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Mr. Dolph Simons
c/o Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

Ernie told me this morning that Mr. "W. C." had gone.

I need not tell you that his going is a personal loss. Indeed, a truly great American has gone.

Your father was the personification of an era that is so truly American. He exemplified the most cherished traditions of America; virility, vision, imagination, perseverance, fortitude, Godliness, manliness, strength, character, kindness, compassion, parental affection and devotion.

He reflected the finest attributes that made America great. He experienced in his personal life the trials and heartaches, joys and sorrows along with the victories of a self-made man. He came to the end of his fruitful life with full confidence of the soundness of his life's work. He was proud of his family and his business and certainly he was justified. He knew, too, that his tradition, his family, his business, and his most cherished hopes would carry on.

I know full well that your father left in perfect peace and with that big smile and firm clasp of his, I can see him embrace his beloved wife up there and hear her say, "Congratulations, Dad. Well done"!

Yours is a priceless heritage, Dolph; and through you and your sons and all of the other grandchildren, W. C. Simons will live through the years. How happy you can be to know that he was your Dad.

I, too, admired, respected and love him.

Ruth and Johnny join me in deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

