

grow under the stress in
your ability to speak and
in your ability to hold and
sway a crowd. Your actual
voice, the tone and timbre
of it, improved so much. —
you really "made friends"
with that instrument the
radio — though still your
impromptu speaker to the
crowd afterward ~~of~~ excel
your radio speeches.

I had the thrill of
living among people who
were working at the very
top of their capacity —
I'll bet that's the feeling.

#4 Happy Hollow Lane
Austin, Texas

Dearest —

"The tumult and the
shouting dies —

The Captains and the
Kings depart" —

Most of them have
departed and I've been
busy picking up loose ends.

London, this has been
a marvellous experience, this
campaign. I wouldn't trade
it for a million dollars.
Most important, I had the
thrill of watching you

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you get in England these
days! - a fighting feeling
with the strong exhilaration
of knowing that what you're
fighting for is right.

It surely was fun!
It was so good getting to
be with Carroll again, and
getting to ^{really} know Buck -
whom I now love, and
making a real new friend
like Tom Price, and watching
old Herbert stew and clatter
away on that typewriter.

There's a whole galaxy
of them that pass in
front of my eye - Blitzkrieg
Roy Hopkins and Deane

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and Arthur Lee and
sweet old Cameron McElroy
and my all-time favorite
Reese Lockett and the
gold-star ones like Sam Fore
and Hayden Perry. All
contributing their bit.

~~As you'll never know~~
I want to thank you,
my dear, because I got
to be in on it. You'll never
know how much I enjoyed
doing my little jobs - my
funny short-hand and laying
out clothes and running
errands and everything!

The day they were
closing up the sun-room

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check someone thrust into
my hand.

I awoke from this to
find we owed many wedding
presents, etc. Here is what I
did about them:

To Jose Melinger, after
ascertaining that he had
fetched in several checks
and worked very hard, I
sent a beautiful silver
salad bowl, costing \$10.00.

To Bessie Lang I
sent a silver cigarette box
\$4.50.

To Bob and Helen
Jackson's baby I sent an

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I went down to tell them
all goodbyes and thanks —
for you and also for me.
They've all been grand — Julia
Bryden and sweet little Rose
Gross and that slap-happy
Garry Wilke and Lela Scott
and all. They all say "we"
about the campaign — they
don't think they work for
you — they work with you.
I've come to think a
lot of them, bless their
hearts.

And now to business.
Here is a letter and

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adorable tiny silver goblet,
#5.

To Dr. Zeno Martin's
nephew, who was graduating
I had several weeks ago
sent a bill-fold, which I
paid for yesterday - \$3.00.

To Tommy's (my brother's)
son I am sending the
lovely fitted toilet case
you have had in the
closet upstairs for several
years.

To Tom Martin's son
I intend to send your
electric shaver as soon

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as I get to Washington (if
I have your permission).

To ~~me~~ ~~of~~ Mary Edna
Carroll, Mrs. J. V. Carroll's
daughter, I haven't sent any
thing yet, as my \$100.00
you gave me has dwindled
to about \$15. How much
shall I spend on this
present?

One more word about
money. When I arrived
here May 2 nobody was in
charge of finances so I took
it over - paying rent and
utilities for ~~both~~ the month

lost a bag of laundry, containing three of your summer shirts - in the course of our traveling by plane and the ~~luggage~~ ^{luggage} by car. I wired Lewis and Thomas Sattz to send you out three ^{shirts} and I have sent them a check. It was my fault they were lost.

There is one letter I want you to write - to Aunt Effie
11 Hubbard St.

Montgomery, Alabama.
She wrote 52 letters and had everybody in Montgomery

of May and June, laundry, milk bills, maid (all except for two weeks) and groceries for breakfast for the various people who have lived here. Also I paid \$16.66 in milk bills for April and part of March that were ^{somewhat over-} due, and some past power bills for this house... All of which is unimportant except that in settling up with John I thought you'd like to know the background of his living expenses.

During
The last two or three days of the campaign I

with ^{as much as 11} a third - cousin living
in Texas writing to them.

I shall see that you
get your clippings every
day, from the Austin papers.

By Monday I shall
be all ready to go ~~or~~
or stay either.

Get brown and healthy
and have fun - And call
me when you know something.

Lovingly,

Bird