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Dear Cousin,

I presume you are very happy now over the return of Willard from the Far East. It seems to me that the war in Korea is just another blunder, chargeable to this administration. When we went into an agreement with other nations to avoid war, we simply hotfooted right into it. A humorous writer of some years ago said that he thought it was good for a dog to have fleas for it kept him from remembering that he was a dog, and so perhaps the unsatisfactory administration we are now having under Truman should make us all thankful that we are not Democrats. As an employer of men, I don't know just where Truman could earn wages as an employee, but as the titular head of our government, he certainly is costing us a plenty in lives and in money.

Maybe there is no such thing as a successful government. England has just ended a rather painful experience, and whether Churchill can put the country back onto a more sound foundation or not is a big problem. England long had its spell of greatness, and perhaps that spell has been forever ended. I would hate to see England and the United States fade out, facing the possibility that their exit would open the way for Russian servitude.

You really ought to correspond with our cousin, Mrs. Calla Gregg, Gregg Haven, Montrose, California. She was the daughter of Joseph Cowdy. Joseph Cowdy was a brother of mama's and of Uncle Williams's.