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Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel:

I was mighty sorry to know that you had had your accident. It is easy enough for any of us to make a misstep now and then and sometimes with bad results. I hope that your arm is recovering rapidly and that it will be as good as new soon.

Gertrude broke her arm near the shoulder and the recovery was so perfect that she has not since had an ache nor pain and has had no occasion to remember the break. Your break, being near the wrist, is in a way more serious. It was kind of tough on you, too, to have it happen while the folks were away.

I don't blame you for not wanting to travel while restrictions are on. It was announced this week that with the return of casualties from France that all reservations to private parties could be cancelled without notice, and this could go to the extent of routing a man out of his reservations in order to put a wounded man in. Trains might even be abandoned and a man might be put off a train and left to get out of a town in any way he could. Tough as this may seem, it is not as bad as the experiences the boys are having over there, and I am sure every loyal American will be glad to step aside to help them.

There is a good time coming, however, I hope, when our personal rights and privileges will again be recognized and respected.

I am pleased with the conduct of the Republican National Convention and with its nominees. Dolph left for Chicago last Saturday and I expect him home sometime Sunday. Marie will not return with him but will go on to Detroit to visit some friends. All of this I may have told you in my last letter.

Lots of love and best wishes,

From Your Cousin

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