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Dear Janet:

I was mighty glad to get your letter written Monday night. For tonight I have invited Doctor and Mrs. Fetter, our pastor and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Addy, members of our congregation, Mr. Addy is the agent of the Santa Fe; and Mrs. Paul Rankin to take dinner with me at the Eldridge House.

You mentioned the nice trips that Dolph and family have taken. It so happens that the first trip that Dolph made to Germany was upon invitation from the War Department. This invitation, doubtless, resulted from Dolph's active friendship for the Sunflower Ordnance work and the efforts that he made to promote its usefulness. He served as chairman of two meetings at which the Secretary of War, an Admiral of the Navy, and a General of the Army, and others were present, and apparently made a favorable impression on the Secretary of War Patterson.

Just how Dolph's acquaintance with Admiral Denfeld began, I don't recall at this moment but the Admiral and his wife have been dinner guests at Dolph's home and it was upon an invitation from Admiral Denfeld that Dolph took his flight around the world as a civilian member of a Naval project whose special purpose was to check on the logistics of the Navy's outlying stations throughout the world.

His coming trip to South America came in his acceptance of an invitation to be the guest of the Braniff Airways.

The trips to New Orleans were personal and for pleasure and at their expense. Trips to the east have sometimes been to meetings of the Associated Press, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and these trips were taken at the expense of the office because he was representing the newspaper. Running a newspaper now days is a far different proposition from what it was in the days gone by.