

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, April 14, 1933

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Good Friday Night, April 14, 1933

My Dear Bess:

I hesitated just how sweet to make that salutation and finally decided that way is the best way; for that means all the beauty, loveliness and feminine house I know. It also stands for Queen of my Heart; so what other could equal such a salutation as that!

I am in bed at home, have seen Frank, Natalie, and George. Had dinner with your mother, who by the way seemed really glad to see me, and Fred. Nannie showed all her teeth when I told her Margaret missed her and was sending her a card. She's going to the post office tomorrow to see if there is one.

Frank is still in a turmoil over the mill, however he thinks that there

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is now a chance of his voting your mother's stock independently of the others, in which case he can go in with Arch Waggoner and handle the situation. Old man Dunn has agreed to resign. Frank has had a conference with the Wellses and with Henry Jost and he seems to think he has the situation in hand.

George looks much better, and if we can keep him down another week he'll be cured. He promised me not to try to get up until Monday and I'll get a further delay then I think. He was much pleased with the candy and said he would give Frank and Fred a piece of it. Your mother looks fine and so does Fred. Fred says he sent another letter to the Colonial. You'd better ask for it.

I have talked to T.J. and to Jim over the phone. T.J. is much better and gave

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me to understand that I could do as I pleased with the county. I am to see him Monday morning. Will see Jim tomorrow.

Lou Holland called me and told me that he is being considered for Comptroller of the Currency, which is the biggest job under the Secretary of the Treasury, and wanted me to get Mr. Pendergast to endorse him. Mr. P. told me to write my own ticket and make the endorsement as strong as Lou wanted it.

McElroy, with his usual fine Italian hand, has been trying to put me into a bad political position over the action of the state board on assessments. He has reduced his assessment 5% and has cut the rate somewhat, but I'll still make him like it before the show

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is over. As long as the Big Boss believes in me. I don't care what the others do, and McElroy will be kissing me before the month is out.

I feel so much better about our daughter that it is almost as if a hundred pound weight has been lifted from my head. Make her follow sun and diet as she should and by the time I come back down there, she ought to be as big and beautiful as her mamma. The weather has been terrible up here, snowed all day yesterday and rained today. The wind in the north and very cold.

Paper says clear tomorrow. Hope you all have a good time and don't worry about anything up here. Everyone is all right. I love you and miss you terribly, but if our child gets all right, I can stand it. Lovingly, Harry

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