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HEARST CAMP
SAN SIMEON

SAN LUIS OBISPO CO., CALIF.

My dear Miss Morgan, Mr Rossi
seems to be in such desperate straits
that I am repenting letting him go.
What do you say. Shall we try him for
another year. Why not say to him frankly
and frankly tell Mr. Rossi whether you
are right or wrong you make too much
trouble. We will give you one more chance

San Simeon, Calif.

Jan. 28th 1932

Mr. William D. Hearst
San Simeon, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

The other evening Miss Morgan said she had a
terrible shock for me, and that, had she known she had to be
the bearer of the news, she would rather not have come to San
Simeon. The shock was unexpected, as it came like a thunder
bolt out of a clear sky and left me speechless. I have spent
three most wretched days trying to fathom what might have
caused you to so abruptly give such an order, and I have fail-
ed. My conscience is clear however. I have been one hundred
percent for you, I have always done my duty and have been as
true and honest as the day is long. In fact I CAN NOT BELIEVE
THAT YOU WOULD WANT ME PERMANENTLY DISMISSED.

Could I have been accused of some wrong doing
of which I know nothing?

Miss Morgan intimated that your decision was
partly due to lack of funds. If such be the case Mr. Hearst,
you know I shall be glad to take any salary cut you see fit:
I have been working for you faithfully and wholeheartedly for
the last ten years, never counting the hours and putting in
Sundays with pleasure whenever the job or Miss Morgan's pre-
sence demanded which as you know was often, and I would like
to continue. Anyway, money is not everything. This is the
work I like and enjoy. It is my ambition to finish the con-
structions I have started on the hill, and finish the road to
Davis and it would be the greatest disappointment in my life if
you did not let me do it. I have refused several good offers
in order to stay on with you.....and now!! is this my recompense?

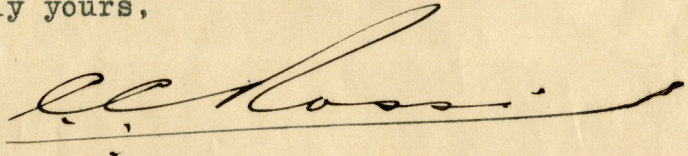
Furthermore, to be let out at this time, the
most critical time in my life, crushes me. The little money
I saved I invested in stocks. You know what the market did.
I lost...In order to recuperate I borrowed on the stocks and
lost more, and now, not only I have not a cent to dispose of,
but owe the bank a considerable sum. Then, I am trying to put
my son through college, which I will not be able to do if I
lose my only source of income (and I know, you that have been
so philanthropical will not allow it) and again, to show you
the utter precariousness of my situation, my Mother passed on
a few weeks ago, and I have not as yet been able to meet the
funeral expenses. Now do you pity me? I know that after ten
years in your service you will not abandon me now when the de-
pression makes work so hard to get.

to mind
your own
business
and to
do along
with people.
If you
cannot do
this it is not
they who
will have
to go. It
is you?
I think
he has
had enough
of a scare
for a
year
since
W.D.

You know what deep respect I have for you, and that I want to carry on working for you. I have lived in San Simeon for ten years, it is my home now and I don't want to leave it. My little girl goes to school in Cambria and she too would be upset in her studies if we make an abrupt change. Therefore I BESEECH you, confident that neither my work nor comportment could have prompted you to make such a decision, confident also that Miss Morgan would like to see me stay on, I beseech you to reconsider your order and let me remain in your employ.

We all have to fight in order to achieve our ends. You fight for your principles in your wonderful editorials, and if at times I have had to squabble with any one, it has been to get efficiency and save you money.....and some times I wonder Does it pay to make enemies, just to save your employer's money?

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.R.H.', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P.S. I am complying with your orders.....We are working on the road and drainage.....The pergola has to be taken care of as some of the columns are being undermined.