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Nov 9 - 1920

Dear Miss Marshall:

Alice Rice asks me to write to you for her and tell you of the trouble come to her. She is bearing it gallantly but just now is not quite equal to writing to her friends.

James, her only brother, as you may remember, stepped from his motor-car in front of a street-car last Wednesday. The fortunately died two days later, & was buried

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on Sunday. He was so frightfully mutilated, both legs cut off, & otherwise injured, that when it appeared he was rallying, & might be going to live, the heart stood still. The one comfort that Mrs Hegan & Alice & his wife have, is that he did die. Alice & Cale ask me to send you much love, & to say they all would be in New York some time after the first of the year.

Between the overwhelming sense of depression & futility that settled on me the day after the election, and this sad news from Alice &

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Mrs Family, I look back on the second days following Nov 2nd as upon a sort of morbid night mare. As regards the election we are slowly picking ourselves up out of the wreckage here in Kentucky, thankful that we saved the state. There is no question in any body's mind that Beckham, Democratic Senator, was elected. The Rep's, Romanes, had control of the ballots in the mountain-counties, + Ernst's Ernst's majority there is greater than in ordinary in the whole vote!

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With a Republican Senate in Washington there is no use trying to prove the vote unfair.

I often wonder, did the baby safely come, & is he a he - or a little daughter? Are they still living in Philadelphia? And I hope that Clara & Marjie Hopper are well?

I mean that Mr Bayden will be home in all probability by Christmas. His letters have been so tremendously interesting if not reassuring. Well, from our viewpoint - men have always ~~blocked~~ fooled the prophets & stood them that are sent unto them. All we can do

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is stand by, modified and [illegible], I suppose.

Life has been very good to the Martins since we got home; all things have come Abbott's way, and his judgments in the past seem now to have been sound.

Strange situations developed here in the political fight; the Germans of the negroes gave Louisville to the Republicans on the presidential ticket; but uniting on local issues defeated the Republicans own pet schemes.

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to prevent a negro candidate from winning on a local board — a thing the Republicans in the South dare not let come to pass, the Rep's withdrew their white candidate, united with the Dem nominee, & even then had to manipulate the vote cast, to prevent the negro being elected. It all seem pretty bad, & hideously revealing to the woman.

We all write — my sister, Alt-mand & myself, send much love to you. When Allmand & I come east — later we shall claim you for dinner & an evening —

Yours ever & ever

Henry a Lee Waite

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