

John

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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
Wynton
McCloud, California

Dear Mr. Hearst:

The lure of the ocean wave is always strong, and conditions in the office such that it seems a good time to yield to it.

I have a reservation on the only suitable craft going from San Francisco through the canal direct to Europe ~~before~~ too late in the year to think pleasant. It is on a fruit boat as it is to be an ocean vagabondage from port to port in the general direction of Sicily as boats are available. I have never been there, but as you know, am familiar with her inheritances.

This is written thus early so that if there are items you would like me to attend to personally before leaving, I can do so.

The office will have a smaller staff for the winter than usual, but a carefully chosen one.

As always,

JM:F