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Major Lloyd Stark,
Louisiana, Missouri

Dear Major Stark:

I am just in receipt of your letter of February 10, enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Pendergast in the interest of Congressman Cannon. It entirely meets my approval. I think highly of Congressman Cannon and believe there is no member of the Missouri Delegation who is more thoroughly interested in the welfare of the people than is this distinguished man.

Of course, I have no way of knowing what Mr. Pendergast will do concerning any of his indorsements. I have not been consulted, nor have I volunteered advice about them. Perhaps this is best. I would rather hazard a guess that when the time comes, Congressman Cannon will have a fair and impartial hearing.

I note what you say concerning the "very good impression" made by Senator Dearmont on his recent visit to your county. I am not surprised, nor in the least discouraged by "good impressions" which this good looking gentleman makes. Sometimes I think if the voters are to use the yard-stick of bone and muscle, coupled with what are termed, good looks, in their selection of a candidate for Governor, that it might be well for Gene Tunney to enter, if he could acquire a residence in Missouri. Tunney, as you know, possesses about everything that could well be claimed by Dearmont along lines of good looks and vigor.

I think you and other friends will read much in the way of claims of various sorts put out by this gentleman, his friends and the Press Bureau of Jefferson City. Among other things I am hearing over the state, is that the American Legion is, in places, backing him.

I am a little curious to know just where this now much touted, vigorous, strong, athletic man was when he was 26 years of age and the

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bugle sounded the call of duty throughout the nation. It may have been that he volunteered answering its appeal and caught step with the wild, grand music of war, but I don't know. I am somewhat curious about his war record. Do you know anything about it? A circular of praise gotten out by the Dearmont-for- Governor Club of Buchanan County lists his activities such as a member of the Red Cross, etc., but fails to make mention of anything in the way of a war record. Won't you please make guarded inquiry about this and let me have, in confidence, the result of your findings.

Sincerely your friend,