

Chicago, April 24, 1917

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 21st inst. is received. I am engaged in so many things at present connected with the war that I could hardly undertake anything more. Further, it seems to me a little premature, to say the least, just at this time to propose sending a statue of liberty to Russia. Just now what we want to send is such support as will make the Russian provisional government strong and effective in the war. If they succeed in holding the Russian people together and in establishing justice and liberty I shall have no doubt of the permanence of democratic institutions in that great country.

Very truly yours,

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H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Herman Bernstein
44 E. 23d St., New York City

HERMAN BERNSTEIN
44 EAST 23RD STREET
NEW YORK

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April 21st, 1917.

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As I originally outlined the project in "The American Hebrew", the national Jewish weekly, I proposed a gift by the Jews of America to Free Russia on the occasion of Russian liberation and emancipation of the Jews. But a number of distinguished Americans have expressed their eagerness to participate in the movement to send to Free Russia a great and splendid expression of America's contribution to Russia on the occasion of her liberation.

It has therefore been decided to make the plan wider in scope, so that this gift to emancipated Russia shall represent ALL America.

The idealism of the plan appeals to the hearts and the imagination of the people, and is meeting with an enthusiastic response. Even though Russia needs immediate and substantial aid, it seems to me that in addition to the material help which America will extend, the great event of the democratization of Russia should be commemorated in terms of liberty. This would not be merely an idealistic gift to the Russian people. It would serve at this time to inspire, strengthen and unify the democratic forces in Russia against the elements that are, consciously or unconsciously, undermining the liberty secured after centuries of martyrdom.

It is our intention to make the Committee national and thoroughly representative of America. We hope to enlist the co-operation of Governors, Mayors of large cities, distinguished educators, authors, merchants, financiers and representatives of labor.

As a student of Russian life and literature for many years, having traveled in Russia as the representative of leading American publications, I have exposed the cruelties of the old regime of the Russian autocracy and have endeavored to interpret the aspirations and achievements of the real Russia through translations of some of the works of the Russian masterminds and leaders of progressive thought. Knowing the spirit of the emancipated people of Russia, I am particularly eager that this gift of America should be truly representative of the spirit and the ideals of America.

It seems to me that every State in the Union will desire to be identified with this great movement. May I count on your endorsement of the plan, and your co-operation?

With high esteem, I am,

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MANUFACTURERS OF GRAND AND UPRIGHT PIANOS AND PLAYER PIANOS

CHICAGO, ILL. 4-26-17.

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
c/o University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

As an humble citizen I feel it my plain duty to write to you frankly saying that the published import of your speech in yesterday's Examiner, if true, entitles you to the boob prize of America if not of the civilized world. How you could imagine such a thing as you picture, is beyond logical conclusions of normal sanity. In common parlance, I am such a wild and wooley American citizen, Mr. Judson, that I revolt against my country being taught foolish things. I am such a patriot that I want it to be consistent in its course and just in its actions and I want it to protect the lives and property of American citizens at home and abroad in the proper and peaceful pursuit of their business, and I want this principle to apply to Germany, Mexico, the Brittish Empire, France or any other country. I am a patriot, not a partisan. I uphold principle, not prejudice.

Behold the spectacle of the largest and most powerful nation in the world wanting to make war against a country that has declined publicly three times lately to fight us. I can see Germany, according to the press, surrounded by her enemies, the empire tottering, the people starving, and I can read speeches of some men wanting to Democratize a country and force that down their throats whether the people want it or not. Is tyranny on the one side, going to cure the tyranny on the other? I am trying to reason an methods and tto apply principles.

Very truly yours,

EA/BH

E. Armstrong

Chicago, April 28, 1917

Dear Sir:

Your extremely discourteous letter of the 26th inst. is received. Still, as you sign it, which many who write to me in that vein do not, I think it is quite proper to answer it. Of course I infer from the way you write that you know all about the subject; that you are entirely familiar with the Pan-German organizations in Germany and with their many publications; that you are familiar with the history of the Balkan countries and with the relations of those countries now at war; with the policy of Germany in South America, in eastern China, and a score of other places; with the innumerable documents which bear on these subjects and from which one may reach his adequate conclusions. I have reached my own conclusions as a result of years of study and observation. I trust that you have done the same.

H.P.J. - L.

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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

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President Harry Pratt Judson,

The University of Chicago.

My dear President Judson:--

I have read in this morning's Herald the account of your address in Mandel Hall yesterday, and I want to send you a line of congratulation and appreciation. I wish I could have heard your address; but I am delighted to read the brief account of it. I am glad you are giving the weight of your great influence to this righteous cause. What you said is just what needs to be said. I have been trying to say much the same in my lectures. I have had some unpleasant collisions with Germans and pro-Germans, but I am still in the ring; and, as you will see by the enclosed letter to directors of summer schools, I am endeavoring to get a chance to say some more things during the summer.

Mrs. Raymond joins me in congratulating you on your stand and on your address, and in the hope that you will make many more such addresses.

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Dear Director of the Summer School:—

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of my lecture announcement.

Would it be possible for you to use some of my lectures in your Summer School?

I suggest as particularly timely my lectures on

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Russia and the Overthrow of Autocracy;

Austria-Hungary: the Whirlpool of Race Antagonism;

Paris and the Struggle for Democracy in France;

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Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you, I am,

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Chicago, April 27, 1917

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Your favor of the 26th inst. is received.

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Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Jerome Hall Raymond
748 Judson Avenue
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Director of the Census Bureau

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Would it be possible for you to send it to Chicago, April 27, 1917?

I am, very respectfully, yours,

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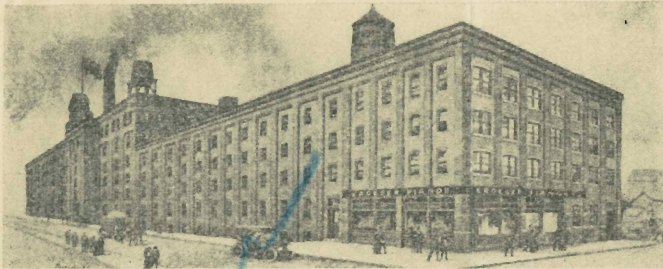
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CHICAGO, ILL. 5-1-17.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 28th addressed to me at Stamford has been forwarded here where I live. I am near you at the Gladstone Hotel.

Most people are familiar with the writings that you refer to but most people who entertain the views have only read those books and are therefore biased. There is a great difference between justice and jealousy. There is a vast difference between patriotism and prejudice. There is also much difference between principle and partisanism. I am such a wild and woolley American citizen that I want our country to be consistent and in this real strife between Germany and England, they should know the facts and how damnable both of those countries are. One of course, is diplomatic which is another word for deception. The other is not.

In the end I hope that royalty will go to the rubbish heap. Mr. Judson, do you believe in the sincerity of Balfour? Read the remarks accredited to him in the press when he hypocritically laid the wreath on Washington's grave Sunday. Then read the true animus of the man which represents England's innate feeling to this country in the speech he delivered eleven years ago to "My Lords". If he was sincere in his speech eleven years ago and has not undergone an entire change of heart, then his words can only be called hypocritical. A man that charged Washington with being an ingrate, a libertine, a traitor and a trickster of his own people, a "bungling military upstart" has had nothing, that I know of, in the last eleven years to change his mind unless the English government that has always been an enemy of this country and innately hated it, now finds itself in a close place and comes fawning with fulsome flattery to get favors.

Chicago, May 2, 1938

Yes, I signed my name to the letter. Your speech was just what I stated, if I am correct and I think I am. I would advise you to read all sides of the question and you will not make any more such foolish speeches unless you want to ride on the present subsidized press wave of the country and have no regard for anything except temporary popularity.

Very truly yours,

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1626 Republic Bldg.

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E. D. [Signature]

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Your favor of the 1st inst. is received.

May I call your attention to the fact that you make two assumptions which may possibly be unwarranted? The first of these is the assumption that I may have read only one side of this case. Has it occurred to you that perhaps I have for years been a student of it, and that I have studied it on all sides and from all sources, and reached my conclusions in that way? The second is your assumption as to one's motives. Has it ever occurred to you that people who may not happen to agree with you in opinion possibly may have motives quite as worthy as your own? I venture to make these suggestions.

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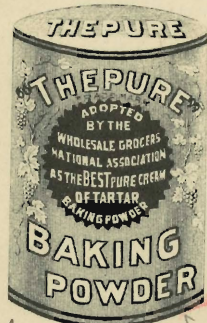
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"THE PURE" BAKING POWDER COMPANY

TRADE MARK

Tray Albany, N.Y. May 11/17

My dear friend Judson

I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you in many a day, but how well do I remember the years that you and our mutual friend Adams were in Tray, and yourself at the High School, where my son Henry, now 47, and daughter Mary, now 43, graduated, the former No. 1. in his class, and daughter No. 2.

The enclosed clipping I showed to my cousin, Wm. Hollister, and I told him I was going to send it to you, and ask if it fairly represented the religious teachings of your magnificent University. I really trust not, and I further hope that your army of students will all be taught that the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God! I congratulate you on your own wonderful success, & with the assurance of my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely Yours

Joseph H. Knight

TRADE MARK

"THE PURE"

LABEL REGISTERED 1890



THE PURE BAKING POWDER COMPANY

TRADE MARK

Prof. H. Knight, Esq.

My dear friend,
I have just had the pleasure of meeting you in
a way, but I am sure you will be a member of the
our mutual friend, the pure baking powder, and I am
high school, where we saw each other, and I am
H. B. Knight, the father of the pure baking powder,
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I have referred the clipping to you, and I further hope that you
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of students will all be taught that the pure baking powder is the
work of it! I congratulate you on your own successful career,
with the assistance of my kindred and I am
Sincerely,
Joseph H. Knight

Chicago, May 8, 1917

Dear Mr. Knight:

Your favor of the 1st inst. is received. I am glad to hear from you once more. It is indeed many years since we have met or come in contact. MacLean is now in England, and of course you often see my old classmate Hollister in Troy. I am glad to hear of the fine record your "children" made in the old Troy High School, but amazed at the ages which you report for them.

So far as the clipping goes, I can only say that I never make any comments on such gabble. With all best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Fred'k H. Bartlett & Co.,
C h i c a g o.

Gentlemen:-

Like probably everyone else in the world, I want to make money. I haven't much to invest, nor am I particularly anxious to invest anything at this time.

Any investment proposition I even consider must not only be sound but also safe - so safe that I'm protected against loss besides having a better-than-usual chance of profiting handsomely.

I've heard that you have a big new realty development under way - the biggest and most promising that Chicago has ever seen. I'm told it's CITY property, only 24 minutes from the loop with really wonderful transportation facilities. I've learned about the tract being so peculiarly situated that quick and certain value-increase is inevitable.

I'm told that the rest of the story is a business secret given only to advance inquirers and that those who do inquire are put on your Preferred List, entitled without cost or obligation to special privileges and an unusual "Ground Floor" deal.

Make me one of the "Insiders"!

Send me ALL the FACTS please, at once. You will understand however that in making this request, I am not to be in the least obligated. But if the facts - the confidential story, the location of the Development, its possibilities, the prices, terms, etc., - lead me to believe your proposition is worth further investigation, I'll notify you in due time.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Harry Pratt Judson,
Dept. of Political Science,
University of Chicago.

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This is a letter to us!

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Guderson

Chicago, May 7, 1917

Dear Sirs:

I have your circular letter to which my name is attached, I suppose of course in a suggestive way. Your first sentence, however, happens not to be correct - "Like probably everyone else in the world, I want to make money." I have no desire to make money, and therefore am not interested in the investments to which you are kind enough to call my attention.

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CHICAGO HERALD
Over 200,000 Daily

May 15, 1917.

My Dear President Judson:

Do you recall a certain Taft banquet one time, when you were "taken on" as an "assistant newspaper man" at his table--he being ignorant of the identity of his distinguished guest until Harold F. McCormick came over and made us acquainted?

I recall this only so that you may visualize the writer.

This is written to offer to young men at the University of Chicago of military age--provided they do not all want to be officers at once--an opportunity to join an organization the complexion of which they can control.

Will you be good enough to cause it to be known generally?

I have room in Company H, 7th. Ill. Inf., for 94 fighting men, providing they are of the type who will be acceptable to the present company--a type which your young men, of course, exemplify. I now have 56 men accepted, so that the incoming group, if all from one source, would dominate the company roster.

The men I now have are selected; I threw out all but 29 of the original members who came back from the Mexican border because they were not up to our standard.

This regiment saw more service on the Mexican border than any other Chicago organization and is officered largely by young men who won their commissions in actual field service or as the result of it--not mere political or social appointees.

Affiliation with the regiment affords opportunity for preliminary training in the slowest and most tedious part of the soldier's work by men who have time to be patient, and the recruit need not leave his home or studies until the "big jam" comes. There is no prospect of our being called out before June 15, say rumors, which would give men the opportunity of getting the full amount of instruction their respective degrees call for while giving them military service and exemption from the draft.

We are not in haste, nor do we need men; we will have plenty of them of our own selection when the draft bill goes into effect. But we would a little prefer to have men who are with us because they wanted to be--men of the type of your young men.

Again--will you call it to general attention?

With most sincere personal wishes, "fellow scribe",

Grover F. Seyton
Captain, 7th. Ill. Inf.

May 12, 1917.

My Dear President Johnson:

To you recall a certain "left hand" one time, when you were "taken on" as an "assistant newspaper man" at his table--he being ignorant of the identity of his distinguished guest until Harold F. McCordick came over and made an acquaintance!

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BOND

HAMMERWILL

Chicago, May 18, 1917

Dear Mr. Sexton:

Your favor of the 15th inst. is received. I am glad to be taken into the fraternity even provisionally. Still, I have a certain claim, inasmuch as when I was so young that I didn't know any better I did reporting for certain newspapers, and later when I thought I knew more than I actually did know for several years I wrote editorials for the Minneapolis Journal. Your suggestion I will bring to the attention of the students as well as can be done.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

May 25, 1917.

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
President of the University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Judson:-

I am sending you today the overcoat which you were gracious enough to loan me. I hardly know what I should have done without it, as I contracted a very severe cold that settled in my larynx. I felt as though I had taken on Elijah's mantle, and I suppose that, to be in a proper frame of mind, I should pray for a double portion of his spirit.

Let me assure you of the great pleasure it gave me to be with you at the University and of my great admiration for the amazing development of it all.

I intended to get in to see Mrs. Judson and to acknowledge again my grateful appreciation of her delightful courtesies, but I was unable to do so. Will you kindly commend me most cordially to her,

And believe me, always, my dear Dr. Judson,

Very faithfully yours,

James F. Freeman

JEF/M.

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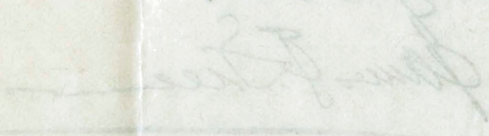
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Let me assure you of the great pleasure it
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great admiration for the amazing development of it all.

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Will you kindly commend me most cordially to her.

And believe me, always, my dear Dr. Judson,

Very faithfully yours,



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