

June 23, 1944

Dear Sumner:

To start off and say that there is no special news would really be an understatement, if not a misstatement. The daily report on grandpa's condition could hardly be called no news, for it's very comforting to know that he is feeling well and happy at Menikoe, that on a beautiful day like this, which caused Lowell to pen his famous line on a rare day in June, Grandpa has been out on the porch with his shoes and stockings off and letting the sun pour its healing rays on them. I have been told that Uncle Harris has ordered him not to stand on his feet, because he must not let the blood rush down to his extremities; so he sits and places his feet on a hassock, level with his chair and reads and rests. Aunt Etta is showering devoted attention upon him. In other words, everything is being done to make his days here as happy as possible. He reacts favorably to all these attentions is indeed good news.

It is good news that Lou Weiner brought back this morning from New York, after spending an early evening yesterday with Uncle Louie. Weiner reports that he looks well and is cheerful, that he took the afternoon off for a swim at Jones Beach and then for dinner with Weiner. I hope to see Uncle Louie here in July. The golden oak leafs will by no means reduce his stature as he struts the streets of Portland and cordially greets his million and one friends. So that is good news.

The Rines deal, as you know, has been successfully carried out and my fee is being paid with satisfaction. And that is good news.

Our War efforts, hitting on all twelve cylinders, and reaching a tempo which is increasing daily the velocity of success is certainly good news.

I am working on the Bond Drive as chairman of the Speakers' Committee and I am enjoying the experience. That, too, is good news.

Tonight I shall be at Bob's and take my accustomed place at the round table. When it is all over, I hope I will have good news to report to you.

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May good news come from you and may all of us of the United Nations have not only good news within the next two months but the best news that the enemy has capitulated unconditionally.

Affectionately,

of success is certainly good news. Learning a tempo which is increasing daily the velocity of our efforts, pushing on all spheres of activity, and

and that is good news. Working out and will see in return that with satisfaction. The things that we have done, have been successful.

and one thing is good news. The efforts of our people and soldiers bleed the million lives will be no means reduce the activity as we strive to see these things here in the world. The golden oak which is the power and then for dinner with me. I and is especially that we took the attention off for a with these things. We have learned that we look will from the work, after spending an early evening yesterday it is good news that you have brought back this morning

Good news. He learns to work to all these attention is indeed is being done to make the day here as happy as possible. devoted attention upon him. In other words, everything will be in a way to promote the and these things. We are in a way to make the of the good work done to the extent that we are ordered him not to stand on his feet, because he will be on them. I have been told that these things have and working off and getting the all the best of the things in the world. We have been out on the border with the areas which are being done to be in the same time on a day day will be happy at the end of the day. It is a day that we have no news, for it is a day of working to know that we are getting things done on the way, a condition which will be a day of working to see the things that we are doing. It is not a day of working to see the things that we are doing. It is a day of working to see the things that we are doing.

Best wishes:

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