing with the plumbing. It is going to be necessary to have a plumber. The shut off under the sink is out of order and the kitchen faucets are not tight and the lead waste pipe from the sink had a dip in it which held enough water to freeze and split the pipe.

Dr. F. tells Mary that Chas. S. is improving but I can't see much gain. He gets tired very easily. Yesterday he was dressed but today he did not feel like dressing. He is allowed to eat a little more but still not much. I will call you up tomorrow night (Monday) U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 9. 1921

Dearest -

after talking with you I was unable to get Mrs. Hannah by telephone but will see her or talk with her later. So if you don't hear from me before train time you may know that it is all right for Ann to come up.

I am very glad to hear that Lois is better and that we can go East together. The sooner the better for me but don't think you have to hurry
U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 10. 1921

Dearest G -

The train was on time and the party arrived safely and in good spirits - principally Ann's.

Mrs. Waters said both children were entirely good on the trip.

It rained heavily an hour before the train was due and only stopped a few minutes before its arrival so I got Mr. Elliott's closed car. We delivered Ann and Mr. Hannah and then went on to Channing Ave with Mrs. Waters and Sister. Mrs. Hannah is at a party at Wright Hosp. and will not be home until a little after five but Mr. Hannah will be with Ann. She greeted me cheerfully on the Station platform as said goodbyes as cheerfully at the Hannah house.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 11. 1921

Dearest —

This afternoon I took a plumber to Swan L. and put the faucets in order and did the repairs which were needed. The water is now turned on so that the cleaners will have it and I think there is no further danger of freezing.

I had a letter from Jessie Hardy this morning bidding us to Copake and explaining the method of getting there from Albany.

Mr. & Mrs. Hannah were out this evening but I saw Ann with the very nice looking girl who was putting her to bed. Ann seemed very contented. V

Piazza by Sevenside

Sunday, June 19, 1921

Dearest G. -

It was a long hot ride to Mpls. touched up a bit by a rather long hot wait in Chicago. The train was full of girls and boys after leaving Springfield. My section drew a graduate '21 from Smith's School who lived in Kansas City. She had her reasonable points and looked a bit Jewish but her voice had been untouched or unfiled by Smith's and would pass a board.

It was just as hot in Mpls. but Lucy was in good condition and good spirits and chums. Buzer took good care of us and supplied us with lunch for the train. Lucy had just lost her glasses so I had to get another pair at #12. Dr. Stuart said the same prescription would be right. He found my eyes a little better than ^{last} time so I am continuing without dose for them. Your week-end bag had not arrived but I presume it has since come in. Our train was late in leaving Mpls. so Lucy + I had an hour and a half to wait in the hot station. The train was crowded and pretty uncomfortable until we

reached St. Cloud but at that point we were able to get seats on the shady side and with open windows through which the cinders did not come we got along comfortably. Mr. H. and Ann. met us at T.T. Ann is as plump and rosy as ever or more so. We picked up Mrs. Waters & Howard and were home even than usual and arrived safely at Swanside about 7 P.M. Ann & Lucy had had supper at the Hannah's so there was no difficulty on that account. Lucy & I immediately set about making beds. The wrap sheets are undoubtedly in the wrong beds but blankets are hardly necessary. Today it is still hot but there has been a good breeze across the lake all day which has kept us comfortable. We were quite without silver so this morning we drove in again to get Ann's trunk. Now we are all right. I have taken down the winter curtains and can't find the green ones. Think they must be at Mrs. Bakke's. Also the awning curtains. Mrs. Waters says her check for \$50 which she deposited or sent to the T.T. bath. Bank somehow did not get her

credit. She wants ³ you to ~~bring~~ the voucher
so that it can be shown to the bank in case
it has been paid. If it never was returned
to you it must have been lost and if so
she will be entitled to a new check.

Miss Katy & Miss Jessie are here with Ruth & Marion.
The Hamicks are here for the day. The Adams
are all here for the season, I think. There
are probably others but I have not yet
explored. The lake is rather high and the
water is quite warm. Ann & Lester have
been ⁱⁿ at our beach and Lucy has been in
with the Runnys. They will not go in
when I am not here.

Ann & Lucy send their love and we
all wish you were here in this very comfy
spot. Ann has been playing with a very
beautiful moth. Ann is all right but
the moth is no better for the experience.

I had only 5.00 to leave with Mrs. Berger
but she said it would be sufficient.

Don't stay away any longer than you need
to. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 20. 1921.

Dearest -

Lucy has gone to Swan Lake with Margaret. She stayed in to see Dr. Finkbeiner till afternoon and I took her out about 3:30 with Billy and some bags.

Dr. F. examined her eyes and wants to see her again in two days. He thought her cold was doing well and gave no treatment. It is a busy time and I ought not to leave at all but I am going to just the same. The day is beautiful and the crops are fine.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 22. 21

Dear G -

I have just sent the bond for Thomas' registration at Harvard but did not inform him that he is slated to to his grandfather at the pigant on July 4.

As July 4 comes on Monday he will have very little time for rehearsal but I think he should come up as directly as possible. I will try to find out about costume.

The little girls are doing well but we shall be glad to have them running here again.
Much love
D.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 23. 1921

Dearest —

Aunt says she forgot to
say in her letter "When are
you coming home?"

I don't think you need
be alarmed by Lucy's letter.
Aunt scraps with Lester when
I am not there and with Lucy
when I am there but it seems
to be about normal scrapping.

Lucy is in town this afternoon.
It will probably be the only
time till you get here.

With love,

I hope you will omit the auditions for Mrs. Hannah

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Aug. 12. 1921

Dear G.

Aunt acquired another
nickel by the pillow way
last night. She seems very
well and quite herself again.

The boys went to the Francis
birthday picnics.

We seem to be getting on
well but shall be glad to have
you and Lucy at the table
with us. The table is quite
scarcely furnished with people
and the talk is much reduced.

V.

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VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 9. 1921

Dearest G. —

It would seem from the letters coming from Andover and Cambridge that both boys think we are still at Swan Lake! I could wish we were only not today for it is raining and dark and cold. Murray and I are going to dine with the Adamesses. It was a surprise that M. would go. He has been keeping at home most of the week.

Mary says he can't eat when anyone is there but you should see him when he is alone with her. He does not seem in bad shape but I cannot see any improvement. I hope the last farewells with the boy from Warsaw were gotten past without too much emotion. My love to Ann, Lucy and G. — U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 11, 1921

Dearest —

I am planning to go with Messrs. Adams, Hannah and McMahon on a two days trip to the North Country - meaning the region north of Detroit.

We start this afternoon and probably return same time on Thursday. So you won't hear from me till I get back. There are some water powers up there which I want to learn something about. Much love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 13, 1921

Dearest G -

We had a very good trip
with the best of weather and
got back at home today.

Mr. Adams drove most of
the way and ran us into
the ditch only once. Why
does a man who keeps his
eye fixed to the road when
he is driving forget
all about it when he drives
himself. I am forwarding
another letter from Cyrus.
I had a little cold when we
started but it is better now.
I hope yours is too. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 14, 1921

Dearest -

Nothing in particular has happened today but it has been a busy day nevertheless.

Murray continues about the same. He didn't want any dinner last night but came to breakfast and lunch today.

It is warm - almost summer again and Ches's barometer in my room is moving toward rain! I wish I could hear the canon with you tonight.
With love to you all
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 27. 1921

Dearest G. —

I didn't write yesterday because we had a Nor. States man here all day to talk business with us.

Today I have had an outing with Anne. We went down to Dayton Hollow and tramped over plowed fields locating a line to be surveyed. It was quite a joy to be out and the weather was fine. If Mrs. Hannah is going to be with you most of the week I think I should like to stay until the end of the week instead of Thursday. I believe there is no concert this week. My love to thee &

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 18, 1921.

Dearest -

with Mrs. Hannah in Minneapolis
I assume that you will not come
to F.F. this week and I want to
stay until the end of the week as
I said yesterday.

There are so many new things
coming up that business is
perhaps more exciting than at any
time since the O.T.P. has been
in operation. Principally competition
for territory. It is again that
can only be played once as a rule
and the results are permanent and
therefore important. Mrs. Adams
brought up a blue sweater which
she said belonged to you U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest —

Oct. 28, 1921

You left T.T. about an hour too soon. If you had stayed longer you would have had the pleasure of seeing my smiling face again.

We spent two days driving in the rain but the coupé was dry and warm enough. No tangible results of the trip but we shall go again and hope to accomplish something finally in the way of new business.

I understand that Murray was away while you were here until yesterday when he stayed in bed so that I assume you didn't see him. I am sorry. He was well enough on his trip. I send Cy's regards which are pretty good. b.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 30. 1921.

Dearest G. —

I went to Swan L. this morning to turn off or to drain the last trap which I had forgotten to attend to. Pete has painted the floors two coats of rather dark green and they look pretty well. Everything was in order. The day is perfect and makes me regret that we could not have had October at the lake. There was no one there but a car at the Welch's made me guess that Jeffery was out shooting and there came reports of game from across the lake. Last night

Mary gave us fresh tomatoes — the last from her garden — and they were ripe.

We are not ready for winter yet but the work is going on well and with fair weather this month we shall finish the dam so as to put the use of it this winter. Much love from V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

Oct. 31, 1921

This has been another beautiful day and Geoffrey and I have taken advantage of it to do some prospecting down below Dayton Hollow. It was very good fun to be out and also good for the appetite.

Tomorrow night is Cooking Club and Mrs. Adams asked me to try to persuade Murray to go. She says the younger members of the old families have been taken in.

Mary is preparing chickens from force of habit I suppose. In a day or two or three I expect to go to Detroit again with Mr. Kennedy if the weather holds.

I am wondering about Ann and Helen's parties.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 1. 1921

Dearest —

I got your good long letter this morning and liked it so well that I think I could stand more. Just the same it is annoying that the Sym. concerts do not arrange themselves for my convenience. I had planned for a concert Nov. 11 but can not see any way to getting home this week.

Tomorrow Mr. K. and I go to Detroit and beyond stations if the weather holds good as it now promises.

The plot for new business continues to be fairly thick and keeps him busy all the time and we sometimes. Nov. check enclosed.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 4. 1921.

Dearest G -

We got back at noon today after a two day trip to the frozen north. The weather was fine and the roads were good and we saw the people we wanted to see. How much good it may do to us we cannot yet know but we are hopeful. By a curious chance Mr. Adams, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Lemington and Murray W. were just ahead of us. a Building Assn. business going to exactly the same towns. The floor slab of the new office bldg. is being poured and if it doesn't freeze too hard that job will be out of the way soon for the winter. Mike is still working on the dam. The Carnegie Tablet has been shipped and should be here soon. I hope they haven't given us something unrecognizable.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 5. 1921

Dearest —

The afternoon has been enlivened by a
tramp over certain flange lands which
we are trying to secure from our old
friend Emerson — the man who always
gets the best of every deal and doesn't
feel that he has quite done justice.
To his training as a horse trader unless
he has done up the other party.
We had a damage suit with him
a year ago and have had many
deals with him in the past.

Otherwise the day has passed without
event. I have signed my name 225
times and have the same number
more to do. It would be boring
if I didn't try to do stunts with my
signature — such as
Vernon A. Wright

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 7. 1921

Dearest —

Today we have been having the first snow which makes winter look near. My building has been carried nearly as far as it will go until spring. The floor slab is in place so the basement can be entered and heated.

The dome is still unfinished and will require another month of work. But the big pay roll is over and I breathe a little more easily. Pay rolls are good for the unemployed but they came a little hard on the inflated rich just at this time. It seems a long time since I saw my family and it will be longer before next Saturday night. I do not see how I can come sooner than Sat. Meanwhile my love &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 8. 1921

Dearest —

You may expect me
on the usual train Wed.
night which will give
me a chance to make
your acquaintance for
a day before you leave
for Chicago Thursday.
With love
V.

1418-17 St.

Des Moines Iowa

M. E. Wollensack

Aug 8
10 am.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 26. 1921

Dearest G. -

I arrived safely. Work had been at nearly a stand-still on acct of cold weather but is now going ahead again.

Murray has just taken another rest cure of three days but is out again today and looks pretty well. I enclose draft for Liberty bond coupons which should be entered as ~~noted~~ noted in the memo.

all are cleared.

Law.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 27. 1921

Dearest -

I enclose Cyrus' card and
a clipping from the Pioneer
Press which you probably
knew all about. It would
seem that people afflicted
with that disease should
live in Cape Cod and eat
sea weed salad.

I don't think there is any
news in T.T. At any rate it
hasn't come to me.

How about Mrs. Evans as
house-keeper? Is she
willing? With love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 28. 1921

Dearest -

Today has been just an ordinary day with nothing in particular to mark it.

Chas. R. is at home again.

He seemed well enough on Sat.

The chief outstanding fact seems to be a scarcity of cash money. There are so many things which we could do and ought to do if only we had the capital. Others have had the same experience so why worry. This letter reminds me of Mrs. Bygones style. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 29. 1921.

Grand —

Char. Della is down at his office again. He looks all right. It may perhaps be his appendix that troubles him instead of a cold. Otherwise the little would wrap as usual. I am afraid I cannot come down for the Friday concert. There are bills to pay and little money and I may have to stay and do what I can to meet the situation. We are just finishing up most of the summer work and the bills are coming in hand and fast. We are trying to sell some of our bands. Much love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 30. 1921

Dearest G. -

Mrs. Hannak wants to know whether you are coming and if you do she expects you stay with her.

Today I have had my teeth cleaned and one of them filled. Have had my throat treated for redness not soreness and have had my jaw x-rayed for a possible fracture of tooth which may be still there.

Otherwise nothing new. The weather is good for Mike and we are thankful - V.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's will is interesting isn't it?

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 1, 1921.

Dearest —

I went over to the
G. W. Station this afternoon on the
chance of meeting you. It would
have been agreeable even if I do
think it was wise not to come.

The Carnegie tablet can hardly be
read in its location over the door
and it will be necessary to have the
letters touched up with black or gold.
I am afraid gold would not show
much better than at present.

The O.T.D. advertisement in the T.T.
Journal has produced some results.

Miss Kerens will probably take a bond
on partial payment plan. I am
sending check for \$400. which is all
I can do at the moment but hope to
make up the difference soon. With love &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 2, 1921

Scars -

I have just finished a session with the committee of the city council which has waited on me to find out how much we intend to raise the water at the old - new dam thereby damaging immediately most of the real estate in the city. When I assured them we had no such intention they wanted me to make a written statement that we would do no illegal things. I objected that they shouldn't assume such intentions on our part. We got on very amiably and parted on good terms at just the point where we had begun. I wish I could hear the "Evoica" tonight with thee. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 4. 1921

Dearest Y —

I think now that if I stay here until Friday I may be able to go home and be there until after New Year. There is a man coming here in about a week whom I want to see but I think he will also go to N.Y. and if so I can probably arrange to see him there. The work on my barnment is just about finished for the winter. I haven't paid all the bills but think I can do so by Friday so as to leave the job properly attended to. Mike is still putting along but Goffy can manage him. I wish you could manage to drop just three lines — or three poems of course — once in a while. I get to thinking all sorts of things when I don't hear from you and the longer the worse. Otherwise all is well. My tooth is filled and Dr. F. couldn't find any unnecessary parts in his picture of my jaw. My love to the V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 5. 1921

Grand -

Had you heard that on Sat. night before midnight there arrived Thomas Lincoln and John Adams Eschweiler, brothers.

Dorothy went to the hospital at 7:30 P.M. and is reported all right. Mrs. Adams left Sunday afternoon. and Mrs. Egghart is here for a day or two with her mother.

That is all that is exciting today.

With love and hope to
see you soon now.

Chas. R. brought in C.J. To call on me. He looks well.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 6. 1921

Dearest -

An uneventful day. Murray did not come down to breakfast or lunch. He probably will be at dinner. The work goes slowly. The principal interest just now centers on getting in enough money to meet obligations.

The advertisements in the Journal are producing some results but not large ones. Driftlets will be all right if only they continue long enough. Last spring the driftlets started well but ran dry at the same time the river did. Probably Friday &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 7. 1921

Dearest -

Mr. McMahon and Murray have
gone off with Mr. Adams on a
bdg. assem. trip so I am alone
in the house.

Last evening I spent with Mr. ^{A.S.} Anderson
who is chairman of a commission
which wishes to revise the rates
charged for power in F.F. by the O.T.P.
Co. It is not a very important
matter but may make a good deal
of bother. I mean the rates charged
to power consumers not the rate charged
the city. You have only to go into
the public utility business to become
an object of suspicion if not an
out and out bandit.

Very best love, V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 8. 1921

Dearest —

I got your letter this morning and am very sorry you are afflicted with a cold. I will try to see Mrs. Waters and will return to you bearing the victrola without fail. The records will have to be shipped but the machine will be safer if carried. Mrs. Hannah had just invited me to dinner Friday with Dr. Welch and I had declined but she seemed disappointed so in the strength of your suggestion I called her up and accepted. I shall really be glad to have another day to shake up. My love O.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 9. 1921

Dearest —

Mrs. Waters has just returned from No. Dak. She is apparently willing to come after Jan. 1. but with characteristic thrift, when I said \$13 she said \$15. I think she is immovable at that figure but she suggested that she would do more work before I read your letter to her. She wants you to write to her. She would do some ironing. I don't know whether she would estimate the exact value of the ironing so as to make up the difference between \$13. and \$15. per week and stop short at that point. She is not inclined to come at once.

V.