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Dear Papa:

Your letter came safely sometime ago announcing your return to Annapolis and that you were permanently established in winter quarters. I suppose that means sometime in January and that you will then start for Florida. If I were in your place should certainly do it. There is no use having to put up with several months of ice and snow when summer is only a few hours away. Certainly wish that I could accept that invitations of yours for a trip to Europe should enjoy it immensely and thank you very much for it, but these busy days in the railroad a fellow might as well think of flying as to ask for two months [sic] leave.

I was in New York for a couple of days two weeks ago and saw Rob and Reg for a while. They told me that Joe was then on his way back from Manila. It was the first that I had heard of it. I suppose that his commission expires soon, do you know what his plans are there?

I had the nicest talk with Mr. Crawford the other day that I have ever had with any of my superior officers since I started in the railroad business. He said that the Superintendent of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railroad was in needed of a master mechanic and instead of asking as is the usual custom whether he could recommend some one [sic] had ~~specified~~ asked for me. Mr. Crawford told me however that as we were all very busy here he was not going to let me go, and, that I should not lose anything financially by his keeping me would arrange to have my pay increased to what it would be had I gone with the C. A. & C. Ry. It is needless to say that I am very much pleased with the arrangement as the road referred to while affiliated to a certain extent with this road is not exactly under the same management. The position of master mechanic is the next one for me for in the ordinary line of promotion between my present one and Supt. of Motive Power.

Mr. Crawford also told me that when there was a rumor not long ago that the master mechanic of next to the largest shop on the road was to leave and go the B & O that my name was the first one suggested for the place. Having only been out here for nine months I was naturally very gratified to be told all that.

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Except in a business way every think [sic] is very quiet out here at rare intervals I get in a game or two of golf but there is very little going on in the social line. Last night I went to the first dance that I have attended since coming out here. It was a very informal affair and while the floor was excellent the music was very poor, however I managed to have a pretty good time.

Have you heard anything of Uncle Willie lately. [sic] I have not for several months in fact he has not answered my two last letters. Uncle Frank told me some time ago that he had heard indirectly that Uncle Willie had been swindled out of practically all of his money. Have you heard anything about it. [sic] Had a letter not so very long ago from Jim, he seems to be enjoying life very much in the army and even so much more than he did in the navy. I am very glad indeed that he has landed on his feet and gotten something congenial.

I do not know when I will be able to get down to Annapolis and although the chances of its being soon do not seem particularly bright hope that it will be fore so very long. Hoping you are well I am
Your affectionate son,

Will

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