

December 22nd, 1931

Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
Los Angeles Examiner,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hearst:

You have so much fine red damask we could use, a red and yellow set would not make a very different expression. If we trust San Simeon, surely he will provide some other color sooner or later. He always does.

I went over the garden carefully yesterday. Mr. Reesing has covered all the bougainvillaeas except in C court - also the hibiscus. None of the camellias or gardenias are even frost bitten, and are bursting with buds. The cold did take off the last of the roses - and there are few plants really in bloom, but oranges in the little beds are brilliant and the last of the petunias, jasmines, etc. give color.

Mr. Reesing had just brought in two of the largest and finest camellia trees you could ever have seen. Miss Worn located them some time ago in an old garden near San Leandro. They will stay boxed until you see them.

It rained so much last week Mr. Rossi could not take the forms off the new tower, but all other work is at the stage described to you last Tuesday. Mr. Rossi comes down before Christmas Day leaving Ray Van Gorden as connector-up. There are about twenty-five men in the camp, gardeners, animal and orchard men, cook, waiter and janitor. Mr. Williams has much to do yet on the furniture fumigation, - it will take all winter to get into good condition - where you want him to stop off.

In general, things are in good shape - all fireplaces X seeming to work.

Yours very truly,

JM-M