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Dearest Dad and Mother:-

This is a just a "Christmas Note" to wish you-all a merry Christmas and to convey to you our love at this season. I have been so busy since coming to New York that I feel I've neglected you-all shamefully but I hope to do better after the "turn of the year".

We feel very happy and hope that you share our sentiment; my work is going fairly smoothly despite the fact that it's all very new to me and we are mighty fortunately situated here. Were it not for your sadness at home this would be an ideal holiday season. Please feel that we send our very best love and sympathy and are with you in spirit if not in person.

The radio hasn't come yet and we're awfully impatient. Hope it will arrive tomorrow.

I find that Mamie sent off our package before I had time to put in a dollar for Newsom. Please give him the dollar for me and one to Bob Henry. I didn't have time to get him a very adequate present I fear. In fact I've done everything in such a rush that I'm ashamed of our gifts. If the shirt doesn't fit Dad send it back and I can exchange it. I thought 15½ was his size since I wear a 14½.

Jen will have Christmas dinner with us so we'll not be lonely without any of the family. The Lokey's wanted us there but we preferred to have our own dinner as it was more homey. If the radio only comes we'll have a delightful holiday. My work will be virtually suspended.

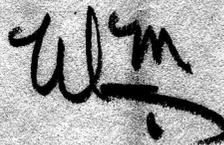
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I appreciated letters from you both this week and hope you'll write immediately after the Christmas stuffing to let me know how you survived. Wish we could be there to share the wonderful food.

With a heart full of love for you-all----

Your devoted Son,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Wm." with a flourish underneath.