

Oak Park, Ill
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Dearest Wife -

I answer your two letters in this one. The special delivery just reached me a half hour ago. Wally brought it over to the Junior League meeting which we held for the first time this afternoon. Had a fine turnout of close to 40 young folks from seven up to 16 years of age.

Last evening we had a busy time at the store. Sold about \$380.00 worth of shoes. That's better than it has been for some little time. I guess it will keep on increasing from now on. Let's hope so anyway.

I'm so downhearted I can't write a cheerful letter. Nothing to do but mope around like a man without a country. This is one time when a lot of meetings in Church is a blessing. It's one way of keeping one's mind occupied.

Last Friday the Standard Bearers Social was a very fine occasion. Frances Rees was there and told me to send you her regards.

They want you & I to take a Sunday off and visit them in Chesterton. She broke up with the fellow that come to see her at Institute.

Remember him?

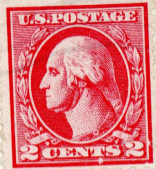
Yesterday the Oak Park "L" came into prominence by having a wreck. According to the conductor on our train (by the way, all service was a half hour late) there were about 5 killed and at least 40 hurt. An express train, due to faulty brakes, crashed into a local standing at Hamlin Avenue. Three cars were reduced to wrecks, almost telescoped, and windows were broken. I saw the remains of the wreck from our train. People were in a panic when the crash occurred and hopped through windows to the platform and onto the trestle. The third rail did its share of the damage. The power was turned off which of course stopped "L" traffic completely and yours truly come late

to work. The papers come out later
in big headlines that about so were
hurt. Evidently the censors had been
very busy snuffing out the true
news.

Next week starts the series
of meetings in our Church, which
will be led by Rev. Eliason.

Tuesday starts the winter Institute
and I expect will have a goodly
number of young folks from our
League. Training of this sort is what
our young folks need.

Will hear some home to your
hubby soon and let me know when.
I'll be right there to meet you.
your lovesick & lonely
Hubby
Joe.



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