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375 Collins Street,  
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Mr. W. C. Simmons,  
The Journal-World,  
LAWRENCE, Kansas.

Dear W.C.:

I came back from the States arriving in Australia on the 20th August, and am in full swing again, greatly improved, I believe, by my pleasant but busy experiences in the States.

I only had two nights and a day in Lawrence and I missed seeing you and Gertrude more than any other single thing. You know a hundred of my friends called to see me at the Chancellor's the night he gave me a reception. I thought that was a very fine tribute as the only notice was the one put in your paper. I enjoyed Rotary very much also and presented the little pennant from the Melbourne Club here.

Lawrence seemed to be very prosperous and the town was greener than usual. I was fortunate in being there when it was not too hot, for there were some very hot days afterwards. I hope that you and Gertrude enjoyed your summer stay in Minnesota very much and that you are now back in good old Kansas.

I had two weeks in the east, most of the time being spent in Washington and I met many of the Generals and Admirals as well as Mr. Grew and others in the State Department. I also had a nice chat with Admiral Nimitz on the way East.

I have taken up the thread again in Rotary and attended a big conference meeting, where all the Presidents of two-thirds of Australia were seated, and I was the honor guest. Will probably do some speaking later in Tasmania and parts of Australia where I have not spoken.

The latest letter from my good wife, dated September 5th, said she had had a very fine outside garden party for the Armels and the Beals in our garden in Berkeley. I was very much pleased with the house Philena bought for us and the garden is very fine only its very steep and rocky and as we get older might not be too good for us.

You are as well up on the war out here as I am and know that its going very well although perhaps a bit slow at the present. However don't be too impatient for this is the typhoon season for a large part of the Western Pacific and the season should be over by the last of October.