

Nov 4, 1927  
Friday Night.

Dearest Mother:-

Thanks for the clipping from Alexander's column; it gives me a thought or two and the reference to Athens is most flattering, don't you think.

Anyone who can write such a bright and apt letter as yours is certainly wasting time by not writing for commercial purposes. If you could work your description of a church dinner into an episodic form of human interest story it would certainly be marketable.

I ~~do~~ do take your suggestions seriously but the Bankhead girl is in London and there are at least 1,000 alert American correspondents there to do her justice. She has been much written about in recent years and I doubt if I could add anything to her picture.

If you've other ideas--some things of your own-- I wish you'd write them down and try them on me, or send me anything you care to. I believe I have the editorial rather than the creative slant, anyway, since I can do better with someone else's stuff than with my own.

The Coolidge statement cleared the path somewhat but it now appears that there must be some decision between Lowden and Dawes as with both in the running Hoover might win. Perhaps the two Illinoisians will consolidate and that would be ideal for me for I believe Dawes will have the support of the Eastern bankers against Hoover. Perhaps the work will begin before February altho I ~~xxx~~ know of nothing definitely earlier than that time.

I am sorry that little Ros will have to leave Athens as I know it will be hard on his father. Sometime ago we heard that things were going very badly for the firm but had nothing positive about it. It came indirectly and prefer to have my home news straight. The grocery merger seems wise in view of the chain store invasion which will surely hurt the independents.

Mamie and I are delighted that you let Miss Lee's relict sisters know the real truth of her prejudices. I think Father deserves that much vindication and particularly in the presence of Mrs. Hatchett who had perhaps heard much that was untrue. Particularly since these sisters do not live in Athens, I cannot see how you could lose anything even if they were angry at hearing the truth.

Father's letter--which came with yours today--indicates that he is still making excellent progress with his multifarious deals. Maybe the new car wasn't a dream but a premonition.

You must chide him for his errant recollection. He took me to see Vanderbilt play Auburn in Birmingham about 1915. Vandy won, as I recall it, on a field goal which in those days was something of a foul tip as line-plunging touchdowns were in vogue with field-width end runs behind a four-man interference line. I certainly do recall that game and most of the people from home who made the trip at the time.

This is another slack-time office letter so I will go back to work now. There is little new with us. Jennie and Leo are to wed the 20th and are dickering for our place, in case we go to St. Louis.

With love to you-all,

Devotedly, *7/10m*