

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, August 21, 1940

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Dear Bess:-

Well I am starting a bit earlier today. Have had plenty of customers this morning but the Senate met at eleven and gave me a chance to sit down and now everybody in Mo. wants to get into the gallery. Have put in eight in the last fifteen minutes.

Went to dinner with McPherson last night and had a very pleasant time. He was a Captain

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of Field Artillery during the 1917, '18 fracas and in Gen. Ely's 5th Division. Told me some good stories on Pershing and Ely and we also discussed the political situation in Missouri. He's here trying to get a loan to buy the Kansas City Journal. Told me how he came to take it over and how old McElroy gave him a good double crossing with the Star. Hope he can get the job done.

Mr. Boyle Clark from Columbia came in to see me this morning. He is Mr. Stark's great friend - wanted to know if I had heard from the Gov. and told him I hadn't and didn't want to hear from the S.O.B. and that so far as I am concerned I didn't give a damn what he did or intended to do and that I hoped he'd tell him just that. Then he wanted to know if I was angry at Stark's followers. I told him I wasn't but they would all be in the bandwagon anyway for most of 'em hated the Gov. as badly as I do. He said that is

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a fact and left in a good humor.

Roy Harper is in town and wants me to go to dinner with him, but I have a date with Bon Geisland and some St. Louis Brewers for tonight. Roy came right back and said tomorrow so I guess I'll eat on the constituents all week.

Father Tiernan is out in the antiroom so I'll have to run.

Love to you. Kiss Margie. Harry.