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Mukden
April 7th 1910

My dearest Dorothy
I was so glad
to get your note
with its amusing
account of your
intercourse with
the mutual Shakespeare
How I should love
to see you & talk
over many things.
You will now quite
realize what it
meant to me to
have you with me
a day ago. - Iwa.

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hungering for Crème
& you came to me
in her stead & your
sweet & sympathetic
personality, & loving
attitude, helped
my pain -, dear
Child - I have always
had a peculiarly
tender spot for you -
We have just left
Peking, & I do not
wonder that you Beatrix
enjoyed your stay there
so much - Everyone
still speaks of your
visit as "the happy

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get with great capacities for leisure
pursuit - a rare combination indeed
Mr Harrison too is such a perfect
gentleman & so intelligent that the
days seem quite perfect - &
after the many charming Englishmen
we had met I was glad to
find that these Americans
were quite as charming, & had
besides a little something, while
unyielding which Englishmen
often lack -
We have been much amused at our
reception in China - largely to

(2) April 7, 1900
to give American Tact
I think, Mr Hay
read me Taft's personal
letter about him
being received by
the Regent - in a way
which made the
Government treat me
as if I had an
official position,
& I have never felt
such an impostor!
They have passed
private cars upon
us entertained us
at the Summer Palace
& at their private
houses had guards
of gild creatures on
shaggy ponies follow

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Whereas we went, & now at breakfast, the victory has rested upon our being the guests, & lost half the hotel for us! I embarrass me greatly for it is all such a farce as I am in no way proud but the comic side of it affects one's sense of humor greatly - When we arrived here we were brought through a triumphal arch, erected in one hour, with the American flag

The Imperial Japanese Legation
Tokio
My dear Miss Straight
Your letter of Dec 15th reached me on May 11 & I am delighted to receive it. Do write me a long letter & tell me all about yourself & your family. I remember Mr. Straight very well & I am sure he will be glad to hear from you. Please remember me kindly to him & to Mrs. Straight.
Yours sincerely
Chinda
Minister Plenipotentiary

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Cristobal.
Tuesday. Aug. 9th

Carina.

I loved your cable so. It was just like you. The baby will be four weeks old on Friday and she is bursting with pat. I am nursing her entirely & will probably keep it up for two months more. Herman pro-

ably wrote you that she was very wind forking, but she really has improved, though she has a long road to travel! - It really wasn't as bad as the first time. I started in at 5.30 a.m. & the baby came at 4.30 but I did'nt begin to feel very badly until 3 o'clock. Since then I have

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felt funny and am walking around the floor & H. carries me down to dinner. We are leaving here for Ipswich on Monday & I just can't wait to be off. Mamma was here for two weeks after the baby came and we had such a nice time together. Edith came out for one day and Anita came for Sunday. Baupie has been in Asheboro with the Kinnicutts for almost two weeks & I miss him so terribly. He will meet us in Ipswich. I read & knit all day & somehow the days go by & quite quickly. My nurse is a good nurse but

not much of a companion so I am alone all the time. I can't get into any of my last years clothes & am so discouraged. Well now I've come to the exciting part of my letter!!! I was having my bath Sunday morning when H. rushed upstairs with such a look of excitement on

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It was my first day really up so I was pretty wobbly & shaky & when I tried to get into a white skirt & it wouldn't meet anywhere near I nearly wept but had to go down stairs until it opened & decided not to get up pour the soja at all so he wouldn't see! Well M. met him at the station at one o'clock & then he appeared & really D. I hardly know what to say except that I absolutely lost my heart. His sweetness and thoughtfulness & me, his charm, his conversation, his looks. Oh! everything. I just loved him. It was such a land

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same thing happened
two hours &
each time as he
began to realize more what
was happening he
got slightly more
embarassed! Oh!
D. I was so awfully
unattractive & nervous
& not having seen
any one for so long
my head buzzed &
I was hopeless. & I
had to walk in & the
position for him as
you may well imagine
and he was so nice
and natural about
it. He and H.
lunched alone &
then while we were
talking afterwards
the baby appeared &
be nursed & H. had
to make excuses &
get Mr. Straight into
the next room & closed
the door!! This

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dining room for dinner
with my shirt wide open!
I don't know what was
the matter ~~with~~ with H. but
he would take us into
to leave us & I became
desperate. At last they
played tennis & then we
had tea & then we
saw H. off & talked for
an hour. I ~~do~~ suppose
its a foolish thing for me
to say as these things can
never be understood but
I don't see how you can
expect pain coming such
a man when he loves
you so and you certainly
know him very intimately.
Oh! dearest D. I wish
you could to I know

AUG 9 1919 4.

he'd make you
so absolutely happy.
I think you can
see written all over
him that he is fond
and fine & I don't
see how you can
help falling in love
with him. Of course
there was very little
for me to say as I
have no idea of your
feelings but I do hope
I was sympathetic.

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Of course you must want
to come home D. but
I do hope you will
find when you do that
you love him because
I know that that would
make you happier than
you've ever been in your
life & though I don't think
am more worthy of you
I think that this would
do his best to be so.
He said he thought Beatrice
liked him — Will you
forgive me for writing all
this. I'm afraid I've
said too much, but you
understand me don't you
& know that my one idea
is for you to have the
greatest happiness in the world.

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he'd make you 4.
so absolutely happy.
I think you can
see written all over
him that he is fond
and fine & I dont
see how you can
help falling in love
with him. Of course
there was very little
for me to say as I
have no idea of your
feelings but I do hope
I was sympathetic.

AUG 9 1910

I long so for 5.
you & feel as
if the days would
fly by fast enough
till Oct. 14th.
You dear wonderful
person, how many
thanks for the love
gift. It is the only
one that she
received & she will
be proud of it all
her life!
In reading this over it
looks as if I thought

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you were met happy
+ that this was your
one chance & be happy!
Please don't ~~don't~~ take
it that way, it all
leads up to this ——
I would love to have
you love
but don't marry unless
you do —— Ah!
why aren't you here —
DO WRITE —
Your Mag.

May Tuckerman Kinnicutt
(Mrs Herman)

after felt that its influence
has given me more real strength
than any thing else in this world.
I have in mind a particular
instance, when after a talk
with William I changed my
entire attitude toward life,
and much for the better, I
assure you. — I rejoice at
his success, as though they
were my own and his little
weakness bring him nearer if
anything. — Sometimes I
preach to him & to dame women
that he has and to me and
so we hold up to mirror to
each other. —

Jan 3rd 1910 [1911] pc.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
OF MILWAUKEE

Dear Miss Whitney! —

Your dear letter, inclosing
this one from William came two
years Eve, and what a splendid
inspiration they both were for
that approaching day of conventional
hopes and banal good wishes! —
Billie, thou a thousand good
wishes! Some of the letters I
get from William actually thrill
me and this was one of them —
a thousand thanks for your
part in conveying it! —

You and yours right, our friendship
is a wonderful thing and I have

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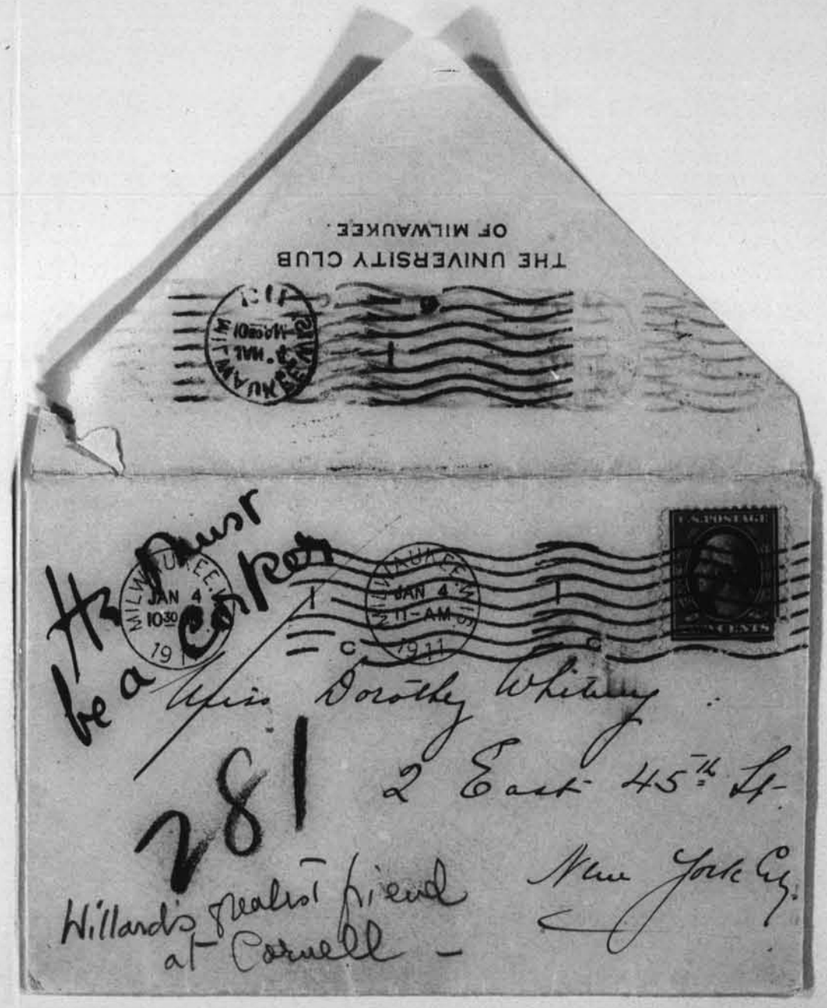
what he says in his letter is true in part. I'm afraid, but it is too late now for I am engulfed in affairs. Yet it is only another illustration of his frankness in confessing a change of front, which makes an exchange of views with him so tremendously worth while.

Mr Adonis Stephens spent Christmas with us and he has our usual boy talks about Straight, as he calls him. He is so proud of Pem and has such implicit confidence in his future, that it is a delight to talk to him on the subject.

I regretted exceedingly my failure to see you while I was, but I realize at the time that Willard's moments were so precious that it was quite an exceptional occasion for submerging self and wishes in order not to hamper our friend. However, I'll avail myself of your very friendly offer at the next opportunity and then we can talk of the people & things he highly touches upon. Sincerely Yours, Henry Stoddard Pratt



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Apr 6th
[1911]

111 EAST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET

TEL. 4161 LENOX

Dear Dorothy

Will you come & an informal meeting here Tues. Apr. 11th at 1.30? The Brew invited are Commis It is really important. Thank you again for

always had a new suggestion offer & we do not take defeat.

Warburg as you know is with Kuhn Loeb.

Yrs Sincerely
Ellis G.

Philadelphia Saturday

Secretary of War

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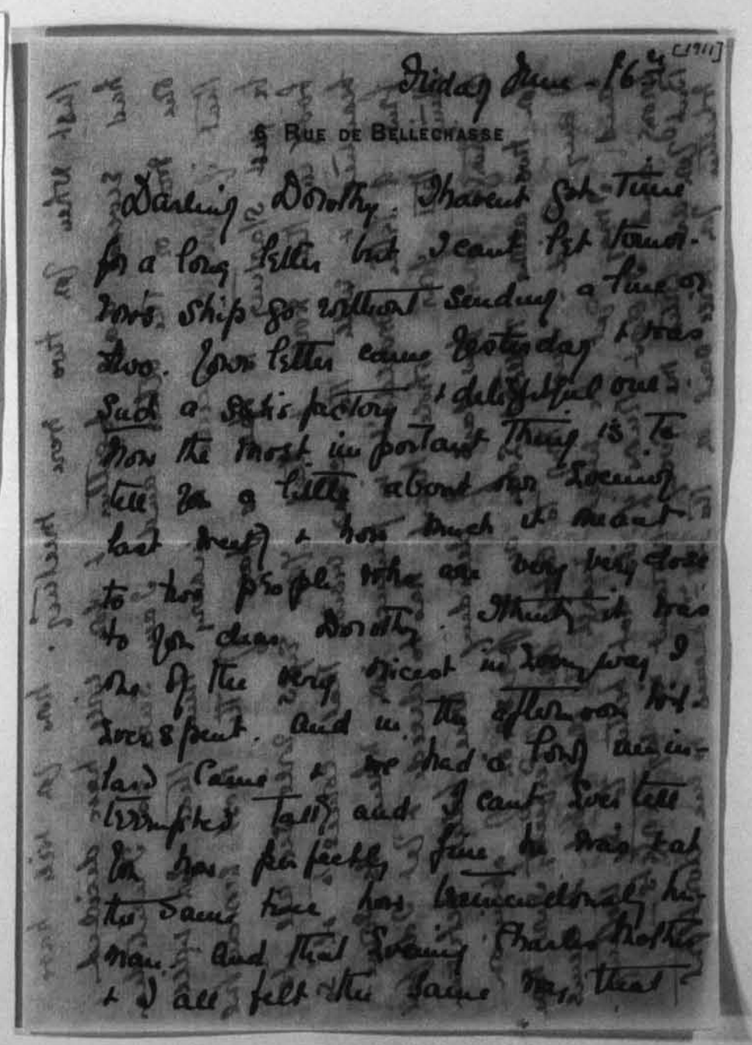
all you did & made
the entertainment
a success. Your
Choice of talent was
A. No 1!

W Harburg e-
galed me with

Grade of Willard
Straight. He said
he was doing Eglen
Eddy in China &
was able. Clever & re
sourceful. So that
if he was defeated
along the line he



Friday June - 16th [1911]

5 Rue de Bellechasse

Darling Dorothy. Thanks for time
for a long letter but I can't get round
Paris. Ship go without sending a line or
two. Your letter came yesterday & was
such a satisfactory & delightful one.
Now the most important thing is to
tell me a little about her Evening
last week & how much it meant
to her people who are very very close
to you dear Dorothy. Much it was
to me of the very nicest in many ways I
have spent. And in the afternoon Mrs
Lord came & we had a Lord & Lord
Irwin talk and I can't even tell
you how perfectly fine he was & at
the same time how irresistibly he
was. And that evening Charles Hoppin
& I all felt the same way that

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he had never seen a more charming
boat or one who was more natural &
at the same time for I sympathized so
keenly with a man almost dying of
thirst who gets the first taste of a glass
of clear water. It was perfectly won-
derful having the two remaining masts
clear away. They would be very thick ones
& I never noticed their going but they must
did because somehow I can't remember
anything as clearly except that I knew
I wanted terribly to have Dr marry
Willard & that I believe such will make
the other absolutely happy. I didn't write
before because I wanted Dr to see him
first. Dr see I am perfectly sure from
Dr letters that Dr care & that his
instinct Dr are to be this again it will
be all right. I think that perhaps it
is a little like reading or sacred.
Ground to have written Dr all this

just when Dr two were
had several days together
Dr may or the letter and
that if Dr do decide &
to just stand by
book until I
beautiful & will
first. I tell
Mary that
as though
to have alone with Dr
I and I may
Dr are
Butler Dr
Hilton Dr

meeting. how Dr will have
I for will have decided, I
I am sure so I consider
him that Dr will
of the most friendship
Dr says Dr'll see all Dr
that comes to Dr so
when Dr
Dr has to decide & Dr do feel
decided one better Dr
Dr & Dr. Dr Dr
"Perfectly sure Dr
Dr to decide but I seems
Dr that Dr Dr
Dr Dr
Dr Dr
25th Dr

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I would be so terrible hard for you both I can't even contemplate it. If you do I will of course be so overcome at the idea of seeing you that nothing will you have been so good. But I must just wash & do this graph the if you change your plans, I won't sailing - Here is a code. PERFECTION. (means:- Engaged to W. to be married abroad this summer) PERFECT. (means:- Engaged to W. plans undecided.) PERHAPS. (means. Engaged to W. not sailing 28th) WESTBURY. (means. Not engaged. plans unchanged sailing 28th CLAWRANCE. HARJES. Paris. is my cable address. And now my darling girl Goodbye and oh! so much love to you & two letter. Can tell you what is in my heart for you these days.

Yours.

Margaret Dix Cavanagh
Mrs Charles J.

Love to W. & to Beatrix.

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Miss Dorothy Whitney,

Westbury,

L. I.

Dear Madam:

We beg to call your attention to the fact that we read a complete list of papers published in the United States, also the larger papers of Canada.

Would you not be interested in receiving all the clippings pertaining to the subject as per enclosed item. We can furnish this service at the rate of 5¢ per clipping.

Trusting you will favor us with an order, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

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JL/D

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BORDENTOWN, N.J.

[7-24-11]

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Miss Anna
"The Mo
Nort
abroad - and your
application for [illegible]

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BROOKLYN, N. Y., EAGLE (15)

Friday, July 21, 1911.

MISS WHITNEY ENGAGED.

Society Is to Marry Willard D. Straight.

Society is discussing to-day the engagement of Miss Dorothy Whitney, sister of Harry Payne Whitney, to Willard D. Straight, formal announcement of which was made yesterday.

Mr. Straight was graduated from Cornell and entered the Chinese Imperial Maratime Customs. He has been active in Far Eastern matters, was the representative of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., Kuhn Loeb & Co., the National City and the First National Banks of this city in putting through the Chinese loans; was correspondent for Reuter's News Agency and the Associated Press of Japan, American Consul-General in Seoul and Mukden and for a year acting chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs of the State Department. He is a member of the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., the Cornell and University Clubs of New York, as well as others.

Miss Whitney has been just as active in her own way. She has been taking a very prominent part in work for the beenfit of women and children, is interested in the new model home hotel for working women on the East Side and is a leader among the younger suffragists. She is the youngest of the late William C. Whitney's four children by his first wife, and is a sister of Harry Payne Whitney, Payne Whitney and Mrs. Almeric H. Paget of England. She is a niece of Mrs. Henry Dimock and of Mrs. Charles T. Barney. She has a town house on Park avenue and for years she has maintained her own home at Westbury, L. I.

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BORDENTOWN, N.J.

July 24, 1911.

Miss Anna Bogue,

"The Moorland",

Northampton Beach, L. I.

My dear Miss Bogue:-

Enclosed please find the receipted bills for young Henry B. Williams. He is doing finely and I think Miss Whitney can feel a great deal of satisfaction in what she is doing in the development of this boy.

By the papers, I see she has become engaged to another B.M.I. graduate, Willard D. Straight, of our class of '97. He stands out in twenty-five years of boys with us as one of our stars. He is a splendid fellow in every way, and while it is not customary, I feel that Miss Whitney is to be congratulated on her engagement to such a fine man. Not knowing her personally, I hardly feel free to make any expression directly, but I take pleasure in expressing myself this way to you.

With best wishes, I am

very sincerely yours,

T. D. Landon

TDL/B.

Enc.

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[6-27-11]

E.M.S.

Dorothy darling -

I just couldn't let you go tomorrow without a little word from me. I like to think that we have all the week and Seattle is yes and you're sailing quietly in your steamer chair you'll have even a little note to make me seem a little closer to you. I have just had such a wonderful talk with Willard he hadn't gotten my letter, but fortunately the phone is working and he was

And now may the summer be the happiest of your whole life and when the door closes that is big and beautiful beyond -

And bless you and keep you safe for me -

Elsie

Miss Dorothy Whitney
Sailing on S.S. Olympic
June 28th at 8 P.M. -
Via Santa Cruz.

White Star Line.

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do splendid and Gold him
pict what was in my mind
and he understood today thing
and now I can only trust
to the great big blue sea
to bring you peace and
an open heart. But Willard
was so sweet and rounded
so sure and strong that I am
going away quite content
to have your future to you
two to solve.

Whatever the Broad Highway
holds in store for you Dorothy
in your days of happiness, or
days of sorrow, I'm all the

with things and
all my life and affection
Edwards. And in the
Family Room in Paris
as much with my
happiness.

Devoted wife
Lois

My address
Will be Hotel Regina Paris
But all my business
the Manager Paris Ritz Hotel
All that is about
Such real Edwards

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Aug. 24th. 1911

26 LIBERTY STREET

Dear Dorothy,

Better late than never. It has not been carelessness or lack of thought about your engagement or want of sympathy in your happiness that has

He seems to combine so much for not only is his great ability an accepted fact but every one who knows Straight well seems to love and admire him & I know from my own experience, though I have only seen him once or twice, that

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delayed my writing to congratulate you, but sheer dumbness & insufficient command of the English language to express my real feelings. I remember Dev writing Elizabeth about our engagement: "Here I am bursting with enthusiasm, without a word to say." & That is my predicament. I wish I knew Straight personally better than I do. I never heard of a man of his age whose talents & ability were so universally admitted.

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26 LIBERTY STREET

he must be a most
delightful companion.
He really does seem
to become as near
being worthy of you
as a man can. That
is the greatest
compliment I can
possibly pay to any one.

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Peking - 3rd September 1911.

Dear Miss Whitney,

I find no words to explain how grateful I am to you for your kind letter. I am very, very proud of what you tell me about the admiration Willard is expressing for me, because — between you and I, and don't repeat it to him (because it could make him self too self conceited) he is certainly one of the remarkablest men I ever imagine you know I mean it when I wish you all the sweetness & the best that the world can give you.

Yrs always sincerely.

Dr Nancy Day.

I think it is still unsettled whether you go to China. If you come home I hope very much that we shall see something of one another. In the meantime I

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have met. Dont you think, anyhow, that your feminine kindness is exaggerating a little when you repeat to me what he told you.[2]

In any case, one thing is certain, that is the affection we profess for each other. I daresay that I partake already my warm sentiments for him also with you who accepted him as your support in life and who must be very charming and clever, having made such an excellent choice.

Excuse my very bad English: I hope you can understand the sentiments it expresses, and believe me,

dear Miss Whitney,

very sincerely yours

Casenave

Sept. 8th 1911

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
OF MILWAUKEE

Dear Dorothy:-

As Mrs. Willard D. Straight it is hard to address you otherwise even at the risk of seeming bold.- Before it could have been tempting "Miss Dorothy", but that- this is part.- As you see my dilemma!-

This morning's papers has a fairly detailed account of the ceremony, and I was mightily impressed with the wisdom of closing

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the use of "social" subterfuges of a most calculating age and so I know him as he was and is today. From him I got my standards of conduct and friendship and they will last me through life.—

You shower me [illegible] with praise, take my word for it, and the longer you live the more you realize that. Marriage is not a lottery i'a case like this and such a statement generalized is an absurd, as it is imitating Geneva for the celebration of your "noces". It needs no exercise of one's imagination to realize how wonderfully satisfactory [illegible] this must have been and I take so much pleasure in that fact as tho' I had been there to observe it.

And now let me tell you a few things about your good husband, for I know him well.— I know him at a time when the frankness of youth does not permit

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Mukden.
20th Dec. 1911.

My dear Mrs Straight,

I really had rather a lump in my throat when leaving Peking yesterday for which You and Willard were principally responsible. I feel that You ought to be coming along with me. I daresay, however that it must be long till we meet again in Europe. Anyhow

Two people of similar tastes, standards, aims and ambitions cannot lose, and that is your case, for each is my judgement based on what I do know of both and your love both of God Christian.

So you have everything and all I can add is to express my sincere respectful interest in your joint welfare, of Bess and myself

Yours

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love to you both, best of
friends. May we meet soon

Yours very sincerely
F Wench

June 22
AMERICAN LEGATION 1912
PEKING, CHINA.

Dearest Dorothy

Your letter of April 27th was so entrancing that it brings the tears to my eyes to read it. Those days are very precious to remember, and it is well to know that you will not forget them. I have the feeling that we can count on you and Willard to the end of the world. Peking has been quite different since you left. There was something you brought to us which no one else can give. Yesterday we were so glad when the little word with which Willard ended his reassuring cable about the Six Powers. It brought something warm to our hearts. I am sorry you are being kept in England and can't get back to that lovely place on Long Island. But if

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MISS SPENCE'S SCHOOL
30 WEST 55TH STREET
RESIDENCE
26 WEST 55TH STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Dorothy,

Although our books were closed early last Spring for entrance to the School this Autumn, I shall be glad to accept little Betty on your recommendation. It is only fair, however, to say to Mrs. Thompson that try as I will, I may not be able to make an ideal

to before long, we don't
you will marry a big
man, that is the kind
of thing that happens, and
it is hard to it. We are
very happy at present
under our delightful
ceiling on the terrace,
watching the swallows
skimming the mimosa
trees. A fair more peace-
ful place at this mom-
ent, you will agree, than
Chicago. Col invented
the ceiling and is very
proud of it. He is well
and talks about you often.
We gave a dance the other
night with the Band of the
7th Infantry to give us such
music as we have never had.
A storm came up in the
afternoon which spoiled
some of our lanterns but
made it cool + delight-
ful for dancing. And the
grounds were lovely to
wander in after the rain,
the lanterns being re-
rearranged. Col is
looking resplendent these
days in the ties you sent
him and is very proud
of them. The Pupler
Cows are losing the margin
alas, and Tadley, quite
soon, Jean, will be going soon.

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programme for her little daughter, due to our method of a limited number in each class, for although I have allowed the School to grow in numbers, the class never exceeds Eight pupils. I am glad to see your handwriting again - I have rejoiced in your happy marriage for on all sides I have heard only words of highest esteem for Mr. Straight, - and for you, dear Dorothy, the heart of your old teacher is proud and glad for what you stand for in this community.

We had a rather wonderful "First day" at the opening of School. Over 100 "old girls" were here and letters and telegrams from literally all over the Earth! Enthusiasm and earnestness were in the atmosphere. My theme was "Choose that which is best" & 'Service'.

Do Come in some Wednesday morning: Believe me Affectionately your friend and old teacher

Oct 11th 1912 Clara B. Spence

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SMITH COLLEGE
NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 21, 1913.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,

Old Westbury, L. I.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I know you have received the official receipt of the Treasurer of the College, Mr. Charles N. Clark, for your contribution of $50,000 to our Million Dollar Fund. I have been simply overwhelmed with the details of Commencement, but I want you to know how greatly your gift to our fund was appreciated by the Trustees, graduates and students. In every account of the campaign I have been pleased to make the clear statement that your gift completed the fund. I am writing this morning to express to you in the name of the Trustees our very deep appreciation of your generous contribution and to reiterate the invitation that you and Mr. Straight visit Smith College whenever it may be convenient for you.

Believe me with high esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Burton

[1913]

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

November 19.

Dear Mrs Straight,

Your charming letter of the 12th has taken a week to reach me, else I should have answered before.

One of the greatest pleasures I promised myself in coming to Your Country was

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[11-2-14]

940 THE ROOKERY [Chicago]

Dear Dorothy:

I have been trying to write you ever since Willard was over here. But a vexatious law suit in which I am engaged interposed and I have not been able to do so.

I wanted to tell you what a hit Willard made in the address he gave. It was a splendid address & he delivered it very effectively. His audience listened to it with rapt attention and greeted him with rounds of applause. I was quite proud of

to come on the 6th of December.

Yours sincerely

Ernest Scott.

that of seeing you both again - It did me good, as I believe it does everybody else, to meet Willard the other day, and it will be delightful to spend a day or two with you on Long Island. Thank you ever so much for asking me. If the Mexican Dictator allows me I hope to be able

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him, as I know you would have been, that you heard him.

The thoughts that ran through my mind as I listened to him was that Willard is growing, expanding mentally. His address showed investigation, study, reflection and a measure of comprehension of a big and intricate subject, that pleased me very much.

We are just settled in our new home keeping venture. Lucy is pretty well done up with the exertion to which she was subjected. We are assembling our household gods which have been so long stored in a warehouse, and adding things to our Chinese additions. The house is too small to do justice to all else. There is too much crowding, so that the effect is the suggestion of a museum or junk shop to please me. But I am rather glad to greet the old time household gods, and as for the new ones, I am not indifferent to the memories of the scenes and the friends, which they suggest. Oh, those Peking days!

Well good bye for the present.

Yours sincerely

C. A. Culbertson

Nov 1, 1914

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E. L. MILLER
105 EAST FIFTH STREET
PERU, INDIANA

My dear Mrs. Willard D. Straight,

There is nothing in this paper that I am sending that demands immediate attention. Read it when you have leisure to do so and enjoy it.

The picture I mention is one I really want to give you IF YOU CARE FOR IT but I value it so highly that I do not want to give it up if you already have one. It now lies before me between the pictures of his father and mother. I am keeping the three in an envelope marked, "To be sent to Willard D. Straight(Oswego Normal and Training School) or to some of his family".

I hope that when I am through with them, they may be sent to some one who appreciates them. In the mean time, as I before stated, I would much rather have the pleasure of giving them, at least the baby picture, to you if you have none.

I laid it aside for your wedding present and have kept it long enough. My "Oswego name" was Miss Kate A. Leonard.

Yours most Sincerely,

Mrs. E. L. Miller

November 1914

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REMINISCENCES.

It was in the fall of 1879 that I found myself back once more in the familiar rooms of the dear Old Welland.

I was graduated in '76 from the Elementary Course of the Training School and had for two years, while teaching in Peru, hoarded every possible dollar to take me back to my beloved school that I might better prepare myself for the High School teaching that I longed to do, and so, with visions of College in the dim future, I hopefully and happily wandered through the rooms of the NEW building of the Normal and Training School.

It was there I first met Henry H. Straight; one of the best, one of the most helpful men I ever knew.

In my first sojourn in Oswego, I had made myself notorious by having a very severe case of typhoid fever which had been cared for by Drs. Lee and Rainier; so it was that these doctors became my very dear friends; and at the beginning of my second "sojourn" in Oswego, I often met Mrs. Straight in their office at the Welland; and there she and I first became acquainted.

One day, Jan.31,1880, I think, during the evening meal, the clatter of dishes and tongues was suddenly hushed by the loud peal of the table call-bell.

Then Dr. Lee stood and said, "Willard Dickerman Straight presents his compliments to the ladies of the Welland."

For half a minute one could have heard a clock tick (had there been one in the room) and then such a clapping of hands, I am sure those old dining room walls never heard before nor since. We were fairly hilarious with joy.

Months after that, Mrs. Straight told me that she could not remember saying it; but that when she was told it was all over and that "it was a boy", she said,"Ring the bells and tell the girls at the Welland."

Some weeks after this, three of us girls called upon the new baby and his mamma, and I shall always believe that one remark I made during that call was the cause (at least in some measure) of my being the one chosen some time after to enjoy the hospitality of that home.

The baby cried and his mamma said she thought he had the colic. I remarked as one having much experience, "He will get over that when he is three months old; all babies have colic for three months."

About that time, for reasons of economy. I left the Welland and joined seven other girls in a club. We rented some rooms and kept house by ourselves. There wasn't a real house-keeper in the lot, but there were enough old maid-y ones among the bunch to make us keep things in order and we got along beautifully and had delightful times.---All of which is another story, however.

About this time my health began to break enough so that Mary Sheldon forbade my "preparing a single lesson" for her History class and Mr. Straight did not want me to "Study" for his but both told

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me to attend the classes and learn all I could during recitation hours. I had good reason to know that my name had been brought up in the faculty meeting and some were a bit afraid another case of typhoid might occur and so it was that I was dealt with most kindly by the dearest company of teachers ever placed under one roof.

Mrs. Krusi gave me a nice little talk about my health, but I think I never went into Mr. Krusi's class without being thoroughly prepared (neither would you, if you could help it)--Now I'm wandering.

I must refer though to the two delightful hours (because of my extra time) that I spent in the laboratory each day with Mr. Straight. I had "passed" in Zoology when Dr. True taught but Mr. Straight allowed me to do a good deal of extra work in his rooms. I think my enthusiasm was larger than my service. But Mr. Straight seemed glad to have me help him get ready for his classes and I most thoroughly enjoyed being around.

He so patiently explained just what I should do and never found fault when I blundered. He always made me feel that I was wanted and praised my efforts even when he could not extol the results.

One day when he had his hands full, the big cat in the box that had had its dose of chloroform, began to be active; We both rushed to it and he said, "Kate, sit on it." I did. I was afraid to get up and afraid to sit still as it bounced frantically seeming to get madder and madder. But I obeyed him implicitly. I always did. What a time we had that day.

And then that week that his class studied oysters and I daily placed two at each of those many tables. They (the oysters) became rather stale after a few days and it was some time before my normal appetite for oysters returned.

I was a member of his Chemistry Class. One day he said, ~~he said~~ as he passed me during that recitation, "Kate, wait after class, I want to talk with you." I waited. He began by saying, "Do you like babies?" I admitted that I did---certain ones.

Then he told me that he and Mrs. Straight thought it would be nice for me to come to their home and VISIT a week, helping with baby during his morning bath and at his evening sleepy times and occupying the little room (over the hall) off the front bedroom where Mrs. Straight and baby slept so as to be on hand in the night if help should be needed That there was little if anything to do, yet Mrs. Straight needed some one to call on occasionally &c. &c. I went.

At the close of the week he said, "Well Kate, we have talked it over and Baby likes you so well that we think we must keep you; so if you will just stay"-&c. &c. &c. This second invitation was more surprising to me than the first. He appealed to my health, my pocket-book and to my desire to finish the school work. I staid to the close of the term and it was the spring of 1880 unless I have my dates mixed.

After a time Mrs. Straight and I slept in the bed room down stairs with baby in his little crib. How often she used to reach out to be assured that he was all right. One night she became nervous. She awoke and thought a rat MIGHT bite baby. Maybe eat him. She had once heard of such a case--and she knew there were mice around. She heard them. So I had to go up stairs and send the man of the house down to protect Willard from probable mice and possible rats.

(Now, if a rat had eaten our baby all up that night, this

account would probably never have been written--certainly not the remainder of it) His papa slept down stairs for a time and I up stairs, but soon Mr. Straight found that he needed more sleep than he was getting in the capacity of a protector; so we changed places again and after that I held the fort along protection lines.

This is long, I know; and bids to be much longer yet I am leaving out much more than I am recording.

One funny incident comes to my mind as I write. It was that time when several of the Normal boys and girls were calling on Mrs. Straight and all were admiring the dear little boy and I quietly placed him in the arms of Uldrick Thompson. Poor Uldrick. How awkward and unhappy he suddenly became and how I watched his struggles to appear at ease, with no more sympathy than a fisherman does the writhings of his fish. (Mr Thompson went to Honolulu afterwards--not on that account, though) Mrs. Straight thoroughly enjoyed the joke, but her sympathetic heart would not let the man suffer long and she took baby.

I wish I could describe the intense pleasure with which each of these fond parents watched the opening bud that had been given them. I have often wondered if she wrote down the many things she said she was going to about the dawning intelligence of this darling baby boy

Once she came home from Mrs. Krusi's and told what Mrs. Krusi had said "Herman did when he was no older than Willard". Then she added, "Now, I dont see how that could be; I just believe mothers forget and I'm going to put down things and give the dates and then I will never make any mother feel bad or chagrined by getting things mixed up that way."

The first day baby's eyes followed a ball was a most eventful one. She told his father about it as soon as he came from his work. I am sure he couldn't have been more excited if she had announced the discovery of a gold mine in the back yard.

That yard was where she gave the little fellow a sun bath on bright warm days after he had taken his water bath. She would get him real dry and warm and run through the kitchen out of the back door and hold him out for the sun to shine on every part of his dear little body--for just a few minutes when she would bring him in quickly and dress him.

Once, while there, I sowed some seed out in that yard. It was not long before I left and I often wondered if it came up all right. She told me to sow the seed any place I wished and she did not know how I did it but with a stick I wrote WILLARD in big capitals and sowed the seed in the tracings and covered all over so she would not know about it until the plants began to grow.

She and I went with Willard to have his first picture taken He was then four months old. I value it very highly, but have always wanted to give mine to his wife or daughter, should he have one, provided he did not have a copy of the picture-- We all pronounced it a very good picture of a most remarkable boy.

I recall "Nora" and her several followers in the kitchen. Poor Mrs. Straight. How she did dislike to see her dishes broken. She did not have a large supply and with baby's advent, she had to give up her short course in house work. I remember one of the new girls who came on trial was handed over to Mr, Straight. and in hiring he offered her 25 cts. less than had been given. He told her they would give her this

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much a week, and then at the end of each week, if she had not broken any dishes, they would give her 25 cts besides. I trust the scheme worked but I have forgotten. However, it was just like him to want to reward rather than punish.

I have in my scrap book an article he wrote on "Delsart and his Exponent." He wrote it while I was there and read the manuscript to me before it was published to see what I thought of it. Criticise? I would have as soon thought of criticising the sunshine or the coloring of a flower.

We always had our meals on that beautiful square table in the back parlor. They had no real dining room table. Mr. Straight sat at my right, Mrs. Straight at my left and Baby opposite in his little high chair with his back to the kitchen.

What fun they used to have when they called "Nora" to wait on us. They would tap a plate with a spoon, or the table with a knife or make some funny little whistle or call and then they would laugh at their poverty of bells.

So Willard and I thought of "just the thing" and talked it over and kept the secret to ourselves until the wedding anniversary came (the seventh, I think) It may have been some other holiday but I think that I am right. When papa and mamma came to the table they found Baby with a new, silver call-bell in his hands. With considerable help on my part he was induced to present it to them. It had engraved upon it the date and "From Willard." and thus it was that I became an interested party in the first gift that Willard D. Straight ever made to any one.

Mrs. Straight was the most brilliant woman with whom I was ever intimately associated. She easily "took in" half a page of a book at a time (and at times even more) when reading. I have never known of another such case. Her knowledge of history and literature was to me marvelous. Her memory and reasoning faculties both were well trained, and altogether, she was a delightful companion. She so often referred to stories she had read years before and we would talk them over as illustrations of "current events in the home." I remember one over which we often laughed "Do you like onions?--Well does your brother like onions?" "I have no brother. " "But if you did have a brother, would he like onions?"

When flowers began to fade she would have me take the baby away or turn him from her while she burned them. She used to say, "I dont want him to see them withered and I dont want him to see them burning".

How I used to laugh at both his papa and mamma when they chanted some such dialogue as this-- "Will you take the baby while I attend to this work?"

"Yes, I'll gladly take my boy, I will walk with him."
"Be careful, Here he is, now have a nice time with him."
"I'll be careful, yes I will, I have a story now to tell him."

&c. &c. &c. and then such marvelous tales of what was being done over in the laboratory would be poured into baby ears.

Mrs. Straight had a wonderful faculty of finding a funny side to most everything. She called their noisy carpet sweeper a lawn-mower, and we all enjoyed the joke when "Nora" came in and asked her if she should use the broom or lawn-mower that day.

Mr. Straight was a hard worker and gave long hours to the school work over there, and it was in the various laboratories that I learned to enjoy what years before, I would have believed impossible. How proud I was when I finished mounting my first ARTERIAL SYSTEM OF A CAT. It was beautiful! and he was so pleased!

He took it, examined all the work, the list of the names of parts, the dates, etc., even to the explanation of "Taken after death" (for he had assisted in the chloroform act and started the dissection work) and then my pride was unbounded when he placed the big card in one of those show cases, locked the door and showed me the key. I had not dreamed of such honors; at the same time it seemed to me too great a treasure to donate to the school and I begged its return. He promised to give it to me in exchange for another equally good.

I conformed to his demand and later brought home the priceless treasure. I placed it in the cabinet with shells and other curiosities. Here it was never appreciated, was repeatedly insulted by my friends and at last dropped to pieces. Ditto all my pride in it.

Once I mounted the skeleton of a very large rat--with Mr. Straight's assistance. That was while I was at the Welland. I boiled the meat off on one of the stoves there much to the disgust of the girls who did not like the odor--It was pretty strong, I admit--and they had no scientific aspirations. But my teacher friend encouraged me. He showed me how to wire the little bones together and we had it stand on a little block that he showed me how to make. He always helped us to help ourselves When all was complete I felt myself a kindred spirit of Agassiz.

Once he wrote a little pamphlet on Guides to Laboratory Teaching. I have never seen it but can imagine some of the things he must have said. I hope some day I may come across it.

During the summer that I spent among the mountains of Vermont I loaded my trunk with such quantities of specimens for the Geological cases that all the baggage men who handled it on my return to Oswego groaned and made unkind remarks to me when I was near; but I did not care for I knew how Mr. Straight's face would light up when I carried to him my well labeled specimens, rough on one part, smooth on another and highly polished on a third. I brought all complete even to the Course Grit, Fine Grit and Scotch Hone that were used in the polishing; and I assure you that money could not have paid for my work as the "Thankyou" that he gave me.

These are just a few glimpses of those never to be forgotten days spent with a most wonderful teacher.

Mr. Straight loved, not only his school but all the little details of his home life and we had much to tell him every time he came home. The first subject of course was the baby. Then came others of less importance.

We were all interested in Takamini. Hideo was his first name but he was always called by his last, and we did our best to pronounce it as he said we must, without accenting any syllable. We were in the same Botany Class taught by Miss Mary Sheldon. One day when he was reciting she compared something to the inside of a peach stone and he replied, "But, Miss Sheldon, I never saw the inside of a peach stone" She asked the class how many had and great was his look of amazement when he turned and saw all hands up. After a puzzled moment, he looked up with a smile and said, "That is just the difference between the Japanese and the Americans. The Americans always want to see the inside

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of every thing."

Thinking of Mrs. Straight being in Japan reminded me of Takamini but I must not get away from my Straight friends. Those were happy days that I spent in that delightful home. I think, today, that I appreciate the opportunities I then had, more than I did at the time. If I had it all to do over I would never have let go the hold I then had on that splendid family.

After I returned to Indiana, a few letters passed between us, At the time of my marriage she sent me a wedding present but soon after that I lost trace of her and did not know of her death until some years after it occurred.

She died two years, lacking a few weeks before my baby boy arrived and then it was that I thought of her and of Willard so much; then it was that the events of those few months a dozen years before were so often in my mind; then it was that I continually followed her in acts and visions.

When my boy was about two years old I had just one letter from Dr. Rainier and it was never answered. I just put it off until she, too, had gone; and one day I saw the announcement of the engagement of Willard D. Straight and Dorothy Whitney. Then I said "Dorothy shall have a letter." but again my own little world claimed all my attention, and the letter was not written.

Later I saw ~~a~~notice of the wedding and again I was reminded of my baby Willard during ~~the Boxer Movement~~ some trouble in China when I caught a five line reference to the troubles of Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Straight.

Another time I saw a picture in a daily paper of him. I cut it out and have kept it. I have looked in vain to find some reminder of his father in the picture but I have felt sure I could see a bit of the dear mother even in this newspaper view. How much I would like to see the boy. Now, today, I find his name and address in our Literary Digest. and so I have taken a seat at this type writer and have written for many hours, for I do not write rapidly.

But I am glad I have taken this time for this purpose. In so long an account, surely there must be some items that will bring pleasure to the son of my very dear friends. If I can do that for their boy. I am sure I am glad to do so.

Again, I am sure that the son of such friends must be a wise boy who would show good judgement in his choice of a life companion. Therefore she must be one who would appreciate some little glimpses of the baby of nearly thirty six years ago.

I have told of the father and mother to please their boy; I have told of their baby to please his wife.

Because of all this, I have no apology to make; not even for the length of this paper. I trust they will both enjoy what I have written even more than I have enjoyed writing it and that they may read between the lines how much I feel that I owe to my old time friends, Henry H. and Emma D. Straight.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Faculty Club
March 10. 1915

My very dear Dorothy,

I have just dictated an enormous screed to Willard – & I want to enclose a little note to yourself.

I have been a good deal under the weather, but the hope of pulling off my old Congress, which involves my seeing you next summer, keeps me up. Do come for a real stay in California – please.

I ought to have written to thank you for the bright keys you sent after me; it was careless of me to leave them behind. The little red cigar-piercer turned up in my dress waistcoat pocket with all. Please take groove.

You were a perfect dear to me during my hurried visit to Rockefeller Center & I shall never forget it. Kiss my godson & his sister for me

Yours ever very devotedly
H. Morse Stephens

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FACULTY CLUB
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

April 6. 1916

My dear child,

How are you? Did Willard go to Europe, as he said he would in his last letter to me? Or did he, more wisely, stay at home. Just a line on this would reassure me, as I am anxious at the thought of him upon the Atlantic. Further I want to write to him to thank him for what he did in recommending a protegé of mine for a job in San Francisco.

Have you heard that the Spanish Government have made me a Commander of the Order of Isabella the Catholic? A vain thing in itself, but it pleases my friends. It is a recognition of the Panama-Pacific Historical Congress, in which we made much of Spain, and which Willard made possible. It is also intended to stir up my project of a home for Spanish students at Seville in Spain, for which I want the pecuniary backing of my friends.

My heart is just broken over this war in Europe. It stays ever with me as a great cloud of gloom. But in

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spite of it, my health keeps good. Indeed I am very much better than I was two years ago & seem to have got my wretched complaint under control. This academic year which is now ending has been a hard one for me, & I look anxiously for the close of lectures next month.

I am not going to bother you about California any more, but I am laying my plans to see you again during the Christmas Vacation, if my friends hold out under the pressure upon them from all sides. You cannot think how I enjoy my very glimpse of you and Willard, and how much you are in my thoughts. Of all my boys he is the one nearest my heart, and I am so glad that you have adopted me and not thrown me out as so many wives of former dear friends have done. I wonder how my godson grows! I suppose he has not begun to learn Greek yet! and his happy little sister?

Now do not bother to write a letter. I know how many engagements you have – but just let me have a little word as to whether Willard has really gone to Europe & when he returns.

Yours ever affectionately
H. Brooks Stephens

[Jan. 23, 1917] PM

540 Park Avenue
New York

To D. W. S.

"I fill this cup to one made up
Of loveliness alone,-
A Woman, of her gentle sex
The seeming paragon;
To whom the better elements
And kindly stars have given
A face so fair that, like the air,
'Tis less of earth, than Heaven!

"Her every tone is music's own
Like those of morning birds,
And something more than melody
Dwells ever in her words,-
The coinage of her heart are they,
And from her lips each flows
As one may see the burdened bee
Forth issue from the rose.

I fill this cup to one made up
Of loveliness alone,
A Woman, of her gentle sex
The seeming paragon.
Her health! And would
On earth there stood
Some more of such a frame!
That life might be all Poetry,
And Weariness - a name."

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

March 9. 1917.

My dear Mrs Straight-

You are indeed generous; and I value the letter more than I can say. At least I have made one family happy and that is enough for one lifetime. Thank you.

I was distressed at what you said of Herbert and Walter. I think there are few people in the United States who have less cause for despondency. If hard and honest thinking can ever resolve doubts then they have indeed contributed their quota to the elucidation of things. The New Republic seems to be to have been better than at any time in its history during these last weeks. And from the point of view of letters I think that for us is (wrongly as I hold) my unequalled either here or in England. You have the right to be very proud of your offspring.

The next time I come to New York I am going to write to you beforehand. Maybe I shall strike one of your unoccupied days. There are so many things I want to say.

Very cordially yours,
Harold J. Laski

November 16, 1917

HOTEL McALPIN
NEW YORK

Mrs Willard Straight
1130 - 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Madame:

Being in this city I was reminded that it was the home of Major Straight.

I met the Major at Fort Sill when, as one of Professor Stephens' boys I introduced myself and took the enclosed snapshot.

As the proofs were returned to me but the night before I left Tacoma, it is the only one

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on hand. It was intended for The Major, but it seemed to me That Mrs Straight would like a recent picture of the Major as he appears on duty, every day, in The Field.

As I am returning to Camp Lewis at once I shall have to get The prints made in Tacoma so That The Major will not receive his for a fortnight yet. Thus I can get a copy to you fully three weeks earlier.

Very truly Yours

J. Marius Scammell
Capt. Inf. O.R.C.

166th Depot Brde
Camp Lewis
Wn

sort of things which have been said about him behind his back. He has not only made a remarkable success of a very difficult piece of work but he has done it in such a way as to gain the general respect of the men under him as well as their personal liking. It is something of which you & he may well be proud.

I was so long delayed

Dear Mrs. Straight

At the dinner last night which the Major gave to say farewell to the officers and men of the War Risk Bureau I kept wishing you could have been present to hear not only the whole admirable way in which he won it but also the things which were said to him. Still more do I wish you could have heard the

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in getting here that I have even able to do either. But perhaps I see them just as a whole all the more clearly. And dreams I am not sure anyone else will take you what a mercy it has been I am going to.

sincerely yours

Arthur D. Dodge

Paris
Dec 15 1918

[April]

While always afraid is as Bill

Dear Dorothy:

I haven't seen Willard yet but I want to write to you. gratitude moves so strongly that I cannot wait for the only prerequisite to every topic which you allowed. I hope I may say without giving away valuable military information that I am now or less in the month of April and entirely in the Atlantic ocean. Weather has been capricious. We are thankful for reasonably good days: when the head seas come this galleon develops powers of rolling which are uncanny. She is drunk. My trunk makes trips all day from under my bunk and back again. Every now and then there comes an appalling crash from the galley which makes me wince when I think that breakages are regularly "carried" on officers mess accounts. Part of the time I write this letter way down hill, and then I continue this with line about level with my eyes, a rope snubbing my chair's wild attempts to reach the scuppers.

The character of my duty is such that I think of you every day. This particular duty is exceedingly exposed to the elements — oh, so cold it is! — or would be. Your sweater keeps me warm. It is thick and snug and keeps a grip on this officer in the gray sea dawning for which he is devoutly thankful. And in my vigils it starts me thinking many grateful thoughts. You have been so very good to me.

So reconcile yourself, because of your knitting, to be a part of many seascapes, going with clouds and waves, — all beautiful things in this loveliness which the Lord hath made.

Here. — Did Beatrice get her flowers? Bill is my eleventh thought of all your lemonaded inquiries that night — Bill with his rare smile and his salute. Give them all my love. Soon we shall be going ashore and I shall see the dear daddy and have something more interesting to write to them and to you about.

I can't read any of the writing on the back of this sheet, and I'm sure you can't either, so I'm not going to bother to turn it over. — G.W.

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Officers Mail
Capt. Marvin
Captain, U.S.A.

Mrs. Willard Straight.
Old Westbury
Long Island.
New York.
U.S.A.

O.K.
R.D. Johnson
Major 15 FA

[1918]

May 27th

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Dear Dorothy

long time I no write, you - Last night I dined w. Willard, Grayson Murphy, Stimson and Parsons. De Marenches + I motored over to the staff College to attend the smoker that they were giving on the termination of the course. I found Willard just returned from a terrain exercize that he had been helping to run for the corps of which he is to become one of the operations staff or G3 as we call it. He no doubt has written you. Willard has done so well - we all knew he would of course but that doesnt make our pleasure any the less. How proud you must be of him. McCoy as you know has left GHQ + has a regiment and is happy as a king - well he is a king having 3000 fighting men adoring him. George Marvin is somewhere in France where I know not - One meets and sees friends everywhere these days. The winter of our discontent has passed and spring + no summer is here. As you probably know I am a gilded aide or lemonade as the chief used to say - It will be mighty interesting - I am

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writing from Paris having motored up the C in C. Tomorrow we go to see some divisions If we have luck and the enemy doesent begin his drive too soon we'll perhaps see Sammy Jay. I am getting letters now from Mary in Japan She was wise in her decision to go there and rest. She has been terribly ill - I hope she may get well - Thank the good Lord we have hope at least to cling to. I trust that you are well - much love to you and to the kiddies

Your friend
Peter

Original in private hands.

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[6-10-18]

Southampton

J.

Dearest Dorothy:-

There are several things I want to write you about. I was paralyzed the other night by the Sowers' telephone which was out of order & could not make out what you said Willard was - or what he was doing. I sounded too stupid almost imbecile. But I could hear your voice & not the words. If you have a second could you drop me a line? Willard sent me the nicest postal picture of the 4 of them in the Step school school. I love it - If you should have

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an Eglin photograph of this for Blomed me of
Willard would for big old down price that
for come? this is if for should have the
to spare —

I told Eastwood to leave the
Ford at the garage. Saw he left. Was
that alright? It sounds for it all
right! I can easily & this
D is a nuisance
sitter in our old stable R. a Gentlelily. to
be sure & let me Know —

I have just received a statement
from Medellin trustees of the Hope Farm
finances. The school fund is $2147.00
short for this year. The Carnegie Fndn &
the Rockefeller can do nothing for us this
year. I am sending an appeal to
both for next year but am not hopeful
because both Foundations prefer to help

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bigger institutions in a larger way.
There is always a chance however.
We have a fine woman as school
Supt of Hope Farm who will close
in August. A Miss Samuels who we
got through Smiths College. We had
to go ahead & engage her as that as
a salary of 1400. Counting salary &
expenses she will cost us 600. less
than the former school superintendent.
Our budget for the coming year
should be about 8000. of which
Hope Farm contributes 3000. These
are all round numbers. The teachers'
salaries all need to be increased (three
teachers at least who are new engaged
for next year) On the other hand they are
doing without a manual training teacher

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budget is made out for next year
I will show it to you. In the
mean while will it be possible for
you to help us out for this year. I
could you tell us at all how far
we may count on your help for next
year? Then is this coming year for Such
we have engaged Miss Lamson —
I hate like anything to bother you
but I have put it off because I hated
to do it, like a coward, for so long
that now it does have to be done.

I want to sit on the beach
for hours & hours & talk over numberless
things with you - I don't know just what
they are but I know there is no one else

---

when they had last year & putting the
boys at work with the regular carpenter,
plumber, farmer &c instead.

Miss Lamson promises well.
In the first place she seems like a
very nice person with a fine spirit - & her
experience as well as her Teachers College
Training is good. One or two of the teachers
for who are coming back are taking Summer
courses at T.C. I hope that Miss
Lamson will be able to bring to a
head some of the things we have
been trying to do with the School during
the past three years - & make it count.
With Miss Carney's help & I hope it can contribute
in the field of rural education. But
the plan has to work concretely here
before any of it can be of use in other
places — As soon as the detailed

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with whom the future can be —
satisfactorily reached out. I keep
wondering what you could have said
Willard was doing. I suppose he
is perfectly right that experience
[illegible] from will make him more useful
than he could be without it. I
think it is characteristic of his
valour to feel that way - & of his
judgment - & I also admire him for it.
He isn't reckless - he reckons & weighs
& acts according to his judgment, although
all the time he loves experience
temperamentally while fears him. Isn't
it true? Once he has
had it I hope he'll be satisfied
to spare himself a little & you

too. I keep thinking about
you both. Willard's ingenuity
tempered by experience could do
almost anything. Concede it?

You see about I to my how
much I need to talk to you -
with much love

Devotedly.

June 11-12/15

P.S. I enclose letter from the Ralph
School Principal - I asked him about
the matter with Mr Sluyter. D.J.

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Tell papa all July 23 rd

Fort Leavenworth
Kansas
July 10
[1918]

Dear Mrs Straight.

Marjorie and I are out here in the field and woods most training my Sam Morse. We are going home Saturday and I shall be in New York a few days at the Vanderbilt. I am writing back of it I

Can pick up mouth then. In case you were not at home & you called how would that I could how

Sam having a dispatch time getting letters to you. Wright. do you have any trouble? for I am unknown Ocean I has had no letters at all by mail Since he sailed in April

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which I think is a shame—
I shall make Lorimer mail
my wax mark when I get to
Washington. because I do not
think anything more
important for the happiness
of the men and the morale
of the Army than getting
their home letters.
You have been so good to
Kay. My dog to me and I
know he will miss such a
lovely place when he returns
to my cancels garden.
Much love and I hope I
may see you when we
are in New York.
The Gen writes me that Maj
Sherfesee has died suddenly
(as I guess he would) and
has more than made good

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and Sergeant speaks in
the highest terms of
what he has
accomplished. Let
us not forget behind
it is all pretty
hideous. Love to our
friend Jane Mrs. as
well and that helps.
Ever sincerely Jams
Major Wright

c/o Lieut W.M. Wright Jr.
Signal School.

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[COPY]

France,

August 5th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

Ever since I left Langres I have been planning to take advantage of Willard's permission and to write you a letter of introduction for myself. But events have swept on so rapidly that until now when the battle has rolled on beyond us and left us gasping but still - thank God - game on the bloody sands behind - I have really had very little honest time to do what I wanted to do.

In the first place I want to thank you for all you have done to make Maud happy in the past months. I have never known her before to be as she has been with you - and I am very grateful. It has been perhaps the greatest comfort that I have had during this time which I dreaded so for her.

In the second place, I want to thank you for all that I have had from Willard. I knew him of course before we went to Langres but only in that casual New York way - which isn't really knowing at all. He first really took definite shape before me in Luneville, where he rescued me the day he arrived from an abominable table d'hote to which I had been meekly submitting and prepared before me a table set with rare Burgundy and the special products of a well subsidized and hitherto unsuspected Chef. From then on we journeyed steadily together until June - and to me it was and is - one of the most precious and inspiring associations of my life - and one that I hope with all my heart

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may continue for many years to come after this dreadful tragedy is ended. I saw him again the other night - and it was like a breath of fresh sea breeze in a fever camp. He is doing superb work - though he doesn't realize it - and I have urged him not to be diverted. He would be a sheer waste in command of a Battalion or a Regiment. Willard is designed in every way for the best sort of staff work and it would be a crime for him to go with troops. I hope with all my heart that he will not do it through a misguided desire to sacrifice himself - a sort of monastic frenzy that so many fine men have in these bitter days when they seek to suffer the worst that none may suffer more than they. But when that sort of thing hurts the great cause it does real harm - and for Willard to do it would be plainly bad for the war and therefore should not be permitted. Of course it is hard to have made a great sacrifice to serve - and then serve in a way comparatively small and seemingly inconsequential - but that is all that many of us can do in the circumstances, and we must be content in doing as well as we may what comes to our hands, whether it is operating a laundry, or running errands for an incompetent superior, or copying orders in long hand, or going out to die in a way that we know is perfectly stupid. For in the end we shall then have done perhaps not our best - but the best that we could do as the cards lay - and that will be enough. So do keep Willard from the line - where it would be wrong and in the ultimate analysis, rather selfish for him to go - though of course he would not see it so if he did it.

I have thought a lot, too, about your brother Harry, who has such great ability - and such fine impulses - and who will be

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very unhappy afterwards unless he serves some how in this war. I tried to get him over for the Red Cross - where he could have done great things in developing the entente between our country and our Allies. I do hope he will not let the whole thing pass - for his own sake - as well as because his splendid talents are lost to the cause. So get him in some where if you can - I should hate to be one of those after this war who did not do his best in it - and I should hate for any one as fine as Harry to be out of it at all. You will understand my writing you so. It is because he has been very kind to me and I am very fond of him.

I see no quick honorable end of the war - and no matter what the cost or time may be - we can have no end but the right one. I hope that Willard and I may work somethings together after the war - and that all four of us may talke them over and plan them together. There will be all kinds of cranks and cure all fakirs and hypocrites and shallow reformers bobbing up from the under brush to confuse the issues after the peace, and we must fight hard to safe guard the old fundamental rights of the free man and the family for which society was contrived. I think our great problems will be first Labor, second Governmental or State Socialism, third National Defense and from the development of our foreign policies both diplomatic and commercial. It is in the manner of settlement of these things that the future of the Country and the world will be - and there for men like Willard lies the great field of real high achievement rather than here where there is nothing to be done but little things in a great established machine. And there I hope that we may all do work together.

I have written you rather an extraordinary kind of a letter

in view of the fact that it is the first word that I have ever addressed to you - but Willard has read me from your letters - and Maud has told me so much - that I feel as if I did some how know you a great deal better than of course I do. So I am sure you will understand.

Thanks again - and again - for your sweetness to Maud - and my very real congratulations for all the magnificient work you are doing in the war. Only - Remember that it is very inefficient to <u>over do</u>.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Grayson M. P. Murphy

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From H. P. Davison

August 9, 1918.

Dear Dorothy:

Certainly no one ever received two as nice letters as the one that came to me recently from Southampton, and the one which I enclose herewith. Upon my desk I have had your delightful letter - resolutely planning to pen you a long, intimate, chatty one. Twice I have started, and as a result of my endeavor you will receive this dictated note, because I cannot wait longer to tell you what a joy your letter was to me, and how perfectly delighted I am with the one from Willard.

As you know, there is no one who is loved by as many people as Willard Straight, and on every side "over there" I was told of the fine work he had done, and predictions of the work he would accomplish; so the news that you give me and any other of like tenor is but a fulfillment of the predictions which I received while "over there".

There must come to you as it does to me, a realization of what an extraordinary life we are all living, and how seemingly we have in such a short time become accustomed to it. Perhaps it is well that we can accept it philosophically. We are doing things that no one could have dreamed of -"taking all kinds of hurdles" - political, legal and otherwise -"juggling" with our corporations as if they were "pawns in the game" - irrespective of laws - statute or constitutional - and no one objecting anywhere.

I think the war spirit and unanimity of purpose is perfectly glorious, and I feel our accomplishments are marvelous, but when the War is over and we are again permitted individual intelligent thought and action, what a time we will have! It seems as if life could never again become normal, and I doubt if we ever are permitted to live as we did before. Perhaps it is just as well if we are not.

Aside from our loss of blood, we can soon reorganize without any net loss. Of course I say this, assuming that our glorious achievements on the other side will continue and that the point has turned in the War, which I believe is true. With our training in this War and our education resulting from it, and with our extraordinary and altogether new position with the nations of the world, we will have much to do, and Willard, please God, with many of our other friends should contribute largely to the doing of it.

[See W.D.S. letter 6-30-18]

#2. Mrs. Willard Straight. August 9, 1918.

You will enjoy reading the enclosed letter. Do not bother to return it or acknowledge it, because I think it is safe in your hands.

I hope, my dear Dorothy, you will have a not too strenuous summer. Kate tells me you are bound for a long arduous trip in the interest of the cause.

With love,

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Southampton, Long Island.

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8:16:18

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Dear Dorothy

just a word to tell
You of the grand reports we
are get of Willard's work - All
unite in his praise and
speak of the fine work that
he is doing all the time.
I thought you would like
to hear from an unprejudiced
source of this. Of course I
knew it was only what we
should expect wherever Willard
was. Grayson Murphy said
things of Willard which must
have made both his and
your right ears burn bright
red. I haven't seen Willard for
many moons but I expect I can't
give you any news of him that you
haven't got straight from him. I
hear of the fine work De Lancey Jay
is doing - In fact all your friends
are doing splendidly. Martin Egan
I see constantly - McCoy I saw in the
fight of July 14th Since then in
the Chateau Thierry Sector his regiment
won much honor. I hope he will
be promoted a Brigadier chop chop.
I saw Bob Bacon Sr yesterday. He
was rather bunged up shaving had
a motor accident on his way to
G.H.Q., cracked his nose poor old dear
very painful I imagine but not
serious - His spirit as always is
splendid. Please kiss the kiddies
for me I hope they are all
very well. Much love to you
Hope you are well. Dont
think of answering this servant

Yours ever
Bill.

Original in private hands.

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Sunday Aug 18 1918

The VANDERBILT Hotel
Thirty Fourth Street East at Park Avenue
New York

Dear Mr Straight,
I am just sorry,
and ask pardon to
tell Jou that mouth
did not cause, I am
so sorry to make so
much trouble, but-
will Jou please
send him & me

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2025 Hidgs Place.
Washington,

is a letter from Billy L. says Maj Straight is still with him, the only one of the old staff. Ever he meant to have one of him, I am so glad of him and also a pleasure to know him, he says he has so much pluck that he is very lucky, which knowing him, must be him adjelly,
Do drop me a line & tell him any news, much love,
Sincerely
Marjorie Wright,

France. Sept 21. 1918.

My dear Mrs Straight
Many thanks for your card just received. I left the two days ago for green fields and pastures new. I tried to keep him but his qualifications made his services miss further elsewhere. He has done splendidly and has a splendid staff as a most excellent staff officer. He deserves his success but I think he has made a mistake in hoping to obtain work which he is not particularly well trained for. He is still on the staff work where I hope he will remain and have ample opportunity for distinction. I miss him greatly. I trusted him implicitly and confided my official personal worries in his care. His career will always be under my eye and I will get him back at the first opportunity.

I saw many many friends at home. I'm really been doing things. Such is not the case. Beyond commanding a corps in a quiet sector I've had no opportunity for active service.

I saw some of the big battles of July but only as

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Eat steamer but there will
be ample opportunity for
us all before the Navy is
put where it belongs.

The spirit and feeling
of all of you at home is
splendid. The A. E. F. on its
way. Every heart back in
the United has a task ahead
as the fighting spirit of
our men. The soldiers of
the A. E. F. are really won-
derful. I don't think there
will be any thing
like it since the Crusades.
A highly trained efficient
corps, and we are rapidly
getting one, would make
our army invincible.

don't worry about Willard.
He is dead and as I will
leave during his early night
up to the Canadian. He has
every reason to be satisfied
and you to be proud.

Mrs might says that
she is back in Washington
when I hope you can come-
think of her if you go that
way.

Many thanks for your
thinking of me. I will try
to do something to really
merit your congratulations

Sincerely yours
Wm. might.
U.S.A.

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September 9, 1918.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
Wheatley Hall,
Old Westbury, L. I.

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter we received from the Major last week.

Yours sincerely,

Louis D Frolick

LDF:M

1918
S.L.

103 Sixth Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Dorothy:

I have had several letters from Walter Pately with very wonderful things in them about Willard. They are so fine and so splendid that I wanted to tell you, for I know how much such things help.

Perhaps, now, they will both be home before long!

I was very happy to get your letter, and when I return to New York I shall call you up in hopes of seeing you.

Affectionately,

Faye Lippmann

Nov. 18—

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132 East 45th St.
New York.
Nov. 26th

Dear Mrs. Shaigh:-

I am very indeed to hear of Mr. Straights illness and sincerely hope you will soon be relieved of the anxiety by the good news that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely
A. N. Bates.

HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Tuesday Nov. 26-'18

Dearest Dorothy-

My thoughts, naturally, are with you every minute and I know that you will be anxious to know every detail-

Willard woke up Mon. Nov. 18th with a chill & found later that his temperature was 101- He went to bed and

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has never been up since.
Commander McLane
who came over as medical
aide to the Mission was
taken sick after Mrs. Lane -
also Col. Horne with the
same trouble, the flu -
and all seemed going
quite well until late
Thursday night -
Then slight symptoms
of pneumonia developed
in the left lung -
Friday, as the pneumonia
was more marked, Taylor

HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Taylor & General Thayer
were called in and
confirmed McLane's
diagnosis - It was thought
to be a simple pneumonia
until Sunday Evening
when the blood count
showed that it was
Septic pneumonia
following grippe - The
temperature lowered
around 104 From
the 19th on, but Dillard

didn't become delirious
until Friday p.m. -
Since then he has been
delirious continually -
Drs Thayer, McLane,
& Taylor (from Blatch's
hospital) all agreed
with Drs. Egan, Lippman,
Ruth Morgan, Ashbel
Barney, & the 4 others
that he should take
Gas unless alarming
symptoms manifested
themselves - Gas he,
as Gen Thayer said,

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You couldn't possibly get here in time to do anything before the Crisis and he would be able by then to tell you that he was out of danger –
However, as soon as his blood examination showed that it was not Straight Pneumonia but an influenzal infection Everyone felt that it was best to tell you because it is such a tricky disease and so hard to prophesy about.

Nov. 27 – Yesterday I was interrupted every minute Yesterday by telephone calls or people or to go in to help the nurse Last night after the Cable was sent to you Willard seemed worse, his temperature rose up to 104 again, & his respiration was terribly laboured both of which was accounted for by the infection having spread to the

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HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

After lunch — He slept better, I think, than the night before — More quietly — and this a. m. he is no worse with the exception of more rapid breathing — Willard is a most wonderful patient, so gentle + tractable — He doesn't realize how ill he is, or that he has any thing more complicated than flu — He thinks that he is at the front and talks all the time about divisions, machine guns, etc. We don't suffer, and the doctors say that he won't remember any of the delirium afterwards — I am so anxious to hear if you received the cables, so far we have had no reply —

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On Monday when we
Cabled Willard was so
restless and later in
the afternoon he fell
into a peaceful sleep
and his temperature
went down a degree.
All that night he was
quieter, and I felt
that you had had
mental and[illegible] done for
him as soon as the
news reached you -
That was one reason

I was anxious to cable
you altho' I dreaded the
days of suspense for you which
you must surely be
going thro' now -
You see, not being a
relation as Willard's I
couldn't ask for treatment
for him without his
permission, but of course
I have held the best
thoughts for him constantly.
Lippman & Ashbel Barney
are sitting here now &
Mastin Egan was here
earlier - You would
know, without my telling

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you how devoted all
his friends are, and
how every thing in the
world is being done -
There is nothing I can
say about my own
sympathy for you, &
how I wish that there
was any way to help
you -
I am sending this because
I know how you will
want to hear everything
you can from everybody.
The nurses are excellent
& Willard likes them -

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I will keep on sending
you daily reports -
Much love,
Daisy

Nov. 27th 1918

The Washington
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs Straight.

Leigh and I have
just seen the account of
your dear Husband's
illness and I hasten
to send you our
sympathy, together with
earnest hopes & prayers

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surely recovering — May you
soon have the same joyous
news from your husband!
With our united affectionate
regards

Very Sincerely
Jessie Hunt

Nov. 28th

WOODLEY,
WOODLEY LANE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dearest Dorothy

On a day of Thanksgiving I can only think of your anguish of mind & how powerless we seem to be to help you in any way. This is just to tell you that I pray every day, & many times a day, for you & Leon. Surely you two have always given & generously & your possessions to others, with never

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a thought for yourself will not be left completely now. You are always like a shining light Dear dear Dorothy. & I cannot bear to have any sorrow in your life.

Devotedly Your friend
Caroline Phillips

THIRTY-ONE NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight.

I was very sorry to read in the newspaper yesterday the report that your husband is ill of pneumonia in a hospital somewhere in France.

My son, James, was of the company which went to France in December of last year with your husband in war insurance work and he promptly became intensely fond of Major Straight and his ardent admirer. Your husband is also a personal friend of the writer.

James is now a second Lieutenant of artillery

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in the United States Army and is temporarily stationed at the Headquarters of Marshal Foch. I do not know that it would be possible for him to visit your husband at the hospital but if it were in any way possible for him to do so. I am sure he would, and perhaps Major Straight would be cheered by seeing him. I presume you know the location of the hospital where the Major is, and if you care to give me this information I shall be glad to write my son. I would also be interested to know if Major Straight is making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

Sincerely yours.

J. S. Alexander

November 29, 1918.

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4834 Whetsel Avenue
Madisonville
Cincinnati Ohio
29. 11. 15.

Dear Mr Straight.

Permit me to say how very sorry I am to hear of Mr Willard Straight's illness. I read it in yesterday's paper. and I just felt I must write and say how much I sympathise!. Being so far away from Mr Straight makes your anxiety if anything greater.

very sincerely trust you will soon receive better news..

Believe me.

Yours truly

L. Brubeling

GRACE MEMORIAL HOUSE
94 FOURTH AVENUE.

Nov. 29.

My dear Dorothy
I read of Mr. Straight's illness with much anxiety.
I trust and pray that his recovery will come soon.
We shall have

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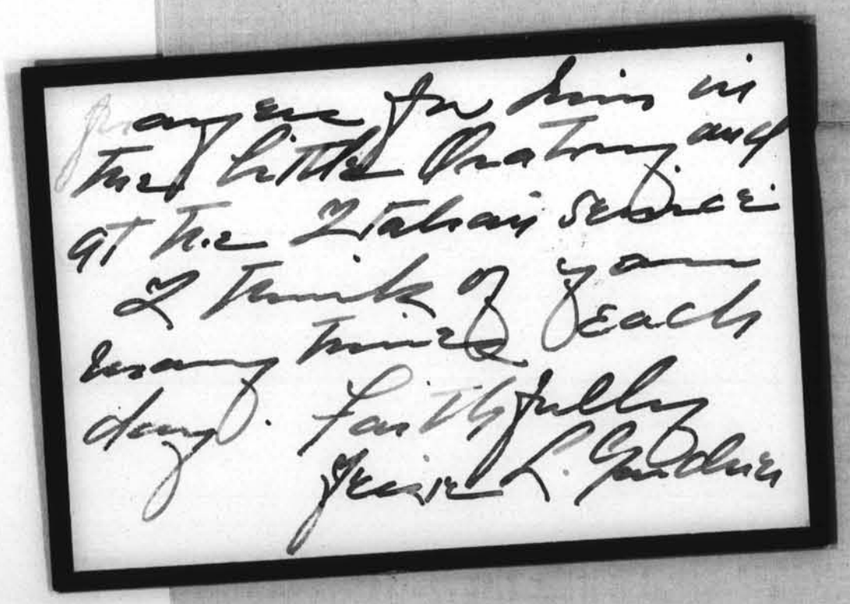

28 EAST 75TH STREET
NEW YORK

Just to tell you
my thoughts are with
you and my most
earnest hopes that
Major Straight will
recover.

Adrian Kalkaar Meyer

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I have read a dispatch in the paper that Major Straight has been ill. I will much appreciate it if you will let me know what news you have from him.

I called you up when I was in New York a short time ago and regret that I did not find you in town.

Very cordially yours,

J. O. Rowe

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

American hospital at Neuilly for the doctors there must understand the American constitutions much better than the European doctors do.

You are both constantly in our minds and close to our hearts in these anxious days.
We search the newspapers eagerly for news of him and this morning's

Dear Cousin Dorothy,

Charlotte and I were distressed last evening to read in the Boston Herald that dear Cousin Willard was ill in France with pneumonia.
We were relieved to know he was at the

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report that he was holding
his own, was very comforting.
We earnestly hope that his
noble, valuable life will be
spared and that before long,
you will have him with you
again, in your beautiful home.
Charlotte joins me in love
and sympathy for you both.

Affectionately your cousin
Martha Nichols

80 Federal Street
Salem, Mass.
November 29th 1918

29 Nov: 18

GRACE CHURCH RECTORY
804 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

My Dear Mrs Straight,

Have
seen in the Papers
the notice of Mr.
Straight's illness,
& I want to tell
you my sympathy
in your anxiety,
& to assure you

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that in the prayers
at Grace Church.
Each day, we shall
pray that he may
quickly be made
well. Hope
that, soon, word
may come to you
that he is on the
road to recovery,
& then I hope that
he may soon be
home again.

Here are wonderful days; & it is because you & other wives & mothers have been willing & send your beloved to the great struggle that we

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Save the Victory.

Believe me

Very Sincerely Yours

Rachel Lewis Sellers

[c. 11-29-18]

1839 MADISON ROAD
EAST WALNUT HILLS
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dearest Dorothy-

I am so sorry to hear that your husband is ill, and I hope by this time you have heard that he is well along the road to a quick recovery.

Troubles and worries, so I have always understood, are sent to teach us to be better people, and it seems

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to me that it's pure waste of trouble to send it to you. After all you cannot refine pure gold, can you?

Ever your affectionate

Eleanor Tweed

THE WYOMING

FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SEVENTH AVENUE

November 29th, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

I have read with much concern the dispatch about Major Straight's illness. I trust however that the attack from which he is suffering is a mild one and that it will give way speedily to the excellent treatment he is sure to secure in the American hospital in France.

His return to this country will be hailed by troops of his friends and well-wishers, among whom please include

Yours very truly,

Louis Wiley

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Nov 30th

Wood Ford Farm,
Avon,
Connecticut.

Dearest Dorothy.

I hear from Boston and Salem that you are in the papers that Willard is ill and I cannot think of any thing but what you are going through. I understand that he is a little better now and that is absolutely encouraging but I know how agonizing it must be not to be near him and this is a little line only to tell you that I am thinking

Thursday Nov 30th -
Will be there Dec 2nd or 3rd -
Regards to the Pinchots that
I was down there for day
Letter by Mail.

Sincerely
Henry W. Stimson
Nov. 30th
1918-

540 Park Avenue
New York

My dear Mrs Straight:
Sincerely Yours
Henry L. Stimson

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of you and living for -
Every body that knows Willard is so proud of all the splendid work that he has done. I cannot bear him ill for a moment - I cannot bear that for Thurlow to go through days of great worry and anxiety.

Yours lovingly
Emma [Alsop]

P.S. Your letter came which I have answered. Willard has been here today and we

To Thurlow if you and Willard are with us. We are thanks to Angelo.

Dear Dorothy -
I can't let another moment go by without just telling you that I think I can imagine what you are going through, & I know how awful it must be to be alone, & yet through were you & longing to help you, Mother

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and set you close by him in a second.

Sincerely
Louis D Frelick

American Asiatic Association
627 Lexington Avenue
New York

Nov 30

Dear Mrs Straight

He's surely going to pull through. Even in the small association I have had with him, I know very well his strong and valiant fighting spirit and it's going to win. It can't be otherwise with such spirit. I know he'll win. I have been away and have just heard.

It's so awfully tough you can't be there with him. I wish all of us who know you and him, even so little, but to count you so good our friends, could make out of our thoughts some wonderful carrier that would take you

Let that cable matters. How I hope that to-night was better. Hoping & praying it must do good. & I know that Willard will be helped by you even though he is so far away.

God bless you, dear. Please don't answer this - it was only that I had to tell you I was thinking of you

As ever lovingly
Joseph Lincoln [Boyer]

Manchester
Nov. 30.

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MRS. HENRY MOSKOWITZ
147 EAST 38TH STREET
NEW YORK

November 30th/1918

Dear Mrs. Straight,

The papers print alarming things about Major Straight and I cannot help sending you a line of sympathy in your distress and trial. I have twice been through the anguish of pneumonia with someone dearer than all else, and I know how terrible it is to wait; and how doubly hard when you cannot be near. I wish thoughts could strengthen you to bear it all. I feel so keenly for you.

Sincerely, always,

Bella F. Moskowitz

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November 30th, 1918.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130-5th Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I have just learned of the illness of Major Straight. I do not know how to express our sincere concern.

Mr. Straight has always been one of the League's most stalwart friends and we are praying most earnestly for his speedy recovery.

Very faithfully yours,

Nathaniel Phillips

President,
League of Foreign Born Citizens.

NP/TS.

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waiting to hear that it is all right.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Stevenson.

Saturday - Nov. 30.

N.R.P.S.V.P.!

CEDARHURST, L.I.

Dear Dorothy.

I have just heard of your husband's illness, and I want you to know how very sorry I am that this should have happened, particularly at this time. Words are poor things, and I know you have no need of my poor sympathy; but I did want you to know that I am wishing you luck and

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illegible darling. I am in fears. In much trembling.

that you have letter never by him. You have my deep sympathy in all your anxiety + earnest prayer that God may spare him to return to you soon in health + happiness. Affectionately

Yours Truly C. Sloane

266 Madison Avenue.

Nov. 30'

M.H.W.

My dear Dorothy;

I am so sorry to hear of your husband's illness; and hope you get good news from him soon. I certainly also hope you manage to get over; it is a shame they won't let you of all women.

Wixie has gone to Coblentz with General Maistre now.

With all my best wishes;

Most affectionately yours-

Marion Hain Weber.

Excuse typing; nobody can read my writing./

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THE BRICK HOUSE
SOUTHERN ACRES
SHELBURNE, VERMONT

Dear Dorothy,
I have just heard how
serious it is and I can't help writing
you a line to tell you how
much I sympathize with
you. I see have been
such anxious weeks for
us all and now that
peace has at last come

Dear Dorothy I am
thinking of you
during these anxious
hours and send
you my dearest love

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I am writing it is the day after tomorrow and will hope for better news—

You are in my thoughts every minute. To think of you not being with him, well my words of sympathy fail me.

With so much love

I am Affectionately yours

Mr. 30th Electra Webb

it seems so cruel to hear of such one dear to us all lying so ill.

We have all our prayers that he may recover.

You and he have both done so much for the cause that it seems as if he could surely be spared.

Thank you for the registered proof received & Many Love Edith Gray

Dear Mrs Straight,

I am very sorry to know that your husband is so ill, and so far away from you. I do hope he will recover. Men of his calibre are too rare in this world, and they are so needed by the country as well as by their families. Please

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accept my deepest sympathy in the dark hour
thro' which you are passing
but I sincerely hope May
I straight will soon be
well again.

With very kindest regards
-to you. I remain
Cordially yours
Margaret Law Cass.
(Mrs Newton Russell Cass)

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1160 FIFTH AVE NY. CITY NY

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

FRANK APLETON

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

60 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

DEEPEST LOVE AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

C D BARNES

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NYC.

KINDLY ACCEPT OUR SINCERE AND DEEP FELT SYMPATHY

HENRY H BENDEL INC

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1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

SUSIE CATTALANI AND I JUST LEARNED WITH INFINITE

DISTRESS WILLARDS DEATH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND LOVE

MILDRED BLISS

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE

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MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT,

120 BWAY ROOM 2654, NY

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOU IN YOUR GREAT LOSS

J. H. BRADLEY

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

Fifth Avenue Newyork(1130 Fifth Ave)

WILLARDS DEATH GREAT PERSONAL SORROW AND IRREPARABLE LOSS AMERICAN POSITION IN ORIENT PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY

EDWARD B BRUCE

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MRS W STRAIGHT

60 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

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KENNETH [B] DUDD

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT 1130 Fifth Ave

NEWYORK NY

THE SAD DEATH OF MAJOR STRAIGHT COMES AS A GREAT SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS WHO RESPECT ESTEEM AND AFFECTION HE HELD IN HIGH MEASURE PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EXPRESSION OF MY SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR YOUR IRREPAREBLE LOSS

ANSON W BURCHARD

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120 BROADWAY NEWYORK NY

PLEASE ASK MR FIELDER CONVEY TO MRS STRAIGHT AND HER FAMILY MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AT THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND FROM MY OWN DEEP FEELING OF GRIEF I KNOW HOW SHE SUFFERS

W F CAREY.

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Loving sympathy

Calhoun

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MRS WILLARD STRIGHT

1130M FIFTH AVE NY

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY

ALICE DRAPER CARTER

1145AM

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FOR MRS STRAIGHT THOUGHT WAR COULD NOT BRING ANY MORE MOURNING ALAS CRY WITH YOU DEAREST DOROTHY BE COURAGEOUS TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF KISS CHILDREN FOR ME

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MY SINCERE SYMPATHY YOUR HUSBAND GAVE HIS LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

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NEWYORK NY

ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE HOUR OF YOUR BEREAVEMENT

BERT CLEMINGS AND FAMILY

1230P

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT 1616 THIRD AVENUE, Phone Lenox 6745

T57FY FBE DH

WA WASHINGTON DC 1136A DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

1130 5th Ave.

NEWYORK NY

HOPE YOU WILL BE GIVEN PLENTY OF STRENGTH LOVE

H P DAVIDSON

251P

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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1616 THIRD AVENUE, Phone Lenox 6745
RECEIVED AT From 12 Midnight to 2 A.M. Call at 1363-3rd Ave. Lenox 405

T4FY FBE 22 NL 4 EX

FARMINGTON CONN/VIA ROSYLN NY 2 DEC 3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

I HAVE THOUGHT OF YOU EVERY MINUTE SINCE I HEARD THE

TERRIBLE NEWS LDEAREST LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY

CORRINNE

808A

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T142FYFGB 8 EX

FY WASHN DC DEC 2 1918 855PM

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NY 142

GREATEST LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO YOU

LOUISE AND WALTER DILLINGHAM

936PM

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T26FY FBE 17 5 EX

CHICAGO ILLS DEC 2 VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NEWYORK NY

ALL MY LOVE AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY DEAR DOROTHY IN YOUR

GREAT SORROW

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T93FY FBE 49 BLUE RELAY R D D

GV BOSTON MASS DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

93 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

JUST HEARD SHOCKING NEWS OF MAJOR STRAIGHTS DEATH SAW HIM IN PARIS AND HAVE MESSAGES TO YOU WHICH I PROMISED MYSELF OPPORTUNITY OF DELIVERING . . SOON HE MADE GOOD WOULD BE MOST CRITICAL REGULAR ARMY MEN AND WAS MY FRIEND YOU HAVE EVERY SYMPATHY ON EARTH THAT I CAN GIVE

C R EDWARDS

504P

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RECEIVED AT

T27FY FBE 7 3 EX

WASHINGTON DC 4 VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 4 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NEWYORK NY

WITH MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Form 2606

WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Received at

T74FY FBE 15 RELAY

PARIS DECEMBER 7TH 1918

MRS STRAIGHT

74 1130 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY DEAR DOROTHY

EDITH BLAIR FAIRCHILD

350P

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Night Message	Nite
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T54FY FEB

7 NEWHAVEN CONN 255P DEC 3 1918

MRS WILLARD B STRAIGHT

NEWYORK NY

OUR AFFECTIONATE THOUGHTS ARE CONSTANTLY WITH YOU

BEATRIX FARRAND

314P

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T3FY FBE 43 CNT PERIOD VIA GALVESTON

MEXICO DEC 1-2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYRK

YOU KNOW HOW I LOVED RESPECTED AND HONORED HIM AND IN MY HEARTWRECK GRIEF I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU INCOMPARABLY GREATER LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT.HE WAS THE FINEST MAN I EVER KNEW OR SHALL KNOW MY TRUEST AND BEST AND MOST LOYAL FRIEND

HENRY TRATHER FLETCHER

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TIO3 FY FBT 25 VIA GALVESTON

MEX DEC 1 1918

XGL MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 5 AVE NY

ALL MY DEEPEST LOVE AND SMYPATHY I GRIVE WITH YOU AND FOR YOU WILL START AT ONCE FOR NEW MOURK IF YOU CARE TO SEE ME

BEATICE FLETCHER

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Night Letter	N L

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T44FY FBE 16

JH BALTIMORE MD 1253P DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

I AM DEEPLY GRIEVED BY YOUR TERRIBLE LOSS AND BEG YOU TO ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

ABRAHM FLEXNER

143P

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Excerpt from Cablegram Received From PEKING

December 12, 1918.

LITERAL TEXT

SIRMCA, NEW YORK.

"PLEASE CONVEY TO MRS. STRAIGHT PRINCE AND PRINCESS PULUNS AND GATRELLS CONDOLENCE."

GATRELL.

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Cablegram received from Tokyo.

December 5, 1918.

CHARLES STONE
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

"REPORT OF DEATH OF WILLARD STRAIGHT GIVES ME DEEP SORROW PLEASE CONVEY MY SYMPATHY TO HIS MADAM."

ONO.

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Cablegram received from Peking.

December 26, 1918.

AMERINCO, NEW YORK.

FOR MRS. STRAIGHT.

"DEEPLY APPRECIATE PRIVILEGE CONTRIBUTING MEMOIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS (?) EXPECTED NEW YORK EARLY FEBRUARY."

GATRELL.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES
CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT
10 EAST 42ND ST. AND 501 6TH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY
Telephones: 5655, 5656, VANDERBILT

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TB CHGO ILLS DEC 2

MRS MILLARD STRAIGHTY M C A 2 W 43ST NYC 250P

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU

HELEN GLEASON

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NY

ACCEPT OUR VERY DEEP SYMPATHY AND SORROW IN YOUR LOST

ISABEL ELLIOTT GOODWIN

627PM

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Night Letter	N L

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T20FY FBE 16 EX 2

LONDON 5 VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 6 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

ACCEPT DEEPEST SYMPATHY AM DEEPLY GRIEVED BY LOSS OF OLD FRIEND AND GALLANT COMRADE

L LOYD GRISCON

1052A

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

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903 EM

Dec 2nd 1918

Mrs Willard Straight.
1130 Fifth Ave NY.

We are deeply greived to learn of your great loss

please accept our most heartfelt sympathy .

Mr & Mrs Daniel Guggenheim

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Night Letter	N L

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T77FY FBE 8

WA WASHINGTON DC DEC 2 1918 340P

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST AND SINCEREST SYMPATHY

WM HARD

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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PARIS VIA WEST-BURY DEC 8 1918

MRS MILDRED STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NY

DEEPEST AND MOST HARTFELDT SYMPATHY

IVY HERMAN HARJES

220PM

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT 1616 THIRD AVENUE, Near 91st St., Phone 6745 Lenox

T58FY FBE 32 6 EX

WA WASHINGTON DC VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 6TH 1918

MRS DOROTHY W STRAIGHT

38 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT IT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT COLONEL WILLARD D STRAIGHT ADJUTANT GENERALS DEPARTMENT DIED OF BRONCHO PNEUMONIA FOLLOWING INFLUENZA NOVEMBER THIRTIETH

HARRIS THE ADJT GENERAL

240P

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T34FYNF BE 37 BLUE

PRINCETON NJ 1136A DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

34 1130 FIFTH AVE NEW RK

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DEEP REGRET AND SINCERE SYMPATHY AT THE NEWS OF YOUR NOBLE HUSBANDS DEATH IN THE MIDST OF THE SPLENDID SERVICES WHICH HE WAS RENDERING HIS COUNTRY AND OUR GREAT COURSE

JOHN GRIER HIBBEN

1221P

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CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T13FY FBE 11

EASTHAMPTON NY DEC 3 1918 NF

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

WE ARE THINKING OF YOU WITH DEEPEST UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE

ADELE HERTER

957A

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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RECEIVED AT

1918 DEC 2 AM 2 58

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MC WASHINGTON DC 1

MRS W D STRAIGHT

1130 5 AVE NEWYORK NY

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

JAMES HICKS.

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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T21FY FBE 7

ISLIP NY DEC 1 1918 1025A

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NM

ALL OUR THOUGHTS DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE

[Tottie and Buell Hollister]

TUTTIE AND BULL

1143A

Copy of cable from Colonel House to Mrs. Straight, repeated over the telephone to A. T. F. by Mr. Philip Patchin, December 1st, 1918.

Mrs. House, Gordon Auchincloss and I send you our very deepest sympathy. Soon as the fighting ceased I sent for Willard to help me in the peace negotiations. His untimely death has deprived his country of one destined to play an important part in moulding her future and I personally feel that I have lost a very dear friend.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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30 F NY CK 30 323 PM

FA Washington DC Dec 4th 1918

Mrs Willard Straight.
1130 F ifth Ave New York.

Hoover has cabled from paris asking me to transmit to you the following message quote.I know you have the courage to bear even this we all loved him unquote.

Rickard.

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16—718 DESIGN PATENT No. 40529

23 F NY CK 7 1 PM

WS Washington DC 2nd Dec 2nd 1918

Mrs. Willard Straight
1130 Fifth Ave (Upper 5th Ave)

My dear Mrs Straight .. Jessie and I send you our love and deepest sympathy words cannot express our sorrow.

Leigh Hunt.

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Night Letter	N L

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING, NEW YORK

35 Q GT 83

WILMINGTON NC 1148ANODEC2/8

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT 1255

120 BWAY NEWYORK

THE SAD NEWS HAS JUST REACHED US HERE PLEASE ACCEPT
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR GREAT LOSS WILLARD YOU MIGHT
HAVE KNOWN WAS MY BEST AND MOST DEPENDABLE FRIEND IN
NEWYORK IT HURTS US TO FEEL THAT HIS LIFE SHOULD HAVE
BEEN TAKEN AT THIS TIME WITH SO GLORIOUS A FUTURE
AFTER SUCH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY PLEASE HAVE ME
ADVISED OF ANY ARRANGEMENTS IN WHICH I MAY BE OF
ANY PERSONAL ASSISTANCE THE SHOCK IS VERY HARD TO BEAR VERY

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Night Letter	N L

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T152FYFGB 12 3 EX

DY BALTI-MORE MD 1010PM DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT 157

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK DELR AM

LOVE AND DEAREST SYMPATHY FROM THE BALTIMORE JUNIOR LEAGUE

HELEN WHITRIDGE

PRESIDENT

1110PM

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T80FY FBE 13 3 EX 1616 THIRD AVENUE, Phone Lenox 6745
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LOUISVILLE KY WESTBURY NY DEC 2 1918

MRS W D STRAIGHT

80 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

BARNETT AND I SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCERE LOVE

MRS SANDERS P JONES

436P

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Night Letter	N L

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T89FY FBE 13 R L A M

ATLANTA GA DEC 2 1918

WILLARD B STRAIGHT

89 NEWYORK NY

THE ENTIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE JOINS ME IN SINCERE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO YOU

ROBYN PEEPLES

458P

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TELEGRAM

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Night Letter	N L

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T23FY FBE 30

AG NEWYORK NY 1030 DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

23 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

ROSAMOND AND I ARE GREATLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF WILLARDS DEATH

WE SYMPATHIZE DEEPLY WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT THIS NOBLE AND HERO

MEMORY MAY COMFORT YOU IN YOUR SORROW

ALBERT B KERR

11A

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T8FY FBE 41 GOVT

SD WASHN DC 920A DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 5TH AVE NEWYRK

I DESIRE TO SEND TO YOU THE SINCERE SYMPATHY OF MRS LANSING

AND MYSELF ON THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND IT IS A GREAT LOSS

TO OUR COUNTRY

ROBERT LANSING

938A

WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STAT

CABLEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Received at 16 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK

1918 DEC 9 AM 12 40

485 NS H

FRANCE 11

FIEDLER

12 BROADWAY

NEWYORK

TERRIBLY SHOCKED EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

KINKAID

MM 7

W. U. CO

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POSTAL TELEGRAM – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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21 F NY CK 51

253 Bway New York Dec 2 1223 PM

Mrs Williard D Straight

1130 Fifth Ave NY.

The league of foreign born citizens deeply mourns with you the irreparable loss of Major Straight.he was one of the leagues most interested and helpfull friends in his passing the nation has lost one of its brilliant sons as true gentleman a man of splendid achievements and of rare promise.

Nathaniel Phillips President.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

T81FY FBE 12

1616 THIRD AVENUE, Phone Lenox 6745
From 12 Midnight to 2 A.M. Call at 1363-3rd Ave. Lenox 435

CO NEWYORK DEC 2 1918 418P

MRS W D STRAIGHT

81 NEWYORK NY

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE IN YOUR GREAT LOSS

ADOLPH LEWISOHN

437P

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T52FY FBE 64

GH WASHINGTON DC 1235P DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

52 NEWYORK 1130 5th Ave.

I AM IN INEXPRESSIBLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF MAJOR STRAIGHT AND EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY MAJOR STRAIGHT RENDERED NOTABLE SERVICES TO OUR CAUSE AND THIS WAR AND MADE A REPUTATION IN CONNECTION HEREWITH IN KEEPING WITH US SPLENDID ABILITY AND NOBLE CHARACTER IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT I MAY DO I SHALL ESTEEM IT A PRIVILEDGE TO BE CALLED UPON

HENRY D LINDSLEY

214P

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MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

79 NEWYORK

DEEPLY GRIEVED TO HEAR OF YOUR GREAT LOSS PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EXPRESSION OF MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY

SAM A LEWISOHN

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CO NEWYORK NY 1226P DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLIAM STRAIGHT

38 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

WE SHARE IN YOUR GREAT SORROW AND SEND YOU OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND LOVE

LUCY AND WALTER

1246P

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K WASHINGTON DC DECEMBER 2 1918 1055A

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT
1130 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

I AM INEXPRESSIBLY GRIEVED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SPLENDID HUSBAND THE ONLY COMFORT YOU CAN HAVE IS THE KNOWLEDGE HE DIED THE DEATH OF A HERO IN GIVING HIS LIFE AS HE DID FOR HIS COUNTRY SUCH A GLORIOUS RECORD IS A COMFORT AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DRAW FREELY UPON IT PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MRS MCADOOS DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND MINE IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH I CAN BE OF THE LEAST SERVICE YOU KNOW HOW GLADLY I AM AT YOUR COMMAND

W G MCADOO

1110A

WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

Form 2606

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

MAJOR WILLIAM J MACK

512PM

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R Y ROSLYN NY 530P

WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE JY

OUR DEPEST SMMPATHY

HELEN AND BRADLEY MARTIN

751P

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

RECEIVED AT
1864 THIRD AVE., N.Y.
PHONE LENOX 7415

DELIVERY No.

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Mrs Williad Straight.

1130 Fifth Ave NY.

My deepest sympathy with you and yours in this sad hour

Clarence H Mackay.

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MIDDLEBURG VA VIA ROSLYN NY SEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARS STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

AM INEXPRESSIBLY SHOCKED BY SUDDEN NEWS ALL MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO YOU

MARY

921AM

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PARIS DEC 7 1918

MRS WILLARD 1356

STRAIGHT FOESEC NEWYORK (MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT CARE FORSEC CARE INTERNL COM YMCA 347 MAD)

ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY

ELSIE MEAD

710P

FORM 61
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CABLEGRAM

"Via Commercial Pacific" 1155

"VIA COMMERCIAL"

742

DEC 19 1918

RECEIVED AT
20 BROAD STREET. ... M. SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BACK HEREOF, WHICH ARE RATIFIED AND AGREED TO.
TELEPHONE: RECTOR 380

374SF S 20 XSF HONGKONG

SECRETARY OF WILLARD STRAIGHT 120 BROADWAY NEWYORK

CONVEY SINCEREST SYMPATHY MRS STRAIGHT MR MRS MATHESON MR MRS ROSS SHOMSON

(MATHESON) H. Matheson.

PASS
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"VIA COMMERCIAL"

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20 BROAD STREET. ... M. SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BACK HEREOF, WHICH ARE RATIFIED AND AGREED TO.
TELEPHONE: RECTOR 380.

5 AS R386 PLN GVT RIO 21

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT 120 BROADWAY NY

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE CHILDREN AM OVERPOWERED BY DREADFUL NEWS AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS

(Edwin MORGAN)

COM.

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"VIA COMMERCIAL"

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20 BROAD STREET, ...M. SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BACK HEREOF, WHICH ARE RATIFIED
TELEPHONE: RECTOR 300

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F M DEARING 120 BWAY NY

GIVE DOROTHY ALL SYMPATHY IN THIS DREADFUL MOMENT

MORGAN

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D CHICAGO ILLS DEC 3-4 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NEWYORK NY

THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL WOMENS TRADE UNION LEAGUE

SEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR HOUR OF TRIAL

EMMA STECHAGEN

910A

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DM NEWYORK 1006A DEC 3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NEWYORK NY

MY VERY SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS AND SORROW

J P MORGAN

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CK ALBANY NEWYORK DEC 3-4 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWYORK STATE WOMEN SUFFRAGE PARTY DESIRES

TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE SINCERE SYMPATHY OF ITS MEMBERS

M R EDGE

COMMANDING SECRETARY

745A

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

TELEGRAM

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FC WASHINGTON DC DEC 1 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

BEYOND EXPRESSION IN ANY LANGUAGE DEAR MRS STRAIGHT IS THE DEPTH OF THE SYMPATHY WHICH MRS OHL, JOAN AND I FEEL FOR YOU IN YOUR GREAT AFFLICTION. MORE THAN YOU CAN KNOW IS WILLARDS TAKING AWAY A PERSONAL BLOW TO ME. OF ALL THE MEN WHOSE PATHS HAVE CROSSED MY OWN IN THE YEARS OF MY MANHOOD I LOVED HIM BEST , AND YOU KNOW A MANS LOVE FOR ANOTHER CAN BE SOMETHING VERY REAL AND VERY FINE. I MOURN WITH YOU AND MY HEART IS HEAVY WITH SORROW FOR WILLARD. HE LOVED LIFE SO AND HAD SOMUCH TO LIVE FOR. THE CUTTING OFF OF HIS SPLENDID LIFE AT ITS VERY THRESHOLD, THE TAKING AWAY OF THE YEARS OF HAPPINESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH HE HAD SO MUCH RIGHT TO EXPECT AND WE TO EXPECT FOR HIM, THE DEPRIVATION OF THE FATHERS RIGHT TO WITNESS AND GUIDE AND GLORY IN THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HIS CHILDREN- THE THOUGHT OF THESE THINGS COMBINED WITH MY POIGNANT GRIEF OVER THE LOSS OF MY FRIEND MAKE HIS DEATH TO ME THE WARS SUPREME TRAGEDY . MY SORROW FOR YOU IS BEYOND ALL MEASURING

J K OHL

930PM

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TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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KI 4 VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 4 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

29 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCE

REGIS ONIVERIA

WESTERN UNION

CABLEGRAM

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Received at

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PARIS DEC 4 1918

WILLARD STRAIGHT

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FIFTH AVE AND 94ST NY

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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LUXENBOURG DEC VIA ROSLYN NY DEC 3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

42 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUTTO YOU IN THIS DREADFUL HOUR IN THE DEATH OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED HUSBAND. THE NATION HAS LOST ONE OF ITS MOST PATRIOTIC CITIZENS THE ARMY A SPLENDID SOLDIER AND COMRADE AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM MOURN THE LOSS OF A DEVOTED AND LOYAL FRIEND

JOHN J PERSHING

120P

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WESTERN UNION

TELEGRAM

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NEWYORK 1 VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 2-3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

55 NEWYORK NY 1130 FIFTH NEWYORK

DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND MUCH LOVE

R D W POST

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RECEIVED AT 195 BROADWAY, N Y

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

CR A W TIEDLER 120 BWAY NEWYORK NY

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU WILLARD GREW UP WITH OUR BOYS AND WAS VERY DEAR TO US WE APPRECIATE MORE KEENLY THE DEPTH OF YOUR GRIEF

MR AND MRS ELISHA B POWELL.

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T16FY FBE 24

ROCKFORD ILLS 851A DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD B STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF YOUR OVERWHELMING SORROW MY HEART IS FULL OF LOVING SYMPATHY FOR YOU HOW I WISH I COULD HELP YOU

HARRIET PRATT

1022A

POSTAL TELEGRAPH – COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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36 F NY CK 17 PASS FR 2 421 PM

BORDEAUX 6th Dec 6th

MRS WILLARD D STRAI GT.

FIFTH AVE AND 92nd ST NY.

MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY .

JOHN T PRATT.

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T2FY FBE 29

LONDON DEC 3 1918

MRS STRAIGHT

2 (1130 FIFTH AVE) NEWYORK

TERRIBLY DISTRESSED KNEW NOTHING OF ILLNESS UNTIL TODAY OR WOULD HAVE GONE TO SEE HIM ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE

ALMERIC OLIVE AND DOROTHY QUEENBOROUGH

747A

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W. D. S.
A. W. F.

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

CARE AMERICAN INTERNATL CORPN EQUITABLE BLDG
NY

DEEPEST SYMPATHY FROM US BOTH

ROBERT AND ENID RANKIN

348A 3RD

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PARIS VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 15 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NY

DEEPRST LOVE SYMPATHY SERVICE FOR WILLARD WERY BEAUTIFUL

BELLE ROOSEVELT

440P

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FY HARTFORD CONN 940A DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

1130FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

I AM SUFFERING INTENSLY FOR YOU AND DEEPLY FOR MYSELF

I LOVED HIM TOO DEAR DOROTHY

CORINE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

107 NY

PLEASE EXCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMATHY IN YOU BEREAVEMENTS WE KNEW YOU DEAR HUSBAND WELL WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT HERE AND AND OFTEN HAD HIM AT MY HOUSE WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE AND I GREATLY REJOICED IN HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER HE HAS MANY FRIENDS AT CORNELL WHO WITH ME MOURN HIS LOST MY HEARTFELDT SYPAMTHY GOES OUT TO YOU IN YOU SURPRENME SORROW IT WILL ALWAYS BE CONSOLATION TO YOU TO REMEMBER THAT DE DIED WHILE RENENDING BRAVERY A SOLDIERS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

JACOB GOLD SCHURMAN
558PM

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

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JACKSON MH DEC 3

MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

1130 Fifth NY

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF

THE DEATH OF MR STRAIGHT PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE SYMPATHY

10P JNO L SENIOR

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

100 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

MY HEART IS BROKEN I LOVED HIM LIKE A SON I WAS SO PROUD OF HIM

CAN I BE A ANY SERVICE TO YOU I HAVE NO WORDS OF CONSOLATION

H MORSE STEPHENS

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M C WASH DC 540 DEC 1

MRS WILLARD STRIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NY

WE HAVE TRIED BUT FAILED TO FIND ANYWAY TO EXPRESS WHAT WE FEEL

ABOUT WILLARD OR HOW MUCH WE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU YOU KNOW THAT

ALL OUR AFFECTIONS AND SYMPATHY IS YOURS

SEMENTEEN EIGHTEEN

756P

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LOUISVILLE KY VIA WESTBURY NY DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

98 NEWYORK NY

IF I MUST BELIEVE THE SAD NEWS IN THE PAPERS ACCEPT MY DEEPEST

DEEP SYMPATHY WHICH IS IT FOR BEYOND ME TO EXPRESS

B R SWAN

522P

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COLORADO SPRINGS COL VIA ROSLYN NY DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

104 NY

ALL MY LOVE AND THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHY ARE WITH YOU DOROTHY DEAR
I AM HEART BROKEN FOR YOU AND WOULD GIVE EVERYTHING TO BE OF SOME LITTLE
HELP IF MY BEING WITH YOU NOW OR LATIER WOULD BRING THE LEAST COMFORT
I WILL SURLY COME HELEN SENDS HER DEAREST LOVE AND SYMPATHY WITH MINE

ELIZA [swift]
610PM

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

31 NEWYORK NY

MY DEEPEST DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE DEAR DOROTHY I FEEL VERY DEEPLY
FOR YOU IN THIS GREAT LOSS AND SORROW

MARY SCOTT TOWNSEND

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Q NEWYORK NY DEC 2 1918 220PM

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

53 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR GREAT LOSS

MOSES TAYLOR

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MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

MUCH LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY-DEAR DOROTHY FROM

ELEANOR TWEED

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MRS WILLARD D STRAIGHT 5170

1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

WORDS FAIL ME TO EXPRESS THE DEEP SORROW WITH WHICH I LEARN OF MR STRAIGHTS UNTIMELY DEATH I HAD FOR HIM A FEELING OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND A PROFOUND ADMIRATION OF HIS RARE QUALITIES OF INTELLECT AND HEART MAY I ASSURE YOU THAT MR STRAIGHTS FRIENDS SHARE YOUR LOSS AND GRIEF WITH DEEP AND GENUINE SYMPATHY

[G]

PAUL M WARBURY

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SD NEWYORK NY 225P DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

59 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

THE MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN CONGREGATION OF GRACE CHAPEL OFFER THEIR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN

FRANSESCO B URBANO

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TACOMA WASHINGTON 412PM DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NY 127

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE SO SHOCKED TO HEAR SAD NEWS AND SEND OUR DEEP AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

GRACE VANDERVILT

827PM

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HUNGFORD ENG 7 VIA ROSLYN NY DEC 8 1918

MRS WILLIARD SRTARIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVE NY

LOVE AND SYMPATHY FROM US BOTH WE WERE SO FOND OF HIM

DEAN WARD

1126AM

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BOSTON MASS VIA ROSWYAN NY DEC3 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

NY 1130 5th Ave

DEAREST LOVE AND DEEP SYMPATHY

MARY WHEELOCK

734PM

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FY ALBANY NEWYORK 930AM DEC 2 1918

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK NY

GOVERNOR AND MRS CHARLES S WHITMAN WISH YOU TO ACCEPT THEIR

SINCERE SYMPATHY

NO SIGNATURE

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WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Received at

T20FY FBE 15/14

PLD LONDON DECEMBER 7 1918

MRS STRAIGHT

1130 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

CONSTERNES TRESTE NOUVELLE PARTAGUONS PFONDEMENT

VOTRE DOULEUR

L.T.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT 1504 THIRD AVE., N. Y. PHONE LENOX 7435

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PARIS 5th/ 6th 1012 AM

MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT.

1130 FIFTH AVE NY.

ALL MY LOVE AND SYMPATHY WISH COULD HELP.

MARY WIBORG.

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BY NY 2nd

Mrs Williard Straight.

1130 5th Ave NY.

May I express my sympathy in your great loss.

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

71 1130 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

DEEPEST SYMPATHY DEAR DOROTHY

ELSIE WOODWARD

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MRS WILLARD STRAIGHT

28 NEWYORK

NO WORDS CAN POSSIBLY CAN EXPRESS THE DEEP AND SINCERE SYMPATHY

WHICH GOES OUT TO YOU AT THIS TIME HEARTFELT LOVE AND AFFECTION

GEORGE M WOOLSEY

12P

"Please extend Mrs. Willard Straight most sincere invitation from me come France for work during remaining months Army is here. Carter."

"Please accept sincere sympathy. We are deeply thankful for all you have done in America for Y. M. C. A. here and for large service your husband has rendered Association since arrival in France."

"Accept my deepest sympathy. Elsie Mead."

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[Dec. 1, 1918]

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Frank Polk from Auchincloss

Straight's friends are most anxious that you confer with his wife and learn her views respecting present disposition of his remains. In the event that she wishes his body brought back at once to the United States, Colonel House would regard it as a personal favor if the Secretary of War would authorize this to be done. As soon as the armistice was signed

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2.

Colonel House requested that Straight be detailed to his mission and knew had selected Straight as his chief executive officer for the work of the Peace Commission. The fact that Straight died after the cessation of hostilities and that, at the time of his death, he was attached to a diplomatic mission would seem to justify the Secretary of War in granting permission for his body to be brought at

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3.

once to the United States in the custody of Martin Egan who sails on the Leviathan December 9th, provided of course this suits the wishes of Mrs. Straight.

1 PARK AVENUE

I am very, very sorry for you, Dorothy dear, and my heart goes out to you in your overwhelming sorrow. —

If I can help you at any time, I shall always consider it the greatest privilege to do so. —

Affectionately yours
Martha Bacon

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December 1st, 1918

Dear Dorothy.

There is nothing that can be said at this time of consolation, I know- but I do want you to feel that my thoughts have been with you these last days and that I cannot bear to think that this blow has fallen upon you- Willard's energies and intellect were always bent towards the service of his country and now at last he has made the supreme sacrifice for her. You can always be proud of the splendid work he has done and the splendid work he was going to do for America. Every man who came in contact with him appreciated his achievement and he leaves behind him innumerable friends in the army and out who know how great a loss his country has sustained in losing him.

As soon as he heard of Willard's illness General Wright sent me to Paris in order to be absolutely sure that he was getting the best of care. As you know everything that could be done was done- The General was unable to come here himself, but he will be here tomorrow. He was devoted to Willard and there existed a fine friendship between the two-

Dear Dorothy, words do not seem to say anything of what we feel- nothing of the love and sympathy that are in our hearts affectionately yours

James W. Barney

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Sunday

67 Park Avenue

My dear Dorothy:

Katharine has just told me of the sad news you have had and my heart goes out to you in deep & loving sympathy, and a great longing to be of help to you — And yet, I know well that one must bear a great

sorrow alone: that it is only one's own courage & philosophy that can keeps one, & I take to remember that ours is true & deep — I can not attempt to say anything comforting to you: the sorrow is too deep for that: but these thoughts will come to you, in good

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time. I see now. It is wonderful to think that his death was his most noble act that can come to any man: he "died to set men free" and could one wish more for one's beloved than that!

If there is anything I can do to help you, you know well. That I should do it gladly. For his love I give you Justin, yours and his children. & your sorrow, are mine — but I think you would much rather to be alone. — that is my way & both bearing great grief — and therefore I shall not go to you, yet. — but I am always thinking of you. my dear little Dorothy. and with her much loving heartfelt sympathy.

Affectionately Aunt Lilly.

Lily Whitney Barney or Mrs Charles Barney

Sunday

WESTBURY
LONG ISLAND

My dear Dorothy
I can just
hear dear Willard-
Everyone can feel that
you and he were
giving each other
to the war- and this
precious Autumn when
you feel to be doing
for him after all
he had been through-
I can always see a
great admiration for
Willard and Dearie
it was based on what
he had accomplished and
on what to Good
for — but by long
past hours of him

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always has been — I
something very thoughtful
and kind that I
can think of to do
day — Nobody else
was aware of it — but
I have always
remembered and I realized
then — that I am more very
lucky — because that
was of course the side

Dear Mr. Balmforth
Law for the
20 of this
I shall remain always to the very
It is difficult to express sympathy
in just the right
Life to — because we have
Love of the unselfish sacrifice of
this war — Mrs Symphathy

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[12-1-18]

152 EAST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET
TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2588

Dear Dorothy:—
Adolphus & I both
pled in to see you
& to express our
yours husband. His
afternoon and
were terribly shocked
to hear of his
death. We all
feel very very sorry

WESTBURY
LONG ISLAND

Dec 1/18

seem an inadequate
expression to anyone
who has given so much-
so who has so much
to be proud of—
The first flight, that
will come to everyone,
of Willard — will be
that he gave himself
with a wonderful
sport that only the

Very friend can give—
with very love to you
Affectionately yours
Gaidee Blair.

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for you. And Wish there were something we might do to help you. - Won't you let us come in & see you & Kate do? With much love from Jessie A. Wise

Sunday Brown Express

[c. Dec. 1, 1917]

1130 Fifth Avenue

Dorothy darling - I thought I might be able to help you so I come up. Perhaps it is easier for you not to come to see all of us with how you feel, may you rest better now. Lots of Bertrand's flowers if I can. God bless you Dolly

[Mrs. J. A. Burden]

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something I might do
to say & help.

But I realize the futility
of mere words & sympathy
at such times.

I did not know Major
Straight, but do know things
Edith & other friends, of your
great devotion, mutual interests
& companionship, and it is
hard & cold of me to write,

Westbury L. I.

My dear Dorothy:

On account
of your closeness to Edith
and our mutual work of the
past six months I cannot
get you out of my mind,
in your terrible sorrow and
grief, for one moment do I
my heart go out to you
and I only wish there were

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when he sees such a union torn asunder.

The thought of the great cause for which you both gave his life may come in time, so some comfort but at present the emptiness and aching void in your heart must be your only consciousness.

Please accept this poor attempt at a few words of sympathy which I just cant refrain from writing and Believe me

Affectionately yours

Gertrude Crane Bryant

December 1st 1918

14 rue de Marignan
Paris, December 1

Dearest Dorothy

You have been very much in my heart during the past weeks which Willard has been making his gallant fight. It was for you and dearer of you that he made it and you helped him every moment. But you must know, as I do, that he has gone on to greater opportunities, to higher struggles. He has gone on - with honors thick upon him, gained by bravery, by his own exertion, by fighting, by growing, by facing the world squarely and meeting with tremendous vitality its problems and its high hopes. If he has gone on just when there was most need of his energy, just when

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all his intellect and vigor could have been of the greatest service to the world, you must feel that for him it was to die on the mountain tops in the heat of action, looking forward and upward but never back. The gods loved him well, dear Dorothy, and flung him this gift before ever he could feel regret. During these two years since I said good-bye to you, I have grown to have a different feeling about death. It has come to be a friend, a hope, a growth, a beginning not an end. It seems like a voyage ~~toward~~ new seas, a sailing forth with all its tremulous apprehensions and eager courage toward an unknown world and strange

adventures and unparalleled opportunities of knowledge and service. "Passage to more than India! — Are they not all the seas of God:" You must be happy for him, Dorothy, that he had taken flight first through the mists and the clouds, that he is the first of you two to fly far and free and open his eyes upon the new heaven and a new earth. You must be ready to follow when the time is ripe. It will take all your courage and patience and devotion, but you have so much. Willard lived every moment of his life to the full, and he has not stopped growing now. He is going on.

You must grow with him and be ready to meet him on his own high level. I have such faith in you, child. You will not fail. And you will carry with you those beautiful children that are a part of him too. My dear love to you and my Cal's love. He believed in you down to the ground.

Devotedly

Amy Calhoun

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[12-1-18]

46 EAST SEVENTIETH STREET

When I think I all
you must be suffering.
You who have been
So unselfish and
thought full of others.
It just seems too hard
that this Sorrow should
come into your life

My dear Mrs. Straight.
I am sure
you miss my Sympathy.
Words at a time like
this are so inadequate.
My Sympathy is real
and my heart aches

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And I wish that I could do
some thing to help you for I
know I am truely & truely
sorry this seems to me.

With true hindes Standing and
Sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

Wm L. Clark

1, FIFTH AVENUE.

My dear Dorothy—
It seems almost
unfeeling to bother
you with another
expression of sympathy
or of affection, since
even the most heartfelt
tender can help so
little — But all the
same I am sending
these few lines to tell
you how continually
you are in my thoughts

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with what real grief
I think of your sorrow.
All through your
happiness, your example
has meant so much
to your friends — it has
been a real possession,
even to the "distant"
ones like myself —
And now in your
desolation, be sure
that your spirit & courage
will be in proportion
to your own suffering &
that your life will continue to be
that helps us all, as ever widening
circles. The foretaste of separation
& loneliness which he have all had
This year, makes the sense of your
agony all the keener, my dear
Dorothy — & I realize that there are
no words that can soothe —
& anything can — it must

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be the strength & loveli-
ness of your love &
the relationship - of which
not even death can
hurt the memory. or
render it less your own.
Affectionately yrs
Dorothy Cope

December 1st 1918

[12-1-18]

TELEGRAMS TELEPHONE ROSSLYN

BUNGA FIELDS
JERICHO P.O.
L. I.

RY. STATION HICKSVILLE

Dear Dorothy - I heard of Willard's death early this morning and went up to see you and found you had come down here. I can't bear to think of you all alone. You know how distant and I cannot for words and we both love you - Sometimes the presence of some one feeling the same way that you do, is a comfort - perhaps you would care to see me, but don't do it, if it's easier for you to be alone. Lovingly

Jane. [Croly]

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HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Dear Dorothy. I have this opportunity to send you a word of love and sympathy which I can't forbear doing. as I sit here in Willards Room. Nothing that has ever happened in my life has brought me such consciousness of the power of a great personality as Willards death. the power of his ideals, of his sweetness, of his high unselfishness. Throughout the four days that I have been here. everybody has contributed to that feeling. and as I have listened to the many words of love and affection which have been spoken by everyone who has come in I have wished that I might transcribe them all for you for if there can be any consolation for you it must be in the knowledge that these same ideals and high purposes will be carried on in the hearts of all who knew him well. I can't tell you dear Dorothy how much it is in my heart as I write

DEC. 10 1914

I can only tell you that never for a moment during these past four days has the vision of you faded from my mind. and I have been with you in spirit every hour. Willard was very ill when I got here. he was unconscious so I never had a chance to deliver your messages or the letter parcel. You gave me for him. I am returning the parcel by Martin Egan. Mrs Harriman has been marvelous through all his sickness. Never thinking of herself and always about you and what you would have done if you had been here. I don't think a stone was left unturned that could have led to another chance. I consider it one of the great privileges of my life that I knew Willard well. what his loss will be to you I can't bear to think! Dear Dorothy if I have said anything stupidly or tactlessly may forgive it. I am overwhelmed by my own grief and yours and all that I really want you to know is how my heart goes out to you. and how I would do anything to mitigate in the smallest way your grief.

Bill.

Sunday

[William Adams Delano]

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LOCUST VALLEY
LONG ISLAND
TELEPHONE GLEN COVE 51

Oh Dorothy! my heart is just bleeding for you. I cannot bear to have this come to you in this way!

There is nothing we can say - our sympathy and love and admiration are too much for words.

Devotedly
"Mrs Davie."

Sunday.

[Davison]

[12-1-18]

Dear Dorothy:

What can I say to you. I have been praying and hoping that this might be spared you, and now that it has happened, I can only hope that God will give you strength. I think you have as hard a thing ahead of you as can be, and is it any help for you to know that your friends know you will be braver and finer about it than anyone could be.

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I was with my aunt right after the news of Walker's being wounded, and then a week later came the word that he died. At first none of us knew how we could bear it, or how she would live, and the first week he seemed not to be at all. But now we all know that he is alive somewhere, and is still himself, and that all the wonderful, splended people who have died, are really all together, and are surely waiting for us and watching us.

I know how splended Mr Straight is, and I cannot help but be glad for the many others like my Cousin who will have him now, though my heart aches when I think of you.

The time in the next life is going to be so much longer and more beautiful than the few years any of us have in this life, and I know now it will all go very quickly till we join those we love.

It is human and natural

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to be very sad at such a loss and to miss some one always, but it is also a very wonderful and proud feeling to know such a chance to be as brave, if not braver than any soldier.

Dear Dorothy, you know how every one who has ever known you, will always love you, and give any thing in the world to help you or comfort you.

I am thinking of you constantly, and I send you my very tenderest love, from

Gretchen Blaine Damrosch.

Gretchen Bowers

52, WEST 49TH STREET.

My dear Dorothy:

Louise has just told me of your great loss, how great! you only know, but we do know something of it and I want to tell you how much we grieve for you and with you.

Your good husband died as he had lived, faithful to the trush committed to him, doing his duty to the full, and doing it wonderfully well.

He has left a good

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Sunday

KNOLE
WESTBURY
LONG ISLAND

Dearest Dorothy

Words fail me when I try to express what I feel for you. We want you to know that I am feeling & thinking for you in this terrible sorrow.

Ever affec'ly

Sweet Dotsy [Dows]

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name for your Children to cherish and a loving memory for you to treasure in your own heart.

He died for his Country just as truly as any other faithful Soldier

You have not lost him! he has just gone over across awhile before you to wait for and to meet you at your journeys end to welcome you to where partings and wars are no more "and in eternal peace thy penance end."

God bless and help you. Dorothy dear.

We all join in the desire to do something or any-

thing for you. And rest sure that you will give us the chance to help you and yours.

Sunday

Yours affectionately

Dixons [Dixons]

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Dec 1st.

43 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs Straight:—

The news of your great grief has just come & Irish Knight & all the yearningly tender love & sympathy that wells up in my heart upon your beloved head.

May the loneliness & anguish of your soul find the abiding love & consolation of God, our Father, and may His Spirit pour itself upon you so that the knowledge of love triumphant over death & sorrow, distance &

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time may be yours

utterly.

Dear, dear Mrs Straight

God comfort you.

Mary Dreier.

52 West 49 Street

The distance between you must seem very long but love cares and does bridge distances far greater than mere miles and I know his thoughts are full of gratitude toward you and of love for you-

I cannot write any more now so my heart is too full for utterance, but on this, my first drive, I wanted to leave a few lines for you to say that I am here and waiting - until the time when you may wish to see one to whom you are very dear-

These lines from an old book of mine came to mind the other day and I think they may express something of the feeling of your friend

M.L.D.

Dear, dear Dorothy;

It is with something akin to awe that I send you these few lines for I know something of how sacred your present suffering is, and feel that no one has a right to intrude upon you. Not for an instant have I believed but what it would all end happily and that your heroism would be rewarded by the consciousness of its own splendor and the results of its example. All of your friends are with you in spirit every moment and trying to give you and to give him of their strength.

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your husband and your friends toward you;

"If all that I can, just now do for thee
Is, to do nothing - Thus my prayer must be -
That thou may'st never guess, nor ever see
The all-endured this nothing alone - costs me!"

God bless you dear - now and always - and may the strength
and comfort you now -

Your devoted friend

Louise

December first.

Dec. 1. 1918.

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE
RITZOTEL- PARIS

Hôtel Ritz
Place Vendôme
Paris

Dear Dorothy.

I want you to know that my heart and my every thought are with you today - and my love and devotion will be with you always.

You will know what it means to Martin to lose Willard. He loved him as he loved nobody else and it is the

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64 West 37th Street.
New York City.
Sunday, December 1.

Dear Mrs. Straight -

I wanted to write you as soon as I heard that Mr. Straight was ill, when it seemed that he still must live, to tell you how I was one of many, many people scarcely known to him who felt the wonderful quality of his life, who were aware of the fine impact of his personality. It is

greatest loss that has ever come to him.

We will be in New York in two or three weeks and will want to serve you in every possible way. If either I or can ever do anything for you at all I shall feel grateful and glad.

God bless you and give you help.

Always faithfully and faithfully yours

Eleanor [Egan]

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not strange, perhaps. that we too, we who were on the outer rim of his wide circle of contact, should feel so shaken by the announcement of his death. It is because of the rare circumstance that now and then someone actually walks through life with wide-open eyes, seeing far, someone with keen susceptibilities and immeasurable sympathy who will not compromise with lesser things, that life is made precious and redeemed into something worth having.

I know no one who has played his part more perfectly. Indifference has almost cheapened silence into something commonplace. Otherwise I should not intrude upon you even the expression of personal admiration for Mrs. Straight. The spirit walks very softly in the presence of death.

Sincerely yours.

Gertrude Emerson

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do with a full heart.

The great love that you and your husband have for each other will give you courage to take up your life and live it bravely for his sake & the children's. After all, it is but a thin veil that separates the dear from the unseen, & nothing can separate those that love from each other.

The memory of the happy years you have spent together will be a comfort to you now. I know what his de-

Dec. 1st

NINE EAST NINETY-FIRST STREET

Dearest Dorothy - Just typed at your house this afternoon to inquire how your husband was. It was a terrible shock to hear that he had passed away last night. My whole heart goes out to you in tender love & sympathy, & how I long to be able to say or do something to help you! At least I can love you, and this I

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votion has meant to you
& can imagine how fearfully
hard the parting must have
been for you both. & that
he has given his life for
his country just as much
as if he had fallen on the
battle field, & for that reason
he all owe him a debt of
gratitude.

When I told the girls at
the Store last that this after-
noon & your dozens flori-
sts & how many came up
here to express their sin-
cere sympathy. You
have many warm friends
& admirers among the girls,
& one of these days they'll
be sick pal able & come
back to our Board.

God bless & keep you,
my very dear friend, &
give you strength for each
day's need. At page 23
of my "Comfort Thoughts for those
at Home" which sent you two
weeks ago there is a Quotation
from Basil King which I think
you will find helpful.

Lovingly your friend
Emily

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How much I feel for you. Mrs Froelick is in the country and has not yet heard. I know how deeply she joins me in sympathy. And all of us here on the magazine feel his going so much and would we could lighten your sorrows. Please call on any of us for anything we can do

Most Sincerely
Louis D Froelick

AMERICAN ASIATIC ASSOCIATION
627 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Sunday

Dear Mrs Straight

It's too sad. He meant so much for the very finest in life and especially in the new life after the war and to so many — our whole country and even more. I couldn't believe that he would not win out.

His fine fearlessness back of every other big quality in him, I loved. It came so directly from the truth and rightness of his spirit. And there was all that wonderful keenness and bigness of vision and boundless capacity for intelligence and for work that made his essential rightness count so widely. He let me see here and there something of his inner feeling. It was splendidly refreshing. And his big broad generosity

JAMES GILMORE FLETCHER
511 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Sunday

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I am

crushed to the very dust with grief over the death of Willard. It is almost unbelievable. Please accept my heart's deepest sympathy in this your dark hour.

If there is any service I can render, won't you please let me do it? I realize that you have so many many friends but

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Sunday

69 East Seventy-ninth Street

Dear Dorothy

I want to send you a little line, just because I am so awfully, awfully sorry. Wish I could put in writing what I feel for you. I have thought of you all this past week & wish I could do more than send my very deepest sympathy in this way. Bobby

Nore who is more genuinely anxious to help to lighten your very heavy burden. My work for the Government is fast nearing the end, so I could go abroad for you at almost a moments' notice. I stand ready to do so.

Henry, too, would be comforted and somewhat consoled if he, through me, could assist you in any way. I have wired him the awful news. It will be broken-hearted.

May the Great Burden-bearer temper your sorrow, is the prayer of

Yours very Sincerely,
J. Gilmore Speyer.

joins me in this.

As always affectionately
Cordia H. Gerry

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admire more than any-
one else. And those
who do not Rush you do
well, love and admire
you too, Dorothy, - and
wish that only there
were something that
could bring you comfort.
Lots and lots of love,
from Anita & Hamilton Hadden.

Sunday.

[12-1-18]

119 East 81st Street

224 MADISON AVENUE

Dorothy dear, I have been
away, but I have been
thinking about you more
than I can possibly tell
you. To think that this
has happened to you -
you who have always
tried so hard to make
happy everyone with
whom you come in con-
tact - and whom all
your friends love and

Dearest Dorothy,
I wish I
could somehow or
show help you at
this time - I know
that it must be,
it is very hard

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for me to feel that
Nothing I can do
can make any
difference- I can
for you so very deeply-

Gladys

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Sunday Evening

62 EAST SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET

My Dear Mrs. Straight

You will have
hundreds of letters for you are
so widely known and universally
beloved but I must add one
more, for all day I have
been thinking how inexpressibly
tragic it is that you who have
given so much of your life
in doing good for others and
whose home has been so
ideally happy should be
called upon to make the
supreme sacrifice - and

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at this time when everyone is looking to the return of their nearest and dearest. But it must not be forgotten that your gallant husband gave his life just exactly as if he had been shot down in front of the trenches, and that while you have made the supreme offering you also have the supreme consolation of knowing that length of years could have brought him no greater honors.

Don't think of answering this even later. From your earliest childhood I have always had such admiration and affection for you that in this hour of trial I wanted you to know how much I sympathized with you

Very Sincerely Yours

Francis V. Greene

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120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

REPRESENTATIVE
THE BANK OF JAPAN

December 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Willard Straight:

The morning papers told me of the sad news, that your beloved husband passed away on Sunday, in France. Mr. Straight rendered splendid works and services in every way, and my memories of him have made a lasting impression on me. This is not only a great loss to you but to the country as well as nations, West and East. May I express, from my heart, my fullest sympathy to you and your family.

Very sincerely yours,

D. Hamaoka

[12-2-18]

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FREDERICK C. HICKS
REPRESENTATIVE FROM LONG ISLAND

Dear Mrs Straight
Word has just come
to me of the sad news and while
I know that no words of mine
can mitigate the sorrow you
feel, yet I feel I want to

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Thirty-nine East Sixty-ninth Street

Dear Mr Straight

During the three days we have been in Pittsburgh, we have looked anxiously at each daily bulletin regarding Tyrrell Archibald's illness, with a great hope and longing that he would recover

say to you that a grateful country appreciates the noble work done & the sacrifice made.

With sincere sympathy

cordially

F. C. Hicks

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and that God in
His wisdom would
bring him back to
his home and you.

Why our prayers
are so strangely
answered and
can never know
here on Earth, but
your faith and
mine had us to
believe that God
has a very good

Wisdom for
Land and the
Sea. Where
Prayer
Power
Prayer can
Prayer.
Prayer. Ou
Our Sure
Our Power
Prayer so.
Conditions

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993 PARK AVENUE
TELEPHONE, LENOX 9997

My dear Dorothy.

I wish there were anything at all that I could do to help you. Please do not think this note an intrusion for my sympathy for you is very deep and very sincere. I'd do anything I could

forgetful of self, as you are in your gifts, but underneath the outward semblance of strength, I am sure there is an aching heart. I wish I knew how to help you!

With loving thoughts and unspeakable sympathy.

Harold Jones.

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to make yr grief easier.
I have known Willard
a long time & always
with affectionate re-
gard for himself &
respect for his ability
& gifts. His is a
real loss & oh I am
so very sorry for you
my dear! & for him to
have to leave you &
the children. With love
I am affly yrs Lucy James

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Dorothy

7 EAST SEVENTIETH STREET

Dear Dorothy, On returning
from out of town a
few minutes ago I called
for Irene to ask about
Willard, & was told the
sad news.
I cannot begin to
tell you how sorry I
am for you, & how
deeply I sympathize with

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Lack to be taken away -
You know how fond
I am of you and Harry
and I am sure you
know that my heart
goes out to you and
in your sorrow -

Faithfully yours
Walter B. James

you -
When I first met him
on that Ocean trip on
the Lapo,
I was very much impressed
by him, and have watched
his career with a great
deal of interest.
It does seem dreadful
that so many young
men, full of vigor, and
filled with the promise
of great usefulness, should

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FOURTEEN EAST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET

Dearest Dorothy
I have just heard + I simply don't know what to write you. it is so terribly sad. I only wish I could turn myself into Beatrice so that you could have known

do any telephoning, writing or anything for you just let me know. You know how I would love to help. for I can't help thinking of you every moment
With love + the deepest sympathy Marie Kellogg

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with you to whom
you could really go
for love + sympathy. All
your friends are giving
you that, but I know
we all feel very helpless
to help in any way.
Willard was such a
wonderfully fine man,
+ had such opportunities

to do real things in
the future, that it does
seem impossible to reconcile
this loss with what is
right. I am going to
ask to see you + I
will come again very soon.
but don't think of telling
me unless you really
want to. If I can

No. 63. West 96th Street.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Remembering always
your great goodness to me and
hundreds of others I write to say
that I think of you in your
anxiety and I pray for the blessing
of health to be given to Mr. Straight
by the Giver of all good gifts. I am
glad to tell you that the League is

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now a success and will live for years
to come. without further requests; I am
most grateful to you for your patience
and generosity during the five years
of struggle. Believe me always

Yours gratefully
Marie Kieckhoefer

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TELEPHONE
PLAZA 707

6 EAST 66TH STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight;

Our convention in
Albany adopted resolutions
of sympathy to be
sent to you. — I feel
that I must send
you a word of
sympathy, so often
does my heart turns
to you, dear and
lonely Mrs. Straight.

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You two have lived so nobly and been such a light to us all. - Now after such a great record in times of peace the Major has entered all in the service of his country - In what high gratitude we will ever hold him!
How each new sacrifice that comes within our personal knowledge steels us anew to service to our country

in these days by God's grace. - What there would have been if one had not done in our dear country. - Perhaps I should not have written to you. Know well how much any words of comfort are. Your sharp grief finds your own splendid spirit your time will [illegible] your best resource; such wise strength you do

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continue with your good
projects - and this.
With thoughts & affection-
ate sympathy for you
and your dear children,
I am ever yours.
With warm regard
Harriet L. Laidlaw

Sunday Eve.

Dec. 1918

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1130 Fifth Avenue

I have thought of you
every moment today.
Dorothy darling, and my
heart is just breaking
for you! I started to leave
you last night but thought
I had better. Your courage
was inspiring and I
shall never forget the
look in your face.
Why you - who have lived
only for other peoples

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131 EAST 36TH STREET

Dearest Boy -
I am [illegible]
Can I be [illegible] -
Edie

allowed be called upon
to give this supreme
sacrifice is hard to
understand but the
way you have met it
makes me feel that
Willard is closer to you
now than ever before.
Good-night, dearest.
God bless you
Edith [Lindley]

I have been with the
children and they have
been so sweet

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CERCLE INTERALLIÉ

33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré
Tél. : Élysée 44-24
Élysée 44-25

December first.

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending you by parcel
a letter of Willard's and his diary and a
cable which he tries to send Herbert. Both
them gives my heart's deepest sympathy
to you. And the hope that you will let me
do some little part of whatever you want
done.

In the last eight weeks I was
down to Will and then run before - Up at
the Front among the Gallied dan who the
better hoping, planning, sometimes
doubting, but in the end renewed. In that
personal tenderness which is the background
of so many of us over here, there was music
also a peace that what he had meant, and
what alone could justify it all, was not
the meaning and the privilege which he there
who will desire.

Willard came to the work of the

Design. Form. Type.

Peace Mission with them through in his mind and
never on the work with the grim sense that it would
not give pleasure to one who had died even of the
better Willard was passionately interested in
the Reconstruction of man; never did he love his
sense than the ambulance of the man was a test
of boys who let so and must talk to believe.

He was as gentle and brave and true
as a man could be, and like his fearing
nakedness. I not only admired him, but
loved him dearly, Dorothy - and he is gentler
irreplaceable.

Mrs. Harriman will be
writing you in detail about everything
which happened. It is due to her that nothing
was left undone which skilled service
or nursing or care or money could avail
to minister to her husband's last
no more - and you must write him in
spirit.

Yours ever,
Evelyn Walsh McLean

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TELEPHONE
SPRING 5777

14 WASHINGTON SQUARE NORTH

Poor little thing —
I am so sad for you! I
know how broken your heart
must be + there is
nothing any one can do
but I think I
for you —
could help —

Richard

417 Park Ave
Sunday.

Dorothy dearest. my heart
has been breaking for you
all day. and I prayed
God with all my soul
that this sorrow should not
come to you —. You who
have always done and
thought for everyone but
yourself, and did not
need the sorrow of complete
loss to teach you what
so few of us learn any
other way - I know dearest
there are no words of
consolation. but I do
know that I those we

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love are not lost to us
but are very near — Near
enough to help, console —
even close us in our
need — and I think
we both have had the
love + inspiration of
two such persons, that
tho' losing this presence
is wellnigh unbearable, it
gives me the courage
to go on, to try & be
worthy of their ideals, which
it otherwise we could
only sink —

There is nothing Dorothy
I cannot + would not do
for you if I could — I am
staying on here in Town
so I wanted to feel I was
somewhere near you —
could go to you at any time
if you should want me —
but do not wish you to feel
you should make any effort
to see me — If I can be
of any help to you — in any
way send me word — or if
you feel you could come
down to the quiet of my
little house — you will
know my only thought — is
for you —

Ever devoted
Dames [Livingston]

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Sunday, Dec. 1st "

My dear Mrs. Straight.-

We have all been so grieved and shocked to hear this afternoon the sad news of the great loss which has come to you.

Those of us who have had the privilege

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of your friendship and interest, feel that we must send to you an expression of our deepest sympathy and love.

In this all the members of the Three Arts Club join us.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Yours most sincerely,

Bess McAdams
Gertrude Dix
Isabel Coles
Betty Koenig
Catherine Rosser

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And nearer to the end.
So that you, too, once past the bend
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend
You fancy dead,

Push gaily on strong heart! The while
You travel forward mile by mile
He loiters with a backward smile
Till you can overtake;
And strains his eyes, to search his wake
Or whistling, as he sees you through the brake,
Waits on a stile.

Surely Mr. Straight lives now, in the "solemn and strange surprize of the change," tenderly interested still in wife and children, and waiting for that day when the generations shall be gathered again.

May the God of Peace, which brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus give you the peace which passeth all understanding.

Sincerely Yours, Oscar Maddaus

Dec. 1. 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

With great sorrow did I learn of the death of your beloved husband In your loneliness and unutterable grief I want to join with those whose heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. We know, only too well that there is no pain we are called upon to endure greater than that which comes when the heart in its loneliness yearns for that fellowship which was so precious and now is not. It seems to us then that all color has faded from life, and the very things that but a little while before were so beautiful seem but to mock us with their gladness. We understand how much of the joy of life and the glory we beheld in nature was due because he was there.

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It still seems so wonderful that He Who was dead should have been able to show Himself alive again, and that at first to a lonely woman, who had known what it was to love and then to lose, whose heart was breaking under the burden of her sorrow. It was an appreciation of this overwhelming truth that made it possible for Robert Louis Stevenson to write

He has but turned a corner, - still
He pushes on with right good will
Through mire and marsh, by bough and hill,
That self same arduous way,
That self same upland, hopeful way
That you and he through many a doubtful day
Attempted still.

He is not dead, this friend, - not dead
But in the path we mortals tread
Got some few trifling steps ahead

In this hour we who sorrow with you feel so helpless, and our desire to comfort and to lessen the sting of grief cannot find a way of fulfilling itself. We can only trust that you will find consolation in communion with Him Who came "to wipe away tears from off all faces." It is in these heavy hours that time often comes to us with a new freshness the meaning of our faith. "Because I live ye shall live also." "He that believeth in Me shall never die", and many others of His sayings take on new color. Not merely because these words express a great hope or are the fine, poetic sentiment of a good and noble life, but because they rest upon the stupendous fact of our Lords Resurrection can they calm the sorrow tossed heart.

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Hotel Webster
Forty West Forty-fifth Street
New York

My dear Dorothy:

I really feel so badly I hardly know how to begin but I do want to send you these few lines. Somehow after talking to Harry yesterday I felt there was great hope and today was a very sad awakening. Its so hard Dorothy and yet at the same time you have the consolation of knowing that well he has done and he could not die for any greater cause and that will I am sure always be a comfort to you.

Dont think of answering this in any way for its not expected but just sent because I simply couldnt help telling you myself how much I feel for you.

Affectionately
Alice.

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[12-1-18]

110 EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

little word of comfort —
Every moment you are in my
heart — I am coming tomorrow —
Today I know you are too
tired —
God keeps you, Dorothy dear
and I know He will help
you — Hand —

Mem. dear Dorothy — with
all my heart I want to go
to you today, but I know
you are sad alone, and that
it is better to wait —
There is nothing I can say
that would tell you with what
depths of love I wish I
could send you one or

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HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

December 1. 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Perhaps, when this letter reaches you, in the love and admiration that so many of us had for Willard you may have been able to find a measure of comfort. To the New Republic I owe many things; but no gift of the New Republic's was more real for me than the gift of Willard's friendship.

I had been at work on the New Republic for half a year, perhaps, before I met him. And during this time he was only a name for me. The question used to be raised, in conferences, as to "what Willard would think" of this proposal or that proposal. Then, about the time we went into the war, I talked with him in Washington for the first time. And it was easy to see why his name was always spoken with love and confidence, in New Republic meetings. To even the youngest and newest of us he offered a partnership in affection.

No one who knew Willard could miss the inspiration of his friendship. But for a young man, still unsure of himself, Willard was a guide as well as friend. He had qualities that a young man looks

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for — seldom finds — and then, when he sees them in a man like Willard, has his faith restored again. It was impossible not to admire him because of his impatience with anyone who wanted to avoid responsibility — not to respect him because he was so ready to let his opinions run true to facts — not to love him because he was so gay and strong and interested in what other people were thinking.

There is little comfort in anything that people can say. But in the fine marks which Willard has left on the friends who knew him, and in the impetus his courage gave to younger men, I know that you must find satisfaction. It was always an incentive for me, to try to earn his approval. He will not be here to give it, now. But I shall value it, none the less. And, if you will let me, I shall make you guardian for the admiration and affection I shall always have for him.

With deepest sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

Charles Merz.

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personality cannot be filled again for me, or any of the rest of us - Straight has left behind him not only a string of brilliant accomplishments but of devoted friends whose affection for him is simply the reaction of his own steadfast loyalty & constancy in friendship - He made friends because he had that rare thing: a real capacity for friendship - Only because he was generous & true & loyal he attracted lasting attachment from men - That kind of man one is lucky to have had any intimacy with at all; and so I don't grieve that it could not go on forever -

I am writing you all about my self only because I don't know

12/1/18

My dear Dorothy

There is no use in our trying to be condoling - we too have lost one of our own family - All day we tried to think what we could say to you & failed utterly - We sent you a telegram because we didn't want to have it taken for granted that we were thinking of you, as of course we could say nothing in any way adequate - But one of the intimate associations and stimulating friendships of my life is gone and the blank left by that lovable and vivid

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how I write about you; also because I'm obsessed with the thought of what he has meant to all of us at 1918. For me it is a precious association; that Straight's wife should have shared part of her affection for him with us, has always touched me all much more than you can have known. Please don't forget us now, because you will feel that some of his many friends, old & young — the last many of the former too — prize him as we do & shall.

We called Mrs Borden & Fred Sterling that we might be forgotten in any tribute & might be paid if this were. We telegraphed all of the Family here too, of course, Nicholas Brother. I suppose there is nothing in the world we can do but if there is, you know you can turn to us & if he has more than merely his friends — the blank for you must be for the time overwhelming; yet I know no one with a finer tradition to pass to her children or a more stimulating memory to treasure for herself.

Some day the right distance that keeps us young & aspiring has gone. We look at 1918 when by & by we carry it on. You can understand that easily; perhaps we can help you, too.

Affectionately

[Miles]

7, EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

Oh! my dear. There is nothing I can say or do to help. I know. Can't I comfort selfishly. Tell you how full of love my heart is for you & Dr. Straight. I can see you, your head high - your face full of honest courage - & your unspeakable sorrow. A glorification of my ideal of all that a woman should be. - After all dear, it is - length of time, but the fullness of life that counts. And Willard has had that both you & he in unlimited degree. You can have no

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regrets as I see it are, & how few there are of us of whom that is true. -

Willard was very wonderful - a person of big vision and the powers of achievement. He leaves a very wonderful memory & his friends and! so much more Dryden and the Children -

My heart is heavy for you - you who should have everything - have been deprived even the consolation of being with Willard - it seems so unfair. - No one knows what you have been to me these last months and now that I am aching

7, EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

to help you I am powerless. Even to express my love and understanding sympathy.

Good night - my darling.

Yours.

[Margaret]

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701 Madison Ave
Dec 1, 1918.

Dear Mrs Straight.-

This is a word - to express my earnest sympathy to and yours. Grief if possible, must be lessened, in the case especially of those who volunteered to go & went, to meet them end in the service of their country, heard as it must be for those who mourn their loss.

Yours sincerely Walter H Page

Mrs Willard D Straight.

[12-1-18]

62 EAST SIXTY-FIFTH STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight.

I cannot tell you how distressed I feel over the loss you have sustained. I always liked your husband and I admired his talents and his character. During his comparatively short life he had made his influence felt in a marked degree. When his country's call came it was characteristic of him at once to join the cause and now you have at least the satisfaction of

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knowing that he did his duty and made the supreme sacrifice and that he died for his country. Please accept the very deep sympathy that I feel for you at this time of sorrow.

You will have so many notes at this time that I beg of you not to bother to acknowledge this one as I simply wanted to let you know that I was thinking of you.

Yours most Sincerely.
Charles A. Munn
Surgeon.

I do wish that there were something that I could do for you.

There are many to day who are sharing your sorrow Major Straight had so many friends and was so loved by them, they feel that the world can never be quite the same for them now that their friend has been taken away and has left a place that cannot be filled.

I know that you have many

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2 EAST 69TH STREET.

All my love and sympathy dearest Dorothy. Faced by a sorrow such as yours, words fail me and I cannot tell you how much I feel for you. But you must know that all my thoughts are with you and these few lines are trying to carry to you a world of love and sympathy.

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of your friends with you now, but if at any time you are alone and would care to see me at the Knox for I would like to come. With all my love to you and the children.

Yours always your friend

Gladys [illegible]

Sunday. Dec 1st

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Dear Dorothy.

I can think of no-one but you and Willard and my heart goes out to you. my dear Dorothy; but there is so little to do or say. just at a moment when I long to help you - if only I could - and feel I know that you must realize how Caroline and I are feeling and praying for you.

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I have been thinking
over my earliest associations
with Willard at the very
beginning of our friendship.
It was in Durham in
the depths of winter when
I went at his request to
help him buy poor Fairchild.
We took long walks together
in the biting cold and
talked far into the nights,
and my admiration for his
strength and courage
became a very real and
powerful thing in my
own life. To me he
has come to typify "courage
to do". Don't you too
feel that this is one of his
great qualities?
He was one of those friends
whose friendship were weakened
when we lived apart, and
his death somehow will not
leave an empty gap, because
I shall always feel him
near me.

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You too, are full of courage and spiritual strength, just as he is, and God will give you the strength to meet the suffering and anguish, and you will find that strength, more surely, in your pride of him and in the unfolding life of his children?

You must count on me always, to help you in any way I can for Willard's sake.

Affectionately

Willard Straight

[White Plains]

[12-1-18]

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130 EAST 67TH STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight —

I have just heard the heart breaking news which has come to you today. May I send a word of real and deep sympathy. —

Everyone who has known you has felt how big and

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Paris
12 Avenue Camoëns
December 15:

1918

Dear Dorothy may I as an older woman call you by the name I have often used in speaking of you to the friends who love you & admire your unselfish work for others as I do. When Bishop Brent asked us this morning in my dear Church de l'Alma Church to pray for the soul of Willard Straight, it was a very real shock, for Mrs Ratt Mrs Brown & I had just returned from one of our inspection trips and had seen no papers. What can

We you have been in your work during this awful year — it has been an inspiration in the same way your Courage will be in the years ahead.

If there is ever any way I can help you in yours work or in any other way please let me do it for I long to show the deep Sympathy I feel — Margaret Ann Rose.

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Dec 1. 1908

Dear Dorothy:-

Your Godmother's heart is aching for you & with you, in these anxious days. I do not even know as I write. What is your latest news. I wish I could do something for you. I am sorry you do not know me well enough - love me well enough for me to say but that you are very bottom of my heart - I pray for you. As truly as if he had died on the battle field & nam fied - even, he died serving his country - it is a proud memory for you & for his children. God help you and steer - In steer & in the works you do for others may you find the strength & bear this great - sorrow.

with loving sympathy always your friend

Sara Parr - Tracy

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give you the keep that
the relationship your
father & mother gave me
& you – might have
warrant & give.

I know that in sin-
cerity & even in sorrow it
does count that there
is a silent & unseen
wall of affection & well-wis-
ing near them – about us.

Count me in that wall –
unless you can call me
forth and give me some
special way in which I
can render you the service
which I owe & long &
give.

God keep you & give
you strength for the sorrow
& the joy that is & the years.

Most sincerely &
affly
Frances F. Cleveland Preston.

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127 Montague Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Dorothy,

I cannot speak — great
sorrow puts me, for a while,
beyond the reach of all voices.
But if a little later you
can find comfort and
gladness in the love of

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and unflagging sympathy of
your friends be assured of
mine

Sincerely,

Alice M. Rushmore

[Rushmore]

December first, 1918

[Dec. 1, 1918]

18 WEST FIFTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Dorothy

There are no words
that my heart yearns out to
you in such sorrow &
sympathy & love that
I cannot be still.

Some how it seems as
though this word could
not be true, & that your
splendid husband
must come back to
you & your children
& to this world of ours
where

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NEW YORK

his understanding & ability & power of leadership are so much more than ever needed.

Today I can think of but one thing & that is what you must always have meant to him - what you must be meaning to him now. Death seems so very

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NEW YORK

different since to her, so infinitely simple. that not even the help of religion & theology can surround it with the difficulties of dogma. It would be impossible to believe that the great army of our dead & buried in all the wars have been sabbenly snuffed out, or been passed to some remote & different sphere.

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NEW YORK

where all the strength & purpose of their youth has no more hope.

That their souls go on with us, that we can never lose them, that most of all we keep all they have been meant when they "so meet" - this I must believe -

And you blessed girl to whom we all

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NEW YORK

turn for help - for courage -
for inspiration, where ever
he is Lesley he has you
with him.

When I try to say it
I know it isn't possible,
but oh when I think of
the great price you
have paid. I must
believe that we shall all
see brave results, have
as better people
that the sacrifice may not
have been in vain - And
more than ever we must

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NEW YORK

turn to you to point
us the way -

Affectionately yours
Pauline Sabin.

And please please
don't answer - only at
any minute let me know
of any least thing I can
do - Bless he protected -
C.S.

Sunday morning

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[12-1-18]

Dear Dorothy.

My heart aches for you in your bereavement. You are so brave. I know. but I can't tell you how much you have been in my thoughts. & how deeply I have hoped, during the past weeks that this great sorrow might not be yours. My own happiness is so blessed that I can hardly keep the tears back when I think of you without your father. Mother & husband. Yet by your brave way you have helped us all to realize the deeper meaning of life. and given everyone reason to believe that we never are alone or separated from those

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we love. Dear Dorothy please accept
my love. & deepest sympathy - from
your old friend.

Gloria Nicole Sloane.

9 East 82nd st.

My Mother joined be
of a home call on
Comfort.

Always affectionately
Florence Steele

December first

WESTBURY
LONG ISLAND

WESTBURY, L.I.

Dec. 1, 1918.

Dear Dorothy.
There is little a
friend can say, at
so there is trouble.
Yet I feel so all
like to be remembered?
My heart aches for you
With deepest love
and sympathy. Yours

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The Links
36 East 62nd Street

Sunday

Dear DOROTHY.

The terrible blow has fallen and I know how crushed and despairing you must be. It will be the hope and duty of good friends to give you what help they may, for while none of us could help Willard, we all want to help you, now that you need it so much. But after all what I am writing just now is no more than a suggestion of how you may be able to help yourself.

Don't lock yourself up with

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Dear Dick and add to it. You know that wounded animals hide themselves away only, because they are helpless against attack. Humans have the same instinct, Even with such wounds as yours, - and then is when they most need, and should invite, Lord though it may be, the sympathy and affection of their friends. Let them help you and it will help you over at least a part of this sad time.

And another word dear Dorothy about Willard. Please learn, no matter what it may cost, to talk about him with your friends. at once! It will help him with you, will soften your sorrow, and his children and yours will then know him as a living influence in Their lives. After all that is the way Willard will become and remain a living influence in Their lives and yours, and a memory of happiness and not simply a sorrow.

There are many devoted friends of his and yours who are wondering how they may show Their affection. I am sure they will rejoice, as I will, when they know that you have solved the double and mysterious problem of how to bear sorrow.

Very Sincerely
Ben. Strong.

[12-1-18]

My Dear Mrs Straight

Please accept my sincere sympathy. I can realize something of what your suffering must be and how terrible the loss of your dear husband must be to you. I also know how very hard it has been that you could not be with him during his last illness. I was called to see him in consultation with his other physicians on Friday evening and he was then already unconscious. He did not regain consciousness before he died, and I think, since he could not recover, this was better so, since he could not be with you in those last hours. I however feel that his

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[12-1-18]

Metropolitan Club
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dorothy:-

We have just heard the sad, sad news and it has stunned all of us.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

I wish the deepest

last thoughts, although unconscious to us, must have been with you and the children; his family pictures were upon a table beside his bed. Our hearts go out in sympathy to you and the children. There is no one who can fill his place but in the new work which had been given him to do and his country also will feel deeply his loss in the trials before it. May God give you courage.

Yours sincerely

Richard P. Strong

14 Rue Greuze, Paris.
Dec. 1st, 1918.

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Here with you.

Faithfully,

Sunny

[Summerlin]

Sunday Morning.

Sunday.

Darling Dorothy,

How can I ever tell you of the sympathy that I feel for you? the last few days have been as full of dread

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for all of us who
know and love
you because we
could not bear to
think of the possibility
of your losing Willard.
Could you have been
so brave, so wonderfully
brave, when your heart
was so heavy that
you could hardly
bear the pain and
anxiety. And it is so
cruel to think that
you could not have
been with him
when he must have
wanted you so. But
I know that you are
thinking that your
and his sacrifice
is only one of the great
multitude that many
many have been

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glad that if one of
you had to go first,
it was not Willard
who was left alone.
When Arthur died,
I used to think and
think "There must be
some good that will
spring from this death, or it
would not have happened
so young and so good,

called to bear in
order that the world
might some day be
a happier and a
kinder world; and
you both counted the cost,
and chose the hard
brave course of
separation and risk,
and I am sure that
you will never regret
having done so.
Perhaps you will even be

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and his life's work,
that of helping others."
And then it would
come to me that
Christ's death ~~would~~
was in a measure
the same. That it
was because He was so
young, and so good,
and so devoted to
the relief of mankind,
that the impression that
His loss made, was
deep and permanent.

It is then that we will
all think of Willard's
death and if it ever
comes to us to be able to
help you or his
children, you know
how much happiness
that would give. Of
his brilliant mind,
his strength, his courage,
his skill, his talents,
his love for you, I
have said nothing, for
you know of his power

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and his qualities I
mind so much better
than I do. I only know
what I have suffered
in a like loss, and
that I would have
given everything I
possess in the world
if it could have
spared you.

Your devoted friend
Susie -

And believe how my thoughts
are with you in the very deepest
kind of sympathy

Ruth.

Sunday

Dec. 1, 1918

684 FIFTH AVENUE

RTD

Dorothy dear. There seems to be
nothing to say and my heart
just aches for you. It's so
hard being so far away and
I realize all you are going
through. William was such
a dear. any way and I shall
miss him.

There's talk I can do. I know
but should there be, let me know,

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DEC. 1, 1918

Sunday

BROAD HOLLOW FARM,
WESTBURY STATION, L.I.

Poor darling Dorothy
I have only just
This minute heard
and my heart is
breaking for you
If there was only
something I could
do for you dear.
All through this war
I have felt that
even if we were
to make the supreme
sacrifice, there would
be so terrible an awful
lot of bitterness, we have
got had such wonder-
ful years of happiness
and some people go
through their whole
lives without love.
But if ever anyone
deserved all the
happiness in life you
do, you stand for

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What is fine and true to
hous ands of people and
just knowing you and
having your kind Ship has
been the greatest help to me.
God bless you dearest
Dorothy

Tuesday

266 MADISON AVENUE

Dear Dorothy
With all my
sympathy for
your loss. —
I know Forsyth joins
with me, as he

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972 FIFTH AVENUE

Dearest Sister.
my whole heart goes out to you.
I have not been up because I was told you did not want to see anyone but if at any time you want me I would like to help & be used.
Payne

a great admirer of your Husbands and so enjoyed working under him. —
I should love to come any time you feel like seeing me. ——
Yours
Marian Hann Wilkes.

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564 PARK AVENUE

Sunday
1st Dec 1918

Dear Sir or Thy Thaight.

Since the first notice of
your husbands illness appeared
in the newspapers I have refrained
from writing. But I can no longer
keep from telling you how fully
I appreciate your agony of
mind & the suspense — & hope
& fears with which you bridge

Dear Friend -

Here is no word that I can find
in the Times this morning
so. we trust that no news may
be good news.

This is a real marriage - &
is meant to its continuance &
happiness touches the heart of
the entire community.

Do not think me intrusive
at this moment but I cannot keep
out write for love may
sympathy and [illegible]

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If good health & wishes
count for me & mine husbands
have mine

Yours Sincerely
Frances-H Wright

Mrs Willard Straight
564 Park Avenue

Dear Dorothy Straight

In the agony of loss and
the vast Stretch of desolation
ahead of you. You have to know
to know that we feel that you
have been Stricken among
women. But you have had as
companionship & indulgence that
come to few women. But the
man you loved is the father
of your children. All these

both will be the stay &
prop in your future.
Even in your moments of
pain - you are blessed -
you are no bitter memories
no loss of illusions - and
you have a heritage of
wide memories -

Your friend
Frances H. Wright

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DEC 3, 1918

Monday.

SIXTEEN EAST FIFTY-FIFTH STREET

Dear Dorothy

When I read the sad news this morning I was completely overcome. All these days I've been thinking of you constantly and hoping and hoping that your husband would be spared. It is a blow and a great sorrow to all of us who love you and have been inspired all these months by your wonderful example of courage and cheerfulness and service.

How I wish I could express to you all that is in my heart! Sorrow for the unfulfilled promise of his life; loving sympathy for you and the children; but above all, the realization that 'the last

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full measure of devotion" that you and he have given, is not in vain, but will always be an incentive and an ideal to those who know and love and sorrow with you.

Please don't work too hard during the strain of these first weeks. Your friends are so willing to help you with your many burdens, and we should all like to feel that we were helping you in some small way if we could. Please call on me for anything.

Lovingly

Harriet Aldrich.

DEC 2, 1918

Wood Ford Farm,
Avon,
Connecticut.

Dearest Dorothy

I cannot bear to think of what you and your children have lost. and what the country has lost. We needed Willard; As a nation we needed him and it seems so cruel, so awful. to think that he could not be here.

And you dear I feel your poignant grief. every moment. During the past two days

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you have been with me
constantly - you have been
the center formed of all my
thoughts and it seems true
that I cannot bear the horror
of what you are going through.

I have never known two
people who were so one -
in understanding of each
other & so one - in the
understanding of what is best
in life. You both have been
an inspiration to all of us.

You & he played your
part in the world - the
finest biggest part possible

& he played his part
particularly wonderfully
the way that he was
was very quiet & unobtrusive
of the final blow
to be sure, Dorothy
the pain was
always prior to the
the final that he
Philip and was so
us fine - to
three quarters
& Mrs Russell
that to me really

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I wish I could see you - I wish there were one thing that any of us who love you (and there are such myriads who love you) could do to stop for the moment that dreadful yearning pain.

Your pride in what he has done in life - your love for him and the rest of the children - will make it possible I know for you to be the bravest & proper in the hardest battle that there is to fight.

I love you and admire you and my thoughts are with you - Corinne [Alsop]

[12-2-18]

MANHASSET, L.I.

Dear Dorothy

I have just heard of your terrible loss - words mean so little at a time like this but I want you to know that you have

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our deepest love and
sympathy

Laura Webb André

from

THIRTY-ONE NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I have learned of the death of Major Straight in Paris with profound regret. I held him in high esteem and count his loss as a personal sorrow.

With ardent patriotism he sought to serve his country in the great war which is now ended, and he was privileged to win distinction in positions of great responsibilities before being called upon to make the supreme sacrifice.

I sympathize with you deeply in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours.
J. S. Alexander

December second

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St Etienne
P. L.

Dear Dorothy.

I feel I ought
must write and tell you
how terribly I felt for you
this morning when I read of
your sad loss. It seems years
and years ago when we
were children and saw
something of each other

We somehow childhood
friends are always a little
different, perhaps it is
because they are connected in
our minds with the really
carefree happy years with
its responsibilities & worries,
the latter two, being their
joys, but it is never quite
the same. From my own

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Happiness I know the depth of
your sorrow and I want you
to know how deeply sorry
I am that such a grief has
come to you

Sincerely yours
Wilard Straight Whitmore

Dec. 2nd

TELEPHONE 100

DEC. 2, 1918.

THATCH MEADOW FARM
SAINT JAMES, LONG ISLAND

Dear Mrs. Straight—

I cannot put into words what I want to say—probably, it would be better not to try, but the pang that the news this Morning brought is so poignant—that I must find expression. George has so often referred to Mr. Straight—during their Cornell affairs together; to his energy, imagination, courage and resource fulness, that I have thought of him—as one of the few from me

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Clemens Mark Twain
Hotel St. Regis
Fifth Ave. & 55th St.
New York City

December 2 – 1915

could look to for leadership in the bewildering days to ahead you.

Today – Mabel your tragedy has clouded every prospect, but had an involuntary faith in your courage and spiritual purpose which could eventually dominate even this supreme disaster. This seems to me the highest tribute one human can pay another and so I am treating it to

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[12-2-19]

375 PARK AVENUE

Dearest Mrs Straight -
I do hope there is something
I can do for you - My thoughts
loved you tenderly and I
had a great admiration for him -
I can think of nothing today save
your heart breaking loss in our
dear only [redacted] Express my
sympathy and that is in every
prayer for you - This I shall
do again and again -

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With much love

Affectionately yours,

Laura P. Baker.

Mrs George Barr Baker.

December 22nd

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540 Park Avenue
New York

My dear Mrs Straight-

Willard was most-
greatly loved by all who were
privileged to know him in
a friendship as intimate
as mine; his death has
greatly stirred me in most-
affectionate remembrance
of his many thoughtful
friendly services.

Of all his many fine
qualities, this ability to
draw so closely to him all
those he honored with his
own friendship has seemed
to me the memory of him
I shall keep most strongly
with me.

I hope the knowledge
that so many dear friends
of his are grieving with you
today may serve to help you
bear the heavy weight of your
own deep sorrow.

On first hearing of his
illness I had cabled our
Paris representative to render
any possible service and
he is still at your command
if you should care to use him.

I also have a special
messenger sailing for France
in a day or two. Cables he

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be of any help to you.

Yours in deep sympathy

Geo J Baldwin

[George J. Baldwin]

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My dear Mrs Straight -

I cannot express
to you how deeply sympathize
with you in the loss of
your husband. The war
has brought so much
sadness to individuals
but as a nation we have
gained greatly -

Your husband & you
have suffered in the
death of Mr Straight
a national loss -
His vision and ideals
would have meant
so much at the crucial
at this time that a great
many people who knew
him principally by
his works - will feel

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they too have a real share
in your sorrow—

Always sincerely yours
Eleanor Belmont

[12-2-18]

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

NAME George Bennett
Colonel Blakis Hospital
Piccini Hard one. Dec 1st 1918
~~Base~~ 102. Paris. Rue Piccini
To Mrs Willard D. Straight.

Dear Madam.

It is with the greatest distress I write this, to offer you my sincere sympathy on the huge loss of the Major. Oh, madam, how could God take him. there were plenty of others who could have gone instead of him. Ever since we came to Paris last year, the Major has not been really well. nothing serious. only a continuous run down: and just like the Major he would never rest up long enough to really recover. When at

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Langres, it was only the strict orders of the Dr there, Major Nicholls, that he would stay away from the school for a few weeks, and after that he was fine, till we got to Remiremont and twice there I got the Dr for him, when he was going on the car, and the Dr forbid him to go. it was only after a lot of persuasion that he consented to go to Trouville, there he got a little better, if only he would have stayed there longer, it would have done him a lot of good, and when we got to Ligny the Major was exceptionally well. didnt have the Dr once, and his leg didnt bother him at all. everything

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went well, except the Major didnt care much for the work, and was always trying to get his battalion, but for all that, he seemed very cheerful and was always telling me of the plans he was forming, when the war was all over. He had great trips planned for you to visit Langres and the different places he stayed at while over here. Everywhere he went, everybody adored him, and especially the french people. The people he stayed with at Remiremont, were some of

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nicest persons. he said he had ever met, they could not do enough for him. Madame Burgoyne was always putting huge bouquets of flowers from their garden in his room. they were quatly distressed when he was ill there, done everything possible to add to his comfort. and all these places he had mapped out for you. to visit. he helped scores of people in France always the major idea was to make everybody happy. it pleased him more than anything to be of any assistance, didnt matter who it was as long as he could cheer them up. wether it was some surprise party for some officer at the mess. or giving things away to the different people around his billets; always he took loads of cigarettes and tobacco with him. when he went to the front. anytime an officer might mention he hadnt a certain thing the major would send me along with it. if any of the officers were sick. it was always him who would send along something from major the mess. I think its too cruel that one of Gods best men should be called away like this I dont think there can be in

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this wide world, another man
like him. and to say here. and
reflect that I was denied those
last few weeks. with him. after
all these years. and possibly
when I think I might have
prevented it. He wrote me the
nicest letters, when I was at
Colonels Walkers hospital, and
it was the thought to be
near him in Paris when he
had me transferred was well.
The majors funeral was
today, and Mr Harriman
told me the flowers were
wonderful and Miss Hoyt-
Heiborg kindly brought me
a huge bunch of roses.
from the majors funeral.
enclosed are one of them.
If my wish were granted
it would be to go with the
major. Please pardon Madam
my expressions, only I know
that he was the noblest that
ever lived. Your Obedient Servant
George Bennett.

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[12-2-18]

Thirty-nine West Fifty-sixth Street

My dear Miss Straight.

Dr Riggs and I took full that we must tell you of our thought of you in this terrible sorrow and loss that has come to you. Delancey Jay told us that he saw Mr Straight just before he sailed for home and that he was looking so well. Pneumonia is such an insidious disease, it seems to take the strongest and best. Believe me with heart felt sympathy in what Dr Riggs finds. Sincerely yours

Frances P. Riggs

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[12-2-15]

62 East 80th St

My dear Mrs Straight

I cannot take leave of
my work today without
sending you a word of
the deepest and most heartfelt
sympathy. I was extremely
fond of your husband.
Although I did not see
a great deal of him I
was continually brought in
touch with his work. He
had a great vision and a big heart.

The news today brings
sorrow to the hearts of
many friends of his whom
Luncheons you did not
know - but who grieve
with you

Yours faithfully

Lillian D. Wald

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527 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I am deeply grieved to learn of Willard's death and wish to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy in your deplorable loss.

Sincerely,
G. F. Grinkenhoff

December record.

925 PARK AVENUE

Dear Mrs. Straight:

May I tell you how profoundly both my husband and I sympathize with you in your sorrow—

Faithfully yours,
Jane Bonnie
(Mrs. Henry)

December record.

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4534. Whetsel Avenue
Madisonville
Cincinnati Ohio
Dec. 2. 1915

Dear Mrs Straight.

In the hour of your great sorrow. I wish to express to you my heartfelt Sympathy.

May you have Strength to bear this great affliction.

With Sincere Sympathy

Believe me.

Yours truly

L. Brubling

646 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Straight:

It is poor comfort to know that your host of friends are keenly touched because of the awful sorrow which has befallen you, but nevertheless it may be some comfort to know that you have the keen sympathy of all of us. My mother and my oldest daughter join me in

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[12-2-18]

344 WEST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight.

I wish that it were within my power to mitigate the great sorrow that has come upon you. But all that I can do is to send my condolence & to express the hope that you may find some strength & consolation in the sympathy of your friends & in the melancholy thought that you have done your part in this service

later, so I have some foundation for knowing about the meaning of such losses.

We cannot know the meaning of such losses. However, all through the ages of advancing life, it has always been true that progress has been made through the vicarious sacrifice of the innocent. So it is now. The price paid will appear in the better establishment of the ideals for which he stood.

If in your time of such sorrow there is any thing which you can assign me to do for you, it will be most gladly done.

Sincerely Yours

December 2, 1918 Alice W Caldwell

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of his country. But it is peculiarly tragic and distressing that this precious life should at this time of general rejoicing - when the world needs more than ever the fine qualities of mind & character which he possessed.

With all possible sympathy,

Believe me,

Very sincerely

Geo. F. Canfield.

Dec. 2/18.

[canfield]

31, BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

PARIS, December 2 1918

Dear Dorothy—

Our cable today (Alice's name) could only begin to express in a feeble way the real love and sympathy we feel for you in this overwhelming sorrow—

Jack and Willard embodied to me my ideal of what two people should be.— He seemed to have Everything Youth, Love, Charm, Character, with the highest order of ability, a superhuman Energy and Vitality, all combining to make a personality which I always felt would bring him to the highest peaks...

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I know you realized this a thousand
I fully appreciate all your feelings
now & what a cheerless void
the future must seem to you now —

She had such hosts of devoted
friends everywhere & gave out so
much affection — it seems to
me there was never any one
quite like her — Your sense
of personal loss is universally
shared —

Besides his loss to you
he is an irreparable loss especially
now
& also for the future to his country.
It was given to few people to
possess such powers of vision —

It should be some source of
consolation to you to know he
was surrounded these last tragic
days by such devoted friends among
them Mr. Harriman, Martin
Egan & Bainbridge who have
been wonderful —

There is a great spirit gone
and the world seems very empty
to us all without him —

These all must seem to you
such poor bald words but they

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54 PARK AVENUE

Monday. Dec. 2nd.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I neither know how to express to you my sympathy with you, or my own deep distress at the loss of my gallant friend Willard. I valued so much his friendship and esteem, and looked forward with so much pleasure to greeting him back here soon! There will always be for him a warm place in my affection and recollection, but that cannot reconcile me to his untimely taking off.

To you the blow is as sudden and cruel as the loss is irreparable, but I know that you will stand up under it bravely and carry with them so much love to you a fine clear bright memory.

What we should feel and what I try to realize is that he has gone on his way aspiring as that we are always united with him in spirit wherever he may be—

Yours always.

Jack

I hope you feel you can command me at any time if I can be of service.

J.R.C. [Carter]

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with fine spirit. I sincerely want to help you in every way I can.

Mr. Fiedler spoke to me this afternoon about attending to his will, and I will of course be very glad to do that at once. Whenever you want to see me, let me know and I will be glad to come. My telephone number down town (59 Wall St.) is Hanover 1467.

Again with deepest sympathy

Faithfully yours

Guy Cary

SEWARD CARY.
44 EAST 81ST ST.

TELEPHONE LENOX 8242

NEW YORK. Dec 2d 1918

My dear Mrs Straight

The horrible shock of Willard's death compells me to write you how terribly I feel.— It is too cruel to be true.—

I am only one of so many that wish to convey to you— My deepest sympathy.—

Seward Cary

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CABLE ADDRESS: POWHATAN.

FIREPROOF EUROPEAN

HOTEL POWHATAN

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

EIGHTEENTH AND H STREETS

F. C. OWEN,
MANAGER.

208 Mills Bldg.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 2. 1918.

Dear Dorothy:- I read this morning of Willard's death. I had not even heard that he was sick and it seemed quite inconceivable. I had the greatest admiration and affection for him and for his gallant, splendid spirit, which will always be an inspiring memory. It is a dreadful loss for his friends and the country as well.

These few words seem more than inadequate just now. I wanted at least to have you know that I can think of nothing but him and you since reading this sad news. If I can ever do anything for you or yours please let me know. I am deeply sorry for this and for the grief it brings you.

Most truly yours
Grenville Clark

The American Exchange National Bank
NEW YORK

LEWIS L. CLARKE,
PRESIDENT.

HERBERT N ARMSTRONG,
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

December 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

It was with a feeling of deep sorrow and regret that I read of the passing away of your good husband, a man whom I had learned to esteem highly, not only for his strong and pleasing personality but also for his ability. His untimely death will bring sorrow to all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

I beg to remain,

Faithfully,

Lewis L. Clarke

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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LACKAWANNA STEEL COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 2, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight

Though I have known, through the papers, of Willard's illness I have been unwilling to believe that he could not recover, and now that the end has come, I am stunned. It is hard to understand why one, whose whole life has been so fine, so full of service and so pregnant with promise of greater accomplishments, should have to be taken.

I have only known Willard since 1914; but, like all who have had the privilege of association with him, have come to love him, to greatly value his friendship, to respect his character and to admire his splendid ability and energy, and his death brings to me a sense of real personal loss. Nothing I can say will be of any great comfort to you at this time; but later the burden will be easier to bear from knowing how greatly his friends admired Willard and from the realization that he gave his life for his country as fully as any of those who fell on the fighting line.

Please be assured of my very sincere sympathy and great sorrow.

Very truly Yours

E. H. Gary

December 2, 1918.

THE BROOK
SEVEN EAST FORTIETH STREET
NEW YORK

Mrs Willard D. Straight.
1130 Fifth Avenue N.Y.

My dear Mrs Straight.

In this club where Major Straight was so loved and respected by it members his untimely death has greatly distressed his friends. As personal loss of a young member has created such a feeling of regret and I thank you many in sending you a line of condolence today.

Personally I never knew a more brilliant young American. He had such resources and such executive talent.

Years ago my representative in China wrote to me about a remarkable young American that he had met in Shanghai and "Straight" and when he returned I "America you must meet him his name is Willard D. Straight"

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A few years later I had the good fortune to know him and to enjoy his companionship in this Club and elsewhere. The obituaries in the newspapers today remind me of his unselfish life and the honors that would have come to him had his life been spared. He loved his Country, his family and his home, and his friends are bereavered by the announcement of his death.

At a time when you are overwhelmed with sorrow I cannot claim a moment of your attention but I appreciate the severity of the blow to your heart and I tender you my sincere and respectful sympathy.

Faithfully yours

Thomas B. Clarke

[Clarke]

[12-2-18]

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEPARTMENT,

GOgovernors ISLAND, N. Y.

Sincere Sympathy

MAJOR THOMAS B. CLARKE, JR.

ADJUTANT GENERAL
THE UNITED STATES ARMY
Governors Island N.Y.

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[12-2-18]

11 West 51st Street.

Dorothy dear,

My heart has just yearned over you and for you these last few days, and today it bleeds for you in your grief. You have many nearer and dearer friends of course, but none who grieve more sincerely with you, nor think more tenderly of you and your little ones, nor pray more earnestly that the kind Father in heaven may make you strong to bear the burden and courageous to carry on your own noble work and your noble husband's work.

With tenderest love,

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dear Dorothy, I am
ever
Your affectionate friend,
Margaret Cowdrick.

Monday.

129 EAST 71ST STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight,

May I venture to join your many friends in sending you my sincere expression of sympathy in your sorrow? No one could have been a slight acquaintance with your husband without feeling the characteristic in him of vision and practical ability, of idealism and a keen insight into facts. His striking personality and magnetic power made an almost instantaneous impression. No one could feel

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to be caught by the charm of
his presence and of his conversation,
and then, for one
if for a glimpse only, the
purpose of the man, one saw
a character of large dimensions.

You are sharing the sorrow
of a great company who
have loved this land for the
cause of humanity. It is always
a comfort to me to think
that we are dead in vain
unless from us there goes forth
strength, and it is very
near. We must think of us
in Him, where our purposes and
sympathies touch and
find their home. We remain
together inseparably in
Him - "hearts remote yet
not asunder".

With all earnest prayer
that you may be upheld
and comforted, and walked
& by the father through
& your children, I am

Faithfully yours,
Henry P. Davis.

December 2nd.

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Glen Cove-Long Island

Dear Dorothy -

And so it is over - the
wonderful life you and Willard
have lived together. But you
will live many hours each
day on memories, and of
what memories to have.
I envy you them - And
I envy Willard - He has
fought the good fight &
has died as he has
lived, and as he would

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all conceive that somehow good will be the final goal of ill and that to strive mightily for righteousness as this world was in itself its own reward.

This Willard has done up to and beyond the utmost of his strength. He has left the world a far better place for having passed through: according to my lights man can do no more. And such men live long after this mortal life is ended; and the wish to die — in the line of duty.

Man's life is not measured by mortal hours on this earth, but by spiritual achievement, and so measured Willard has outlived the rest of us though we live to be four score + ten.

I have never been able to obtain much satisfaction out of formal religion or even out of Christ's teachings themselves in so far as they stressed the future life; — but I am convinced that we must

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December 2, 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight:

The girls of the Council feel very deeply with you in your loss, and take this poor means of expressing their sincere sympathy.

Most cordially,

Beulah Massmon
Ruth Rosenberger
Janet Sabloff

beauty, courage + loyalty of their spirits serve to light men's feet down many years to come.

I would that I could serve you. I tried to see you this morning but found you were in town.

All his friends and all your friends (and they are the same) know that you will show the same high courage in your sorrow that he has shown. How feeble these words are, — but you know you have all our sympathy our feeling + our loyalty.

Ever affectionately
J. B. Curtis

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My dear Mrs. Straight.

My heart goes out to you in deepest sympathy in your great sorrow. I can realize in some degree through what you are passing, and it has been so much harder for you

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because you could not
be with your husband
in his illness, but that
has been your sacrifice
for our country, and
he has given his
life for it and
died on the Field
of Honor. He has
had such a splendid
record of achievement
and has rendered
such great service to the
Nation that it
should not be
the cruel act
Fate when the
Peace Treaty
Land has called him to
his Higher Service
Carolyn out His
The Memory
worshipped. I

December 2nd/18

Mr. & Mrs. Straight

Dear Madame

In learning of the death of your beloved husband Mr. Straight. Accept our heartfelt sorrow & sympathy in your hour of sorrow & daily prayer is that you may stand his life he has done daily but for his will be done

In death of Mr. Straight

be your greatest comfort, and the thought that he is still yours and will always be. May the dear Lord give you strength for each day as it comes, and I know that you will go through this experience most bravely and courageously and meet the days to come with "face forward".

With tenderest sympathy for you and those three dear children Most Friendly Yours (Mrs. Edwin B.) Mary Willard Hagin

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26, EAST 95 STREET.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

I cannot express
to tell you how truly
and deeply I sympathize.
He meant so much to
the great future - both
nationally and internationally -
that as a member of the public
I feel a great loss - as well.
May it bring you some little

We have lost our
truest & kindest friends
Words fail me
I am thankful to hear
Rose & Dorothy & Nicholas
Straight.

Yours truly
Wm. & Mrs. Jas. S. Sheldon

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comfort to realize a
little of the Love and
tender admiration all
Your Friends have for you
and what you mean.
To Her You
Faithfully
Ezra Scott Cushman

Dec. 2.

Washington, D.C.

THE ESTUARY
COLD SPRING HARBOR, L.I.

Dec. 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:—

One of your friends wants to express his sympathy at your inexpressibly terrible loss of Your husband.

His noble soul would not be content except where he could best relieve suffering and need, let the risk be what it may. The influence of his Example will be felt by his children and children's children.

Yours faithfully
Chas. B. Davenport

Mrs Willard D. Straight
Long Island.

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Dear Mrs. Straight:

I hope you will not think I am intruding in writing you, because I am just one of your many Junior League girls. But I do so much want to say some word of sym-

pathy to you in your great loss, even though I fully realize how little anything helps at such a time.

I am

Most sincerely yours

Amelia Davis.

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564 PARK AVENUE

Dec. 2, 1918

My dear Dorothy

My heart aches and aches for you in this greatest of all afflictions that has come to you; and it seems as if there is nothing that anyone in the world can do or say to make things easier for you to bear.

That he gave his dear life, and his best and finest energies, in the service of the Allies, and the cause of humanity for which they fought, is the big happy palliative, and it will help, gradually I know through all the future years; and I only hope it can help a little now.

His strong

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Monday -

JOSEPH P. DAY
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight —

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which you have sustained through the death of your good husband.

Mere words are of very little help at a time like this, but if I can be of any assistance to you, in your sorrow,

upright spirit, the high ideals he represented, and above all his true vision for the best in life, will live as an inspiration to all who knew him, and will be a permanent possession for you and his dear children to cherish until you meet again

Always affectionately
Mollie Davis

Monday

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please do not hesitate
to call upon me.

Sincerely,
Joseph P. Day.

December 2nd/1918.

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December 2d. 1918

My dear Mrs. Straight

I arrived in Paris today and saw by the papers that Willard was ill. I then went to the Ritz to see him and found that he was gone. Poor fellow. I have been surrounded by a great deal of suffering and sorrow this past year but I have not experienced the sensation I had in finding that the friend whom I went casually to cheer up had actually gone on to join the other heroes of this world war.

Seldom if ever have I met a man who endeared himself to all as did your husband. I like to think of him as a friend whom I always wanted to "please" better. He + I were together in 2. Company in Plattsburgh in 1915 and we have worked together since. Over there he has done such splendid work.

I have just come from the little room where he lies. Covered by Old Glory: a mass of beautiful flowers around him all in beautiful soft candle light.

We shall all miss him very very much

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and his Country will miss him too.
Polly joins me in deepest sympathy to the one
to whom his loss is greatest of all

Sincerely
Willard Straight
Johnston Forest

Dec 2. 18

7 WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Dear Mrs Straight

I feel for you - any
my realization of
the loss to me
community and to
my Country

Sincerely yours
Mortimer Forest

I can
express how much
I mean to you - I
know but hardly
how much to Ky
who realized what Ky
was - and Ky potential-
ities & Ky future

I hope you will
not mind my expressing
a little of my sympathy

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89 Pineapple St.
Brooklyn
December 2.

Dear Dorothy:

Nothing can be said, of course, and you must know how keenly we feel Willard's death. It may be a slight comfort for you to think his sweet attentions to Mother brightened her declining years more than anyone can express.

Our heartiest sympathy is yours.

Most sincerely,
Eugene. [Doane]

89 Pineapple St.
Brooklyn
Dec 2d 1918.

My dearest Dorothy If only I could say one word to comfort your aching heart! To your dear Children and Jessie only can bring some consolation in the future. Your boys may show qualities which may bring back to you those of the dear father especially it seems to me that Michael will be like him and yet of stronger physique.

I know dear Dorothy you have many many friends but be sure if Ness or myself can at any time relieve your loneliness

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by staying with you or doing anything at all you must not hesitate to ask for we can never forget your own and Willard's thoughtfulness for us—

My sons and Ness join me in deepest sympathy for you and with much love

Affectionately
Aunt Agnes—
[Doane]

26 WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET

Monday.

My dear Dorothy—

Marshall joins me in sending you love and deep sympathy. You have always been so sweet and unselfish

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RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB
370 PARK AVENUE

Dear Dorothy

I am very sorry for you; all my sympathy goes to you at this time.

Affec

C. Dana

[Charles Dana]

Monday

that I cannot bear to think that this has come to you. Please don't bother to answer this — but know that our loving thoughts are with you

Sincerely
Cynthia Dodge

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POST AMERICAN EXPRESS } WINTERTHUR DELAWARE

STATION TELEGRAPH TELEPHONE 2270 } WILMINGTON DELAWARE

WINTERTHUR

My dear Dorothy. This is just a word to say that my heart goes out to you in your overwhelming loss. I am so very sorry.

With deepest sympathy,
Ruth Wales du Pont.

December second.

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL
CONCORD, N.H.

Dear Dorothy:

Today's news has just reached me -- I find no words but I must speak to you at once. You know how dear Willard was to us all, and you must let me feel close to you now for his sake.

You have had eleven years of happiness - and you have his children. It is hard to understand

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Why the useless life is left and the rich and needed lives taken — but one doesn't bear loss by understanding it. If Willard's work seems left unfinished it must be only 'seems' alone and you will take up much of what you were to do together on this earth.

My heart opens with yours today dear Dorothy. If I have seen Willard but little. I have never

for him for a moment what he did for Neil twelve years ago this month. I loved him dearly. I send you my deepest sympathy and very close and faithful love.

May the Heavenly Father give you strength and peace.

In affectionate
L. Fairchild

Dec. 2. 1918

Dec. 16. 1906.

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TRUSTEES OF THE
CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 2/18

My dear Mrs Straight.

I want you to know that one of the most helpful friendships which have come to me in connection with my life and work in China has been that of Mr. Straight whose untimely departure is such a loss to us all.

I knew him first when he was stationed at Mukden and have greatly prized his friendly cooperation ever since.

Of all the American Consuls then in China, he and Mr. Julean Arnold alone responded to the call of our work with any vision of its possibilities.

His manly and masterful grasp of the Chinese-American situation and his wholehearted yet perfectly frank attitude toward the Chinese will ever remain as an inspiration to me.

In most sincere sympathy believe me

Yours faithfully

Charles K. Edmunds

To Mrs Willard D. Straight,
New York.

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you must be fighting
a loss, which must
seem too great to endure—
I'll never forget my
first glimpse of you
in Cleveland last year—
the first time I heard
your voice—There was
the touch & tone of true
sincerity, & of deep
feeling, of seriousness
& purpose, that had

Forest Hills Inn,
Forest Hills, Long Island.
December 2nd, 1918.

Dear, dear Mrs. Straight—
The news of your loss
struck me quite dumb,
& brought to me with a
great force, how very
much I love you—All
night long I could think
of nothing but you, & the
grief & sorrow against
which you are struggling.
For I know how bravely

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never quite noticed in anyone before — Then, God was so good to me, He gave me the opportunity to know you a little better — That little visit in your home, your talk in Albany — Made me realize as never before the power of true womanhood — And now, after hearing what you said of your husband, recalling your expression, as we sat at breakfast that morning, I know how void & empty life must seem, & how I wish I might do at least some little thing for you! What a comfort your three babies must be! — The realization you

to understand the stress it was to me — After eight months of struggle he died at Saranac right there in the cradle where we had loved & prayed so long — Somehow it seemed as if he just went to sleep, & I can't but feel that the line between life & death

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gave your husband so willingly & so courageously at the very beginning of this struggle for liberty & right on earth —

I want you to know how your sympathy helped me, when I told you of my Brother's illness at Saranac — You seemed

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is very, very close - God
must need them He calls
to Him, & surely they
lived the future of their
lives on this earth - How
to think of them all & gather
& happy - When the hardest
times come, please remember
you helped me, & that you
are ever in my prayers -

I'd love so to see you
sometime, & I'd love you to
see my new "flying Chaplain"
husband - He is quite perfect -
Just now he is stationed at
Mineola, so we are living there.

With a heart full of
sympathy, & a great deal of love,

Affectionately,

Grace Carter Erdman -

Dec. 2.

20, BRIMMER STREET.

Boston.

Dear Dorothy.

I loved Willard - I shall always keep him vital in my heart - but it is terrible to think he isn't coming home. And it hurts the Country needs him -

I know how deeply he loved you. If there is any thing I can do Dorothy dear, let me do it for his sake. I am mourning too.

Your - & his - devoted friend
Sally Fairchild -

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Monday December 2nd

My own darling Dolothy -

Yesterday afternoon Rather received a telegram from Frank Polk telling us of Willard's death. It was a horrible shrinking shock & we spent all the rest of the afternoon talking about you both. I wanted to back up at once & Rather wanted me also to go at once, but this morning your telegram has come telling me

have put himself out any amount, & have given me the best advice & help - oh Angel when I think of what he was & his friends & realize what the loss is to you, you whom he adored as few men love women - He was one of the finest noblest men I ever knew striving always for the best, not thinking of self, but how most he could do good service. When I think of how much he could have done in the future what a force

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that you do not want me
now, so I will wait until
you send for me. Oh my
Angel how I long to be with
you and how terribly I feel
to be so far away, + of no help
to you in the saddest moment
of your life - It is all so
overwhelming that the words
will not come to me, I cannot
express to you how I feel
about it all. Rather feel

it very much. Willard was his
best friend + perhaps the
only friend that he really
loved + as he says he will
never have another. To me
it is also a very great + real
sorrow. Willard was my best
man friend after Hardy - I
will never forget his unfailing
sweetness + kindness to me
+ his great dependableness,
the feeling that I could
always have gone to him
in trouble that he would

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the bravest can overtake
their strength or overcome —
Remember that Father & I
would always consider your
& Willard's children as our
care & responsibility — & that
you can always depend on us
in whatever happens to
take care of them —
All I am saying seems
absolutely inadequate but
you must know how I am
feeling my darling & that I am
sharing your sorrow & longing
& wishing I could be with you

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for good in the community
has gone from us, it seems
unutterably cruel. — and
yet you have the consolation
of great pride in your beloved;
of the knowledge that he
lived up to his very high
standards, and I know
that though you have
made the greatest
sacrifice that it is
possible to make. To

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will meet it with your usual
wonderful courage —
You have six years of
great happiness to look back
on, which is more than
most women have and
you have three children
who with the inheritance
they carry from you both,
with the noble memory of
Willard, & your wonderful
example are sure
to be worthy of their name.
My Darling I do long for
you so - Please do not
hesitate to telegraph me if
at any time you would like
to see me. I don't think I could
make this a harder for you
& I am not needed at all
here, Rather would gladly
spare me at any time.
I know you will go on
with your work, but please
please do not overdo
think of the children & keep
yourself well & strong
for their sake - Even

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With all my best love
my darling Whose ever
always true
Your ever devoted
Beatrice [Fletcher]

New York
Monday

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

The terribly sad news of Willards' death came to me as a great shock and words fail me to express my great heart felt sympathy to you and yours in this hour of intense sorrow and bereavement.

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I wish I could do something
or say something which would
lighten your heavy burden - but
Alas! words and deeds at
such a time cannot relieve or
uplift the One bowed down
with such painful grief.

We are thinking about you and
mourn with you in your great
Great loss.

Most sorrowfully Yours
Dave Fletcher

MITCHELL DAVIS FOLLANSBEE
COUNSELLOR
120 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO

Monday
Belvedere Road

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I am shocked and grieved by the sad news of your great loss. I admired your distinguished husband and found inspiration in his character and in his achievement along with many others scattered over the world I sorrow with you.

Faithfully yours.
Thomas D. Follansbee.

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219 Clifford Court
Madison - Wis.
Dec. 2d

my dear Mrs. Straight.

Please let me send you my sympathy: let me tell you how very deeply I grieve for you and for your children in your great loss.

I know that you both offered the sacrifice — both you and he — unreservedly, willingly, with glad hearts, for our Country's sake. But greatly as that thought must uphold you, it cannot lessen the human pain, I am afraid. And it must be all the harder now — when at last, since the 11th, you could draw a deep breath — when until his illness began, you could think of him as safe, at last.

Please do not think I am intensive in writing. Neil loved and admired him so deeply — he was so beautifully kind to my mother then — and ever since — that deep in my heart there has been a constant sense of loving gratitude. And I felt, that on the Peace

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Commission he was to be of service to all
our Country and to all the world.

I am sorry. My heart goes to you. I
wish there were any help that I could give —
but I know there is none.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucia Fairchild Fuller.

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RICARDO C. ALDAO
OF THE ARGENTINE BAR
JOSÉ A. CAMPOS
OF THE ARGENTINE AND ENGLISH BAR
ENRIQUE GIL
OF THE ARGENTINE BAR
RICARDO M. ALDAO
OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORP.

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William S. Kies, Esq.,
Vice President,
American International Corporation,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y,

My dear Mr. Kies:-

I have learned through the newspapers of the very sad death of Major Willard D. Straight in Paris, and I hasten to express to you my deep sympathy in the loss of a friend and associate of such admirable qualities. Men of such calibre are so few that his loss is indeed a great one, not only to his close friends and associates, but to the country at large.

I am not acquainted with his widow, but I will appreciate it if you will be kind enough to convey my condolences to her.

Very sincerely yours,

[Gil]

EG/AGC.

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My dear Mrs. Straight—

I want to express to you my deep sympathy in your great loss. Mr. Straight died as he had always lived, serving his Country so splendidly.

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Please accept my sincere
sympathy –
Affectionately
Margaret Montague Lee

157 East 81st Street

NEWTON W. GILBERT
14 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight –

Mrs. Gilbert and I are intensely grieved because of the untimely death of your husband. Our hearts go out to you in your great bereavement. While I can not claim to have been his intimate in any sense, yet it became my privilege to know him well. No man of his age had achieved more, or enjoyed the confidence and affection of more people. I know of no man in American life who can take his place,

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Your loss is incomparable, and yet you should be sustained by the thought that all life is measured by service, and measured thus his life was full and complete. It has left to you and to your children a glorious heritage. May you be sustained by the remembrance of his life and character.

Very Sincerely,

Newton W. Gilbert

FOUR HUNDRED AND FOUR RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Since those months during which we sat together on our Mayor's Commission I have felt such a close bond with you that the news in this morning's paper brings me real personal sorrow. It is tragic that your devoted

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Dear Mrs. Straight

My mother joins me in the hope that you will accept our deepest sympathy for your bereavement.

It was indeed a dreadful shock to us and I feel that I have lost a friendly sympathy that seemed to exist between Mr. Straight and myself even tho I had occasion to meet him but seldom.

Sincerely yours

[Goldbeck]

and effective service to the country should have culminated in this supreme sacrifice for the great cause. But I know that you bear it nobly and bravely, with pride in Major Straight's fine achievements. All day I have thought of you often. Words are useless at such moments. I know, but perhaps you will forgive this brief message of affectionate regard and heartfelt sympathy.

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Sincerely yours,

Virginia C. Gildersleeve.

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TRUSTEES OF THE
CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dec. 2d 1918

My dear Mrs Straight:

It is impossible for us to take in the reality and meaning of your dear husbands death. He seemed so alive with energy and prepared to lead in great things to come; and then the home, what can one say?

I met him first in Mukden in May 1907, taking dinner with him on the 23d. His insight concerning the Far East and the "political, Economic" and at base the moral question which affected them both seemed clear as light could make it, and it was just here I think his religion expressed itself. He did not in some ways know that he was religious. His God was primarily one of truth and action. Comfort yourself that the God of all Comfort will be with you in the days and years to come shall they be many or few. "Of his fulness have all we received and grace for grace"

I should speak also for the Trustees of the Canton Christian College and the Faculty who will all feel with you in this personal loss.

Sincerely W Benecy Grant

To Mrs Willard D. Straight
New York

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TELEPHONE
MANHASSET 375

TULLAROAN
MANHASSET
LONG ISLAND

December 2nd 1918

Dear Dorothy:
I want that
you know deeply I
feel for you in your
great sorrow and I
send you my love
and deepest sympathy
after Jack
Aunt Jane

126 EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEW YORK

December 2, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Speaking for the office and for myself, personally, I want to tell you how awfully sorry we are to hear of Major Straight's death. We all feel very deeply for you in your loss.

Faithfully yours,

Carl F Gruehsen
of W Dlanor Stebbins

To:

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
#1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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421 West 21st St.

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Dear Mrs. Straight, My heart is full of my respect and affection for Willard, and I wish we had the power to avert the sorrow you have to bear. He was so courageous and so extraordinarily free from stain of any kind that I feel he, and he alone, can help you. I would give anything in possess to make you realize his value to us, and the way that value became increasingly clear, but I believe you know this - He was a brave man, and he must now count on your bravery to sustain by your own strengths and the strength of your love all that you are called on to endure. But if it is any help please remember our unceasing sympathy for him and for you.

Most sincerely yours,

Francis Hackett

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1607 - 28th Street.
December 2nd

My dear Mrs. Straight.

This news has come to me with a poignancy out of all proportion to my brief acquaintance with you and with your husband so that it is out of my grief rather than out of my acquaintanceship that I am writing words I can scarcely see for my tears. Why should I who am merely a stranger be so moved? I believe there are many who will feel as I do who will not be telling you — I have

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already heard people say words of shocked horror, who do not know you and whose you will never know = It is because I have never met anyone who made so deep an impression of glorious power and energy. I am urged to accomplishment which nothing could dismay — I am eternal vigor of the kind you feel only when you are on a high hill on a clear day — It is incredible to many so much less

it is to me sure that natures such his can not be stopped from roads that lead always to more sun, as much as yours from following. I say it in humility because I am untried, but when my time comes I

writing of life — why does he not go on adding to his achievement — ? — I do not know what answer you will find. I do not know what answer I will find when my turn comes to read this bitter message. But now

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shall remember those
who have gone this way
before me – and who
have been brave and who
have understood. May
God bless and Comfort
you.

Anne Hard

177 EAST SEVENTY-FIRST STREET

Dear Dorothy,

Any possible words
of sympathy have never
seemed more inadequate
and yet I do want
to tell you that you
are constantly in my
thoughts and always
with the deepest
sympathy and
affection.

I am sorry to hear that
Beatrice has not
returned to Mexico.

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Here are so many things
in my heart about
you and Willard that
I want to try to express
but you know them
anyway, Dorothy, dear
you - you know
much so much to
me that I feel
somehow you must.

Yours affectionately,
Meredith Howe

Dec. 2nd

HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

Dec. 2-/18
PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Dearest - In these last days
- although the shadow of
what Willard's loss
would mean to us all
individually was
very, very, black over
me I thought has been
You - We tried to
do & have everything
exactly as you would
want it and never

I am sure has a greater
fight been made to save
a man's life -
The doctors say that in
a hospital ward with
the care that can be
given there Willard
would have gone five
days before he did -
Only one person in ten
gets well with influenza
pneumonia, and even
up to a few hours before
the end the doctors
- all except Dr. Lam -

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insisted that Willard's splendid heart made it probable that he would be the one in ten. I sent you the Cable "very, very grave" on my own responsibility without asking the doctors, because I saw the change in his face & feet that you must be prepared - Your Cable saying that you were alone has just come and I am so sorry that we didn't send the first Cable straight to you, but we did what we thought was best -

I sat beside Willard & held his hand all those last hours, and up to 24 hrs before he left, he always knew me and called me by name -

When Lippmann & I at 11.30 p.m. realized that he was going fast

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PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

he sent a motor for Billings of Groton, who had been here every day to see Willard - He came quietly into the room, stood beside the bed, made three beautiful prayers, & two minutes after he stopped Willard quietly stopped

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breathing - ~~There was no thing~~ Just as he went I kissed Leine on the brow & said "This is from Dorothy." There was no struggle, no suffering, as far as human Eyes could see, only a great weariness from the long fight - These flowers came a week ago from Gen. Pershing & staff

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is his room because
the windows were
always wide open
And they have been
near here since it
was all over—
Now I have only
Yours & Thos Francis
171 & in his room—
Your Cable has
come & as I replied
Cheney & Jake just
started out to visit
Pueblos & pick a

Keep dear Dot to yourself

spot— I feel that
You would want him
left here, And I am
glad it is so—
I have to stop so
that the Couriers can
take this to Rent
I will write many
more details by
Spare.
Oh! Dorothy, I would
willingly have given
my life to have saved
him for You & for
the world —

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Dec. 2, 1912 S.C.

Monday.

PENT HOUSE,
52, VANDERBILT AVENUE.

My dearest Dorothy.
There is nothing
that I can put into words
that could begin to tell
you half of the thoughts
I have for you. They go
back as far as last week
when I first saw you in
the little green velveteen
coat when you came to
see the Cleveland's with
your mater & father.

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there. And today I can look back over only in all the between times this year has been the most Wild girl big girl in the whole world. Never thinking of yourself but always doing for others. As your father did. Among Even more so Soon as Willard happened. This echo too is just the same as your own. To others thank the world a better place to live in for all of us. You have books to yours ones. Do you share your blessings with us. I would like always if ever you would let me now. With deepest sym- pathy thus.

H. [Hastings]

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me, Most Sincerely

Betty Vince Hazzard.

Monday December 2nd

Hope Farm
Fairbank Ky.

My dear Mrs. Straight

May I write you
just a note so that
you may know how
sorry we all were to
hear of Mr. Straights
death? We remem-
ber with such pleasure
your visit to us Last
Spring — Believe

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Headquarters
5th Division
A.P.O 745
American E.F.

Dec 20th 1918

My Dear Mrs Straight.

Will you pardon an old soldier for intruding in your great sorrow of which he shares his humble part- We who knew and served under him lost our best friend, never a care had he for himself twas always for those around him to see that they were happy and comfortable. with me of course I was different. I met him at Ft Sill where I had the honor of seeing you and from that day till God took him from us he was always my ideal of what a man should be and of what he always was a gentleman and under every condition and God knows he had many things to try his patience and I know it.

But he met everything with a smile

which was inspiring to all who came in contact with him. Many was the wet eye and sore heart in France when they learned of his unexpected demise. Even now I cannot realize that I have lost the best friend I ever knew - wherever he was in France and it was possible for him to do me I was with him Nothing that ever happened then worried me as long as he was somewhere around the only joy in life was to be near him and when he told me some months ago that after the war he would have to make a deal with me you can imagine my joy - To be such a mans Valet- worked he work living for - Thirty years ago Mr Straight I joined the Eighth Cavalry served through the East Indies and South Africa before coming to the U.S twenty years ago I have met many men

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in my Military and business career But this war was the cause of my meeting the only real Man that I think was on Gods earth. I never met his equal for love of humanity and under ever condition the same I got to know him for as me he opened in many things to execute his orders and what a pleasure it was to serve him - death never had much terror for me I have seem to much of it - It has absolutely make men as he was I have gone ahead that I would go through fire and water to meet I would willingly enter it that I might once see him again. hear his cheerful and welcome voice God bless him for what he done for all those who served under him

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and whose load he made lighter I saw him just a month ago little did I think it was for the last time at Somme where he was on the Staff of the 1st Army I noticed he wasn't looking well and took pains to tell him so But as usual he laughed it off and told me he was busy - we shook hands he thanked me for the visit and I left his office never to see him again never to hear his voice - little did I think it then. But Gods will be done such as he always die young — Can I do anything for you Mrs Straight - out here. Can I do it anyplace - all the ambition of my life is gone when I think of what has taken place - He whom we all loved and respected taken from us when we all thought the worst was over - May God Bless and protect you and help you to bear the awful load he has placed on you.

Most Respy Yours
Lieutenant JW Healy

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Office of the Cable Censor 700 Mason St.

UNITED STATES POSTAL CENSORSHIP

San Francisco, California.

December 2, 1918.

My dear Mr. Fiedler:

It was certainly a shock to me to read of Mr. Straight's death in today's paper. Please extend my sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

In the very fullness of life he was taken. You and I have lost a friend but our country has lost a valuable servant. He died in the service of his country - a noble death.

A splendid type of American has gone and I am proud to have called him friend.

Sincerely,

Herbert S. Hewson.

68 West 40. St. New York
December 2nd 1918

Dear beloved Mrs Straight

Please kindly accept my deepest and most sincere heart felt sympathy in this your great bereavement. God the Father bless you and guard you, and give you strength to bear your great grief. God the father whose ways, are not our ways. has called to a higher, nobler and better life, a noble valiant soul. dear beloved Mrs Straight my heart bleeds for you. I wish I could carry your burden. God gave, God

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Lord, his name be praised.-
" Blessed be thy name forever,
Thou of life the guard and giver
Thou that slumbereth not, nor sleepeth,
Thou that heal the heart that weepeth,
God of stillness, and of motion,
Of the Dessert and the Ocean,
God of Mountain, Rock and River,
Blessed be thy name forever,, -
Mrs Higley joins me in deep sympathy
God bless you and guard you, and make
his countenance shine upon you.
with deep and sincere love
Respectfully
Louise C. Holden

Dec. 2nd

237 EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I cannot refrain, after seeing the death of your husband in the papers this morning, from sending you this line to express to you my deepest sympathy in your terrible loss. I feel that all of us who have lost some one we love while working in the service of this Country during this awful crisis must have a special bond in sympathy, + in the pride which must help us to bear what has come to us.

In losing my only son so recently, who died in action in France, my heart goes out to you; + slightly as I know you,

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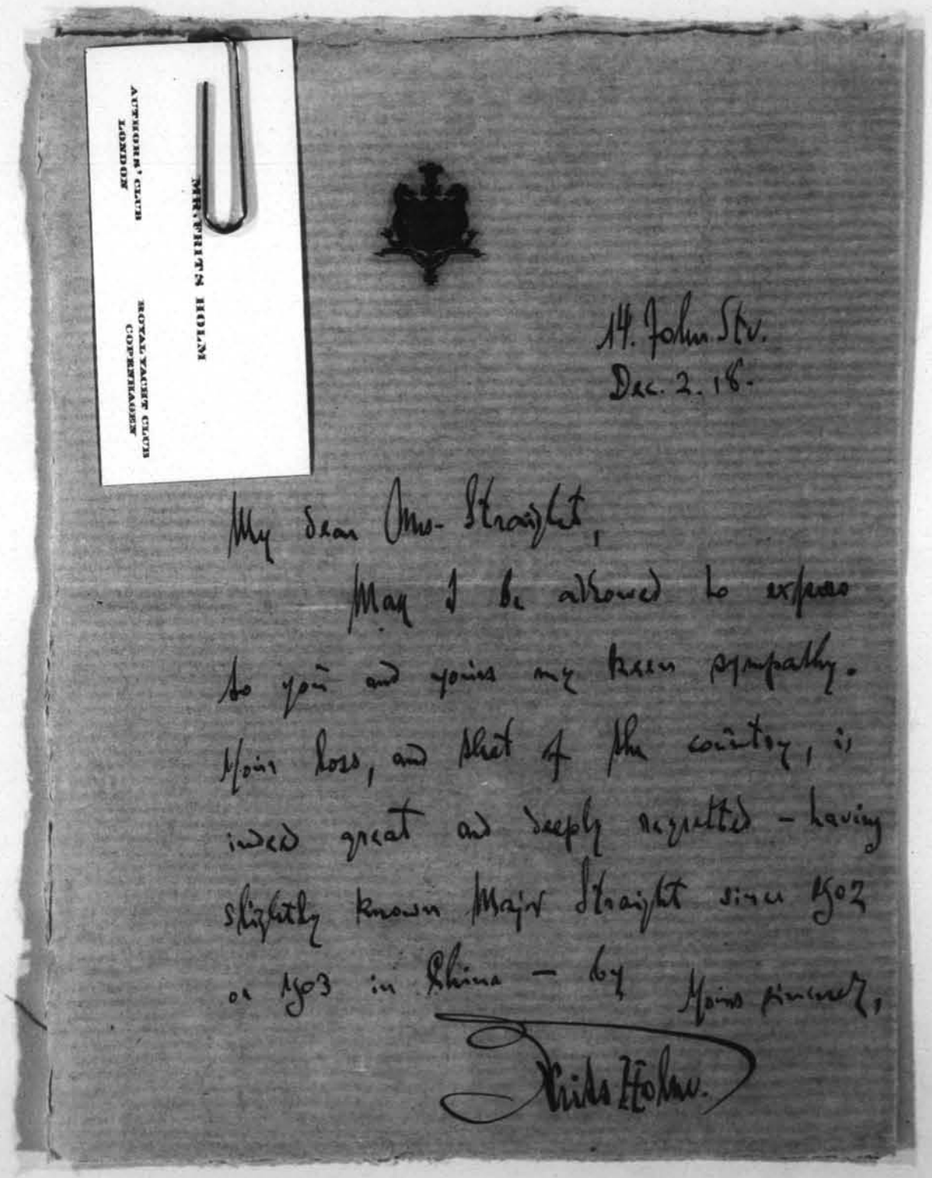
I must tell you how much I am thinking of you; & I feel sure that, like me, your great pride in the glorious sacrifice Our men have made will help you to bear the desolating loss.

Believe me
Most sincerely yours
Elliot Bell Bradley.



14. John St.
Dec. 2. 18.

MERRIMEN HOLM
AUTHORS' CLUB
LONDON
ROYAL YACHT CLUB
COPENHAGEN

My dear Mrs. Straight,

May I be allowed to express to you and yours my keen sympathy. Mine loss, and that of the country, is indeed great and deeply regretted - having slightly known Major Straight since 1902 or 1903 in China - by Mine pioneer,

Merriman Holm.

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Americans of his time.
May the God who has
seen fit to cut off his
Good works in what
seemed their beginning
give you the strength
to bear the dreadful
blow —

Yours faithfully
Edwin O. Holter.

December 2nd 1918.

960 PARK AVENUE

Dear Mrs Straight.

Please accept
my deepest sympathy.
Willard's place in the
Roll of Honor is eternally
secure and he will
live on in the hearts
of his friends & the
memory of his countrymen
as one of the greatest

777 MADISON AVENUE

Dear Mrs Straight

I am sorry from the
bottom of my heart for the
news that has come to you.

Most sincerely
Willard Straight

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120 BROADWAY

Dear Mrs Straight

I have
read with [illegible] sorrow
the sad news of poor
husband's death.
Grant Trasurer you
of my deepest sympathy
in your great
bereavement.

Always faithfully yours
Thomas Lamont

December 2nd 1918
S.C.

441 PARK AVENUE

My dear Mrs. Straight:

There is very little that anyone can say to you in such a sorrow as yours. The whole community feels the loss of major Straight, and if it feels so, how much deeper and more poignant must be your sorrow who were privileged to be so near and dear to him.

My heart goes out to you in sympathy during these dark days, and I am only one of very many who feel saddened that one "who saw the Light so clearly"

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and followed it so nobly, should have to go through such a valley of shadow.

Dear Mrs. Straight, please accept my deepest sympathy and affection, and believe me,

Most faithfully yours-

Dorothy Legg Howard

December second.

36 Gramercy Park, New York,
December 2, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

The morning paper have just brought me the sad news regarding Willard. I know how futile are words in the great crises of life, but I trust that you will let me express briefly my appreciation of Willard's character and my sense of personal loss.

From the time of his graduation from Cornell University (of which he was the most distinguished alumnus of his generation) when we spoke of his going with me to the Far East down to the time of his entering the Government war service, we were in more or less constant touch over problems

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of the Far East, his thoroughness in work, his extensive knowledge, his mental keenness, his high personal character, which had secured for him the confidence of powerful associates, made him for some years the most influential man in that entire field. The country as a whole as well as we personally who knew him have reason to mourn his loss, especially in these critical moments when we are trying to arrange a just and prosperous peace. No single problem is more difficult than the one which he was so preeminently fitted to assist in solving.

Please accept my deepest sympathy with you in this time of trial.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick W. Jr.

FIVE NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

It is with sincere regret that I see in the newspapers the death of Major Straight. That he should be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for his country after the armistice is signed and the whole world rejoicing over the prospect of peace after the many years of bloody war, is indeed a great misfortune. I have never known him well, but was much impressed by his energy and ability.

With the deepest sympathy,
I remain

Yours very truly,

Thomas W. Lamont

Joe Swan is still in Kentucky but I expect him back soon.

H.P.K. [Kean]

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
December 2, 1918.

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Biltmore Hotel

564 PARK AVENUE

Dear Dorothy. I want to express
to you my deep sympathy
in your great bereavement.
Willard was one of America's
foremost citizens + he is a
real loss to this country.
His fine character + splendid
achievements were a credit
to the nation + a heritage
of which his children
will be proud all their lives. Besides
his international + business
work in finance + politics he has the
most splendid record in this war
for patriotism + service. His
to all this - his courage
+ charm make
most wonderful
day + generation.
remember it as one of the great

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privileges of my life that I knew him.

Again with heartfelt sympathy for you in your great loss,

Very sincerely

Rosamond Kerr

Dec 2nd

132 W 70th St.
New York City
December 2, 1918

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
Old Westbury, L. I.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Please may I express my sympathy for you for Major Straight's death? It is quite beyond knowing what the loss of his vision and advice will mean to many large affairs, and

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especially to Far Eastern ones. Formal as this note should be, because I have met you only in the Asia Office where I am a member of the staff, it is nevertheless deeply felt.

Sincerely yours
Wayne Whitehead

55 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

My Dear Mrs. Straight,

I can hardly find words to express my deep sorrow over Willard's untimely death. It was my rare privilege to be intimately associated with Willard for two years as a fellow officer of the American International Corporation. During that time we found much in common, and I grew to admire and respect him beyond almost any men of my acquaintance.

Our daily contact brought about a close friendship which to me was one of my most treasured possessions.

I came here from the West

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as a true stranger, and rare friendships mean much to me. I know that Willard's friends are legion for he had that rarest of all gifts, the ability to inspire confidence and affection, but I cannot now resist telling you, of what his friendship meant to me, and of my sense of personal loss at his passing.

May I express to you my deepest sympathy in your great bereavement —

Yours very truly

W. Sloane

December Second,
Nineteen Eighteen.

51 EAST 51ST STREET

My dear Mrs Straight

It is in my heart to say so many things, but words mean so little

It is impossible to tell you how my heart aches for you in your great sorrow. But what tumultuous memories must

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I am of your splendid husband.
One of the men who really
did things, and was an
example to the rest.
With deepest and kind.
All sympathy
Most sincerely
Martha K Munger

Monday 3rd

wanted you to know
that I was thinking of
you in your trouble, and
to send you my love
with a great deal of
sympathy.

Sincerely,
Helen Lee.

December 2nd, 1918

My dear Mrs Straight:-

I was so sorry to
hear of Mr. Straight's
death, for I know what
it must mean to you.
Words like mine, I
am sure, can be of
little comfort to you at
a time like this, but I

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Monday.

Dearest Dorothy.

I have never known anyone who in their daily life carried self sacrifice to the extent that you do, - and that you should be called upon with Willard to make the supreme sacrifice seems as if too much were expected of you - Ordinary sympathy however can't measure up to your standard for you are heroic as he was - For him your consolation must be that after a busy, happy, extraordinarily useful life, he

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is beyond all pain -
He crowded into 39 years
achievements of which
a man who had lived
his full span might
have been proud -
You will never know
how I have longed to be
of some help to you,
and all I can do is to
send you my love,
Yours devotedly
Lily Lee -

Monday, December 2.

Dear Dorothy -

I want to send
you my love today. My
heart is aching for you.

Ever yours,
Faye Lippmann.

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Hotel de Crillon
December second

Dear Herbert,

I am writing to you with a very heavy heart. To-day the fact that he is gone is here in all its grimness. Up till now we have been fighting so hard to save him, and living in the desperate hope that he could not die. There never really was any hope except in the miracle of his vitality which kept him alive days longer than could have been expected.

As you know he was delirious practically the whole ten days of the pneumonia, and he died without knwing how ill he was, and x without pain. Mrs. Harriman, Chaplain Billings, Dr. McLean, the nurse and I were with him when he died at a quarter to one yesterday morning. By early afternoon of Saturday we knew that it was only a matter of hours and we cabled Dorothy to prepare her. The final telegram no one had the courage to send to her directly, particularly as we had not heard from her for two days and did not know what condition she was in. That was why we turned to you knowing that you and Louise could judge better than we how to tell Dorothy. Even with the use of the Navy wires evrything is so irregular that we were afraid the news might come in the middle of the night.

My only hope in the matter now is that Dorothy will feel that Willard had all the care that it was possible to give him, and that as nearly as possible things have been done as she would have directed. The doctors in the case were Thayer of Johns Hopkins, Taylor of Blake's hospital, Dr. Morris, Dr. Richard Strong, and the Naval Surgeon attached to the House Mission, Commander McLean. Mc.Lean practically nursed the case himself.

Willard will be buried to-morrow at the American militmary cemetery at Suresnes after a service by Bishop Brent at the American Church in the Avenue d'Alma. I think that practically all the men who were closest to him over here will be present. Even Colonel Logan who is with the Army of Occupation in Germany is on his way here to-night. The most affecting thing of all has been George Bennet's efforts to attend the funeral. You know, I suppose, that his back was broken driving a car which turned over up near the front, and Willard saved his life by the way he took care of him. Bennet is now in the hospital at Neuilly unable to move and he has been frantic in his efforts to-day to be allowed to come on a stretcher. Mrs. Harriman went up to-night to see him and quiet him.

Charles and I have placed white roses on the coffin in the name of the staff of the New Republic.

Let me know if there is any wish of Dorothy's which I can carry out for her here.

Yours ever,

WL. [Walter Lippmann]

MARYLAND CLUB

My dear Mrs Straight

I hope it may not seem an intrusion if I try to tell you of my very sincere feeling of sympathy for you in the loss of your splendid husband.

I was at the Ralph Ellis' when the news came and did not feel so remote as I must seem to you. From here I am writing, in the trust that there may be a little consolation in the wish of even your distant friends to comfort you, and to offer you any service of which they are capable.

Sincerely yours
W. G. MacCallum

Baltimore
Dec 2nd.

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35 WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET

Darling Dorothy,

It is not possible to tell you how deeply I feel with you in your loss of Willard. You had the happiness that only too rarely sympathetic souls can have, and the measure of your blessing is the measure of your bereavement. That first great loneliness

love, my darling, — so many cares — that some will support you when you are most deeply wounded in the dearest.

God help and bless you.

Your devoted

Lucia.

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will make even the comfort of your faith feel faint. Later, the dead seem part of life again, not so utterly lost. The work for others you have always done will comfort you again, remembering that he loved you doing it. And you will remember that your happiness was dear to him, and will always be. I think the dead whom we have loved miss us as much as we miss them, and know us better than they did. The hope of returning to them makes age and death some day for us not sad, and perhaps God sometimes takes away first the one who could least bear to be left behind, not for greater affection, but for less strength. Affection is a strong, not a weak thing. And you have in your character so much

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him and we will put a greater enthusiasm and energy into any work we can do for his sake and the other men like him who have died for us.

But Dorothy dear I don't days
let myself write what I want to about you - and what you are bearing - for I don't want to trouble you to read it - there's just one thing I must say. Don't be too brave and try to do too much just at first - I

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Pa

4 WEST FIFTY EIGHTH STREET

Dearest Dorothy.

You've not been out of my thoughts since I heard - and it's so impossible to put into words the love and sympathy we feel - but I hope some of it has reached you and been a little help - I would so love to see you when you feel you want to let me - It is so dreadfully hard to understand why people who seem so absolutely essential like your husband and

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Saint and other people like them
should so often be the ones to be
taken away from us – but the
more one lives day by day the more
that they are more completely
and wonderfully alive than
they ever were. I saw your
husband quite often when he
was in Paris in January but
have hardly seen him at all
since then although we were
constantly hearing about him
and always men spoke of him in
such an admiring affectionate way
and he seemed to be one of the
Americans in France everyone turned
to and depended on. It's a
wonderful record that he has
left behind for his children and
if he had lived to be an old
man he couldn't have done
more than he has done now.
All of us who ever knew him are
so proud – and so grateful to

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4 WEST FIFTY EIGHTH STREET

know that your courage and
your spirit will be and that
you'll want to live to go
straight on. We had a good many
different kinds of sorrow and I
know that there's a physical
shock that can't be ignored and
you are too valuable and
precious to me all for you not

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to take care of yourself - do
it for our sakes if you won't
for your own.

I'm so grateful you have
the only comfort and source
of strength which seems real
at a time like this. May
God keep you and strengthen
you and be very near you

dear Dorothy -

Your affectionate friend.

Martha McCook.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals

Chicago

Judge Julian W. Mack

Woodsworth Hotel N.Y. 12/21/15

My dear Mrs. Straight:

When I suggested Major Straight as head of the European Bureau of the War Risk Bureau, I was on his reputation for leadership, character & business ability.

When I had the pleasure of working with him in Washington, these qualities were immediately evident & it was apparent too that he would win the esteem and affection of the men who worked under him.

And the reports that came home

from my boys brothers confirmed
all this in the highest degree.
Many of them have written me again
& again & my brother Willard
Mack who came back invalided
a month ago never ceased to
emphasize the deep sense of loss
that his retirement from the Bureau
last Feby. created on all sides.
due to the recognition of this sense of
his worthy character and his
fine personal influence in this war-
fare.

The country can ill spare
such leaders in the difficult
days ahead of us. It must be
a consolation to you however
to know that his example
has inspired hundreds, and
thousands, indeed, to dedicate
themselves to public service
in a larger measure than
they had heretofore done.

May you find peace & sound
in your memories of happy days, in
your own fine spirit of work for the Commun-
good, in the love of your children
and in the knowledge that Willard
taught like the effluence & them of all
who knew him.-

Sincerely yours

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deepest sympathy.

My sincere sympathy

Eleanor Mack

THE THREE ARTS CLUB
340 WEST 85TH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs Straight:

I want so very much to bring you comfort in your great grief, and I pray that God will sustain your heart and give you

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the blessing of His peace again.

My sister would wish to extend her sympathy to you if she were here; will you permit me to do so for her.

Sincerely
Harriet H. Masterson

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1918.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
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TELEPHONE WORTH 8500

December 2, 1918.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

May I not express to you on behalf of the Executive Committee, its membership, its staff and myself, the deep sorrow that we all feel over the death of your husband, Major Willard D. Straight, who died in the service of his country.

We, as well as the citizens of New York, recognize fully the noble work he performed as Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense. We can only hope that we have carried on this work successfully since the time when he was compelled to leave the Committee, owing to the more important call made upon him by the Government.

Very respectfully yours,

George W Loft
Chairman,
Mayor's Committee on National Defense.

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for you to have to bear this after the rest is practically over and everything seemed so hopeful.

I only wish there was anything one could say or do to help you in your sorrow.

I can only send you a great deal of love and a sympathy

My dear Mrs Straight.—

I read of Major Straight's illness in the paper on Saturday and I was so worried all day yesterday thinking of you and realizing your terrible anxiety.—

It is indeed hard

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that is more felt than
expressed -
Yours most sincerely
Gladys Miller

December 2nd 1918

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LAWRENCE
LONG ISLAND

Dear Mrs Straight.

Please allow me to tell you how deeply I feel for you in your sorrow.

Willard was a kind and loyal friend to me and I had for him the greatest admiration and affection though I was very

very close to him.
His career is an inspiration to his own children and to the youth of America in the dawning of the new era which he took so high a part in bringing about.

Very sincerely
Alexander B. Adams

40 Cedar St.
New York.
December 2nd

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December 2nd, 1918.

My dear Dorothy:

I want to tell you that I have been thinking of you all day and only wish that there were some way in which I could be of some help to you. I realize the utter futility and inadequacy of anything that I might write. I know you have a courageous heart and a brave spirit. You have my deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Very sincerely
Florence Milman.

RED OAK ROAD
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

My dear Mrs Straight:

May I send my sincere sympathy in your great loss. After reading the splendid and inspiring account of what your husband has done for his country, not only in this war, but for many years past, it has brought home very poignantly what wholes

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no sacrifice have been made in number, they are great in the character of men who have given their lives.

Your kindness and cordiality to me at your office made a personal feeling which I felt that I must express, and which I hope you will please accept in all sincerity.

Very sincerely yours
Marguerite Miller

December 2nd 1918

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Stockton Axon Secretary

Dec. 2.1918.

My dear Mrs Straight:

It was quite a shock to read in the paper the news of Major Straight's death.
He has died for the salvation of humanity just as surely as if he had laid down his life on the field of battle.
I realize that any words one may write a such a time must feel void and poor, but you have the great happiness of knowing Major Straight was a most faithful worker in God's vineyard before he was called to his reward.
May the Blessed Jesus who grieved with the mourners of Bethany, and who is the giver of all consolation be with you and yours in your hour of trial.
My wife asks me to send you her heartfelt sympathy.
You may be interested to hear we have a little boy, named Douglas Haig, who came to us upon his mother's birthday, March 15th.

Yours most sincerely

H. H. Mitchell.

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459 West 163rd St
New York City
Dec. 2nd 1914.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight
Fifth Avenue, New York City

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your bereavement.
I am shocked beyond words. I loose a true friend.
I first knew of Major Straight in a Physical way. I lived with him when in Korea, also gave him Massage treatment.
Your Hero Husband. How glorious To die in Active defense of this Country.
I very respectfully yours
J. F. Moore.

Luxembourg Dec 2 —

Dear Dorothy — I can't tell you or begin to tell you how I Sympathize with you. I Knew Willard for a great many years how able he was and how true. I never met a finer man in all my life. I can only say that the Example of a man who dies in the Service of his Country never dies. Ive always felt that myself. The world does not forget. Willard lived and died for his country and none than that no man can do, or have a finer fate.

If you will let me come and See you when I come home I Shall like to very much apply

Gerald Morgan
Capt 5th

[Morgan]

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MRS. HENRY MOSKOWITZ
147 EAST 38TH STREET
NEW YORK

December 2d 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight,

We can only pray that God may give you strength and fortitude, to find in your heritage of the children and in service for others, that peace of mind that must last you till you meet again.

Death is so irrevocable and so final, that it causes us to despair; but life is so unrelenting in its responsibilities that we do carry on and time helps us to achieve a measure of happiness in creeping into the lives of others. Dr. Moskowitz joins me in offering you the deepest, most heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely yours,
Bella G. Moskowitz

JOHN E. MUHLFELD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Monday
Dec 2nd
1918

Dear Mrs Straight:-

The account in this morning's papers, of Mr Straight's sudden death has shocked me greatly.

While I only knew Mr Straight in a business way only, during the last few years, I held his acquaintance high in the highest esteem and shall always remember him most kindly.

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She was one of the many
who, together with the
others, have formed the
magnificent structure
of courage and devotion
and self sacrifice of
which all Americans
should be justly proud.

I extend to you my
heartfelt sympathy in
your bereavement.

Sincerely

F. Mansfield

Mrs William D. Straight
1130 Fifth Ave
New York City

[Dec. 2, 1918]

ROLLING HILL FARM
SYOSSET LONG ISLAND

Dear Dorothy.

I can think of nothing but you and your great sorrow. I know it is so great. I feel very powerless to give you an idea how my heart aches for you. Words seem rather useless at a time like this, but Dorothy dear, I wonder if you half realize how everyone loves you, and

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My dear Dorothy
I was so very sorry
to miss you in the Pantheon
when I was there

how deep everyone's sympathy is for you.

I hope I will see you soon.

Always affectionately.
Dorothy Nicholas

Monday.

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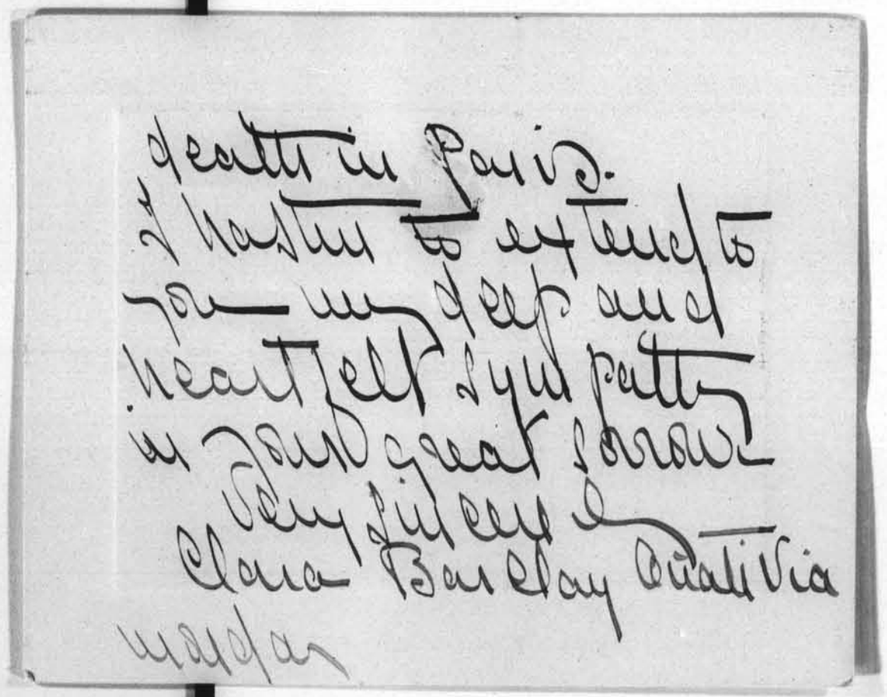

36 EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

Dear Mrs Straight,

Words cannot tell you how terribly sorry I am & how deep my great loss and I want to send you my love and deepest sympathy.

There is nothing that I can do is say

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that will be of any help
but I just wanted you
to know that I was thinking
about you at this time.

With the deepest sympathy.

I am,

Yours Sincerely

Katharine deB. Parsons

2nd December 1918.

6 East- 77th

WUCY

My dear Mrs Straight,

I have just heard
the very sad news of your
loss, and send you all my
love and sympathy.

Most sincerely yours,

Lucy Lathrop Patterson.

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all the wonderful things
people are saying about
him.

I can't say any more
except you have our
deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,
Fred'k Latchin

P.S.

Phil Latchin got a
cable off to Robert-
finally. As it went through
the Department he should
receive it promptly.
F'k L.

AMERICAN ASIATIC ASSOCIATION
627 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight:

This is a sorry
attempt at a letter.
I just can't express
how Mrs. Latchin and I
feel about Major Straight's
death. It seems impossible
to realize it.

I used to feel that
there was not another man
in the world like Frank
Polk but in Major Straight
I found another.

It must be something
of a comfort to hear

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Metropolitan Club
Fifth Avenue & Sixtieth Street

Dec. 2. 18.

Dear Mrs Straight

Amid the many expressions of sympathy which you will receive none will be more sincere than the one I venture to express to you with my most profound respect for the irreparable loss you have sustained.

For eight years I have held

the expression of heartfelt sorrow - but I cannot refrain from conveying you that I truly loved Willard and that I feel respectfully and lovingly share your pain.

I saw him not so very long ago in Paris - charming - full of life - and with that rare radiant "Rayon de Soleil" which made him the most loveable of men and the most sterling of friends to men he had taken.

Pray believe me in profoundest grief very respectfully and sincerely yours

M Peixotto
[Peixotto]

The Plaza -

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Your dear husband in
profound and really intense
affection - not only on account
of his magnificent qualities
of intellect - ranging on to genius
but particularly due to my deep
appreciation of his rare and
noble qualities of heart - in
which he was - indeed a Master
and an Inspiration.
He - indeed - has what the French
so aptly call "l'aristocratie de coeur"
the highest - the noblest and most
instinctive and lasting of all
aristocracies - and many were
the reminiscences of it - which
it was my privilege to personally
experience at his hands.
Now that my first [illegible] were
closely drawn to each other and
it is with the most profound grief
that I lose a dear and cherished
friend whose greatness of nature
was only equalled by his superb
and broad vision of mind - that
same promise of great and
noble achievement.
I beg you to forgive me for

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Hotel de Crillon
Place de la Concorde
Paris
December 1st 1918

To Mrs W. D. Straight

Dear Madam,

Will you please accept my deepest sympathy for yourself, and the poor little children, in your great loss.

Madam, you have every reason to be very proud of "the Major" as he was affectionately called by all.

He was a great gentleman,

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and a fine soldier, loved
and respected by all who
came in contact with him.
After he left the War Risk
Section, and before he arranged
for my transfer to the Third
Army Corps Headquarters,
the personnel were continually
asking me for news of "The
Major". He did everything in
his power to make us all
happy and contented, while
over here in France, and his
death will be deeply felt by
officers and men of that
organisation, which he so
successfully put upon a
working basis. The testemonial
presented to him, at the last
dinner he gave for both officers
and men, as Our Chief, bears
evidence of this.
Two weeks before his illness
he arranged for my transfer
to the Peace Commission.
I can the more readily
sympathise with you madam,
as it is only three weeks ago
I heard that my only brother
4 years younger than I, had
been killed on the British
front after three years active

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service, also news that my
Mother was very ill. It must
be a great consolation to you
to know that Mrs Harriman
was able to be with him so
much, as was Mrs Egan.
I have lost the best employer
I ever had, also a real friend.
Again madam, please accept
my deepest sympathy,

I remain

Yours respectfully

Charles Lembrette.

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Dear Mrs. Straight
May Heart
is With
tender sympathy
in this sorrow
I give you.
I can only
wish deeply &
sincerely that
I may

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just to courage
to go through this
with you in our
fine Spirit me em-
ployed - perhaps
Enabled by it
all.

So many people
felt this loss
for M. Straight was
one of the guides
on the road to
Progress & Peace.

With pity

Yours Truly

James Perkins Dec. 2-

GLYNDOR
RIVERDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.

Monday
Dec 2nd

My dear Mrs Straight

I just cannot find words with which to tell you how pained I am to hear the very sad news - to all I always seemed so congenial in our views - for our country to lose such a man is altogether too bad - I am waiting for

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Omaha

Dearest dearest Dorothy:

All day I've wanted to write you, ever since I saw you this morning, but my heart has been too full for words. There is nothing one can say, I can only tell you I love you & wish I could somehow help— I can't bear to think that you are facing, for the love of husband & wife, is so much bigger, so much more beautiful

the other side on Sunday - can I in any way do any thing, no matter how small, for you? - if so please allow me to.—

You have my deepest sympathy in your great loss—

Sincerely yours
F. Perkins
[Perkins]

To
Mrs Straight
1130 - 5th Ave

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Has one ever dreamed possible,
because of my own great
happiness my heart goes to
you in real understanding—
How proud you must
be of Willard's success, of
the name he had already
made for himself— he was a
real man, a one who chose
personality must have
impressed all with whom
he came in contact—
The last time I saw
him was watching one of his

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fatties take it a talk, it is
such a great human story.
I'm glad it was like that,
for in time such friendship
really grows—
Write me Dorothy if I
can help— You have had love
deep true wonderful love—
suppose it had passed by—
but it didn't Dorothy, you have
had it, what ever the future
holds, to you has been given

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even tho' for a brief while at time, the greatest gift in the world -

Remember if ever you need me I am ready & shall always be

Your friend

Natalie Pierrepont.

Accept the record

MILFORD
PIKE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

My dearest brother, words are inadequate to express the depth of my sympathy - - - I know what you are going through - the agony - the ache of the void - & the bitter loneliness —

I can only pray that Someday you may be given the joy to bear it — to go on - -

& dear, dear brother, I would give a good deal to be able to do Something for you - in the smallest measure to help as you have helped

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ed comforted so many others in her
life - And to show my
admiration of him - his brilliancy
his strength - and his powers -
It is impossible to realize
- he was so vital - so resolute -
so full of courage and the will of life
ed for life — so much to give
that the world needs badly - and
will need now more than ever
- - - how can it understand?

Yr. ever faithful and loving friend
Amelia Bryce Pinchot
[Pinchot]

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