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My dear Colonel:

Since writing you the last time, we received your very interesting Christmas greeting. I would string all of those names you mentioned and wear them around my neck as a necklace if I were not afraid that the weight would choke me.

We had a very pleasant visit, indeed, with Mrs. Baldwin. We enjoyed having her with us, and I hope that her friends in Lawrence succeeded in showing her a good time.

While we are not always happy over the way our federal government is managing affairs, we are heart and soul behind our boys and men in the military forces and have gone over the top every time in all war drives. An assessment of \$2,000,000.00 for the Fourth War Loan Bond Drive is a pretty heavy burden for Lawrence, but over three-fourths of it has already been subscribed, and I am sure we shall again go over the top. Personally, I haven't made an investment of any sort excepting in war bonds since the war started, and on the other hand two or three amounts that we had out on mortgages that came in, were used for additional purchases of bonds, and a recent sale of an 80-acre farm over in Leavenworth County will result in an additional purchase.

The shop employees and the amounts that are permitted to be credited to the shop have run the total up to about \$11,500. We feel that our workers have done mighty well because they have had no windfalls and have been forced to pay the prices now charged for merchandise, which, although not exorbitant, is somewhat above the peace-time scale and on top of that, they have had the deductions for withholding tax and other things.

The old homestead would probably look inviting to you, at least on the inside, but it needs paint on the exterior, and we have not as yet been able to get the work done.