Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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This is correspondence to and from newspaper editor and publisher Frederick W. Brinkerhoff. The bulk of letters date from the 1940s and 1950s, His first newspaper job was with the Ottawa Herald, after which he worked for the Fort Scott Republican, Chanute Sun, Chanute Tribune, Kansas City Star, Pittsburg Headlight, and the Pittsburg Sun. Brinkerhoff was also vice-president and a director of Stauffer Publications as well as director of Capper Publications Inc., the Topeka State Journal Company, and Newton Publishing Company. In addition, he was vice-president of the KSEK Broadcasting Company in Pittsburg. Brinkerhoff was well known as a journalist, serving as president of the Kansas Press Association in 1935 and as chairman of the Kansas Associated Press in 1946-1947. He also served as a member of the Pulitzer Prize jury for editorial writing in 1950 and 1951. In 1956, he received the William Allen White award to a Kansas editor for journalistic merit. Active in community affairs, Brinkerhoff was a member of the board of the Pittsburg Public Library, served as chairman of the Pittsburg Industrial Commission, and was on the board of directors and served a term as president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in Republican party politics. Brinkerhoff was interested in the history of the state and served as president of the Kansas State Historical Society in 1944. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and grouped alphabetically by individuals with whom Brinkerhoff was in frequent contact, including Roy F. Bailey, Arthur Capper, Rolla Clymer, Harry W. Colmery, Harry Darby, Jess C. Denious, Myron George, Merl Huffman, Clyde M. Reed, Richard W. Robbins, Andrew Schoeppel, and Oscar Stauffer, among many others.

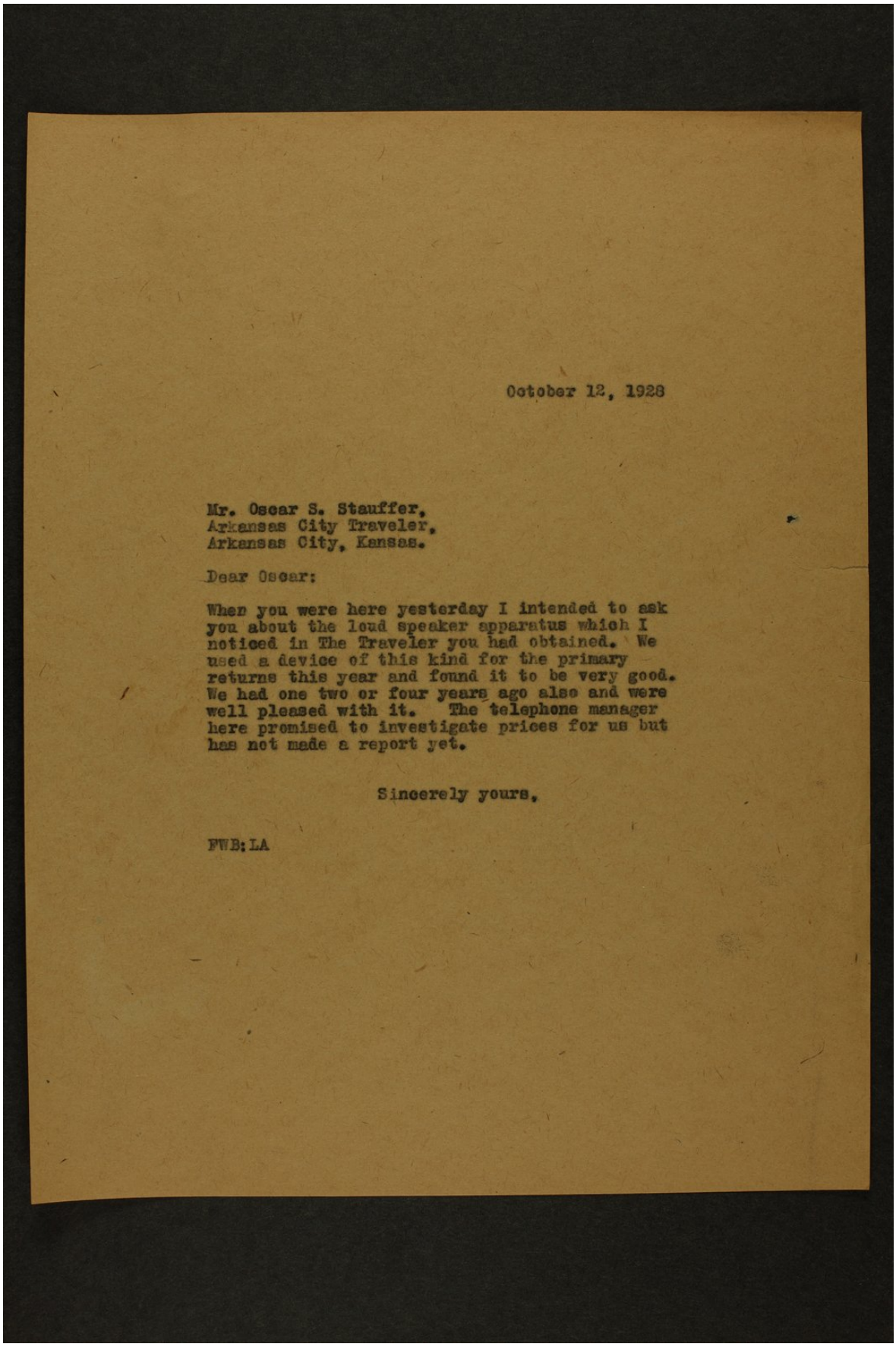
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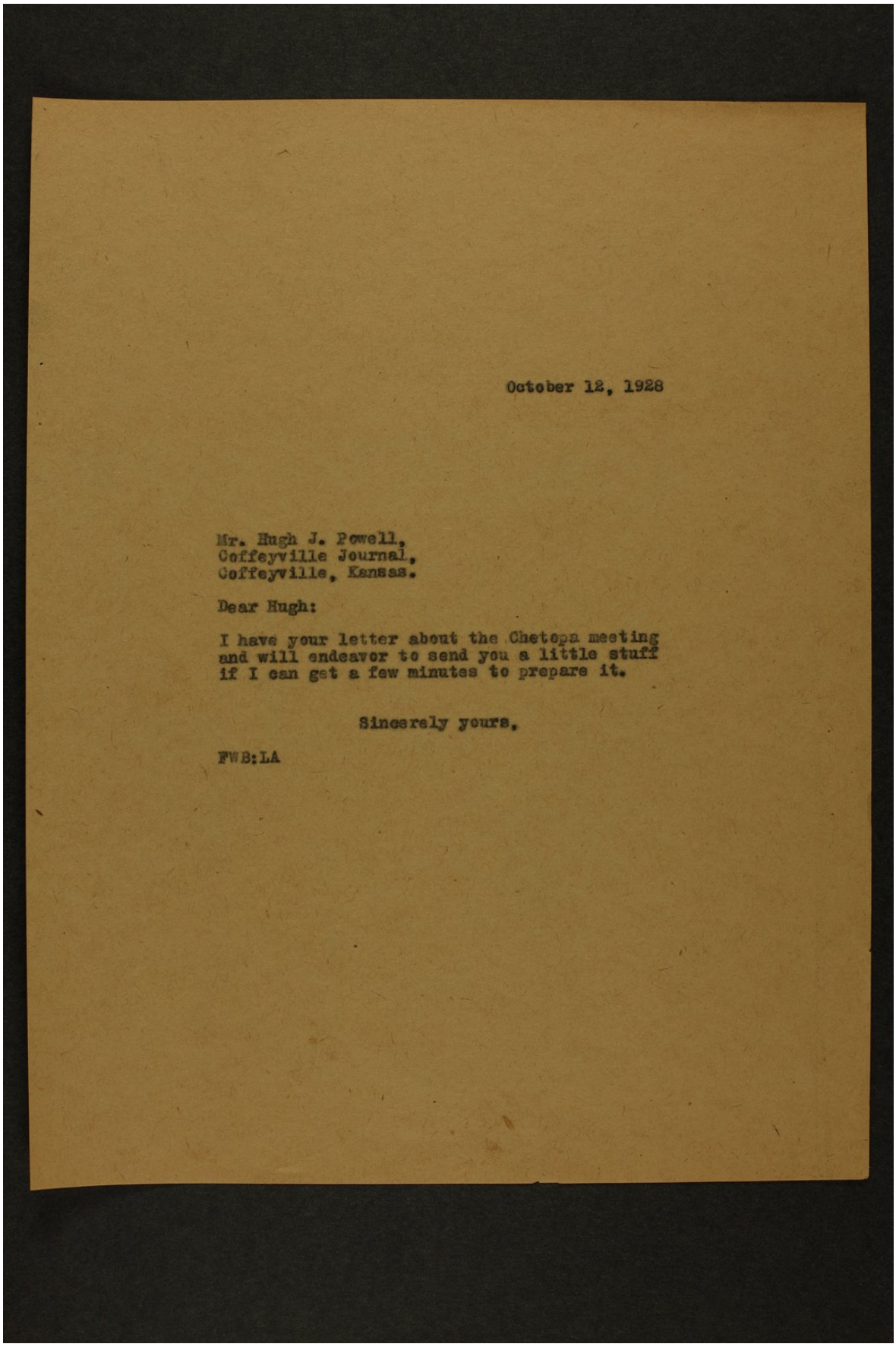
Mr. Oscar S. Stauffer,
Arkansas City Traveler,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Oscar:

When you were here yesterday I intended to ask you about the loud speaker apparatus which I noticed in The Traveler you had obtained. We used a device of this kind for the primary returns this year and found it to be very good. We had one two or four years ago also and were well pleased with it. The telephone manager here promised to investigate prices for us but has not made a report yet.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



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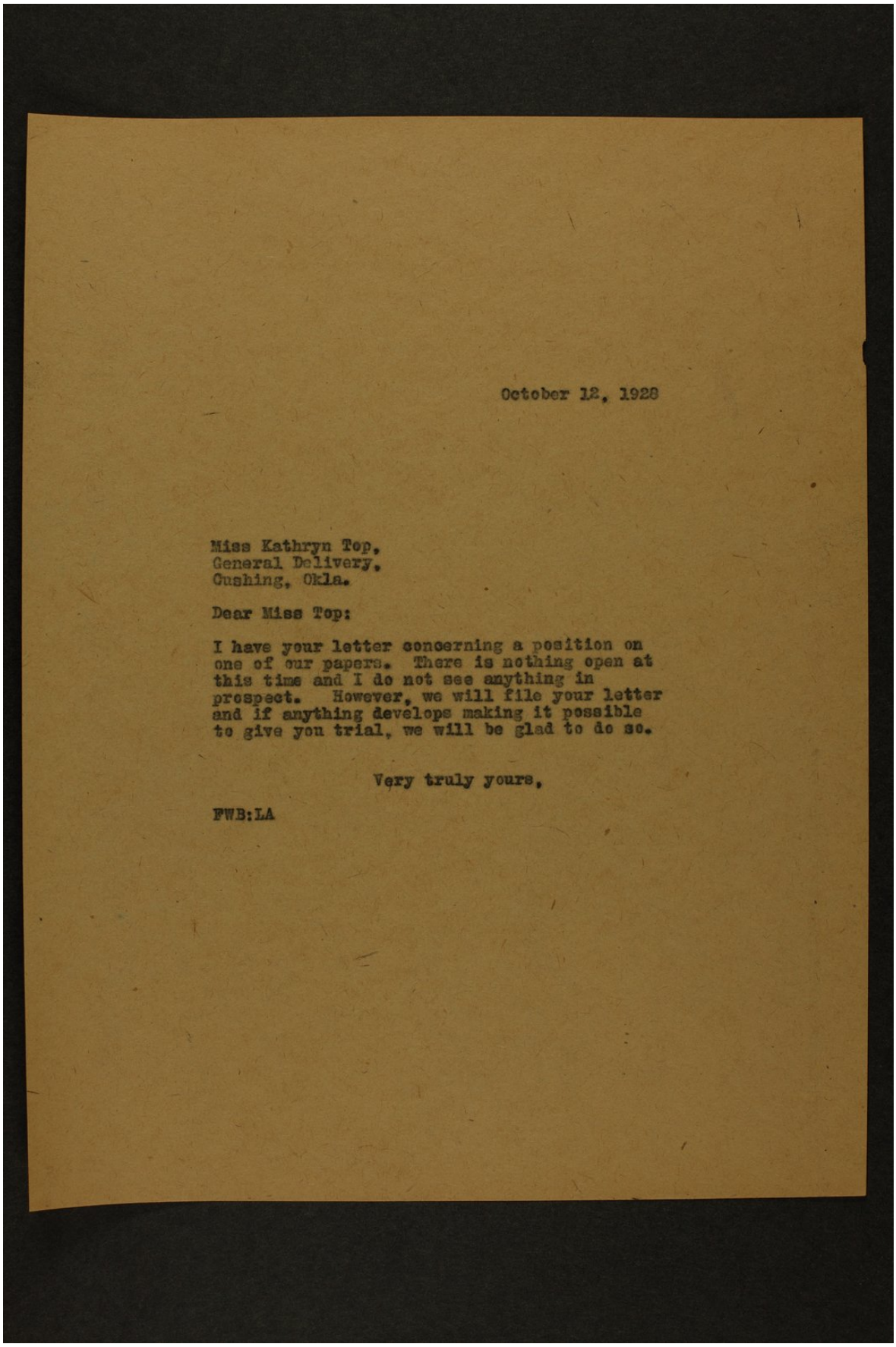
Mr. Hugh J. Powell,
Coffeyville Journal,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Hugh:

I have your letter about the Chetopa meeting and will endeavor to send you a little stuff if I can get a few minutes to prepare it.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



October 12, 1928

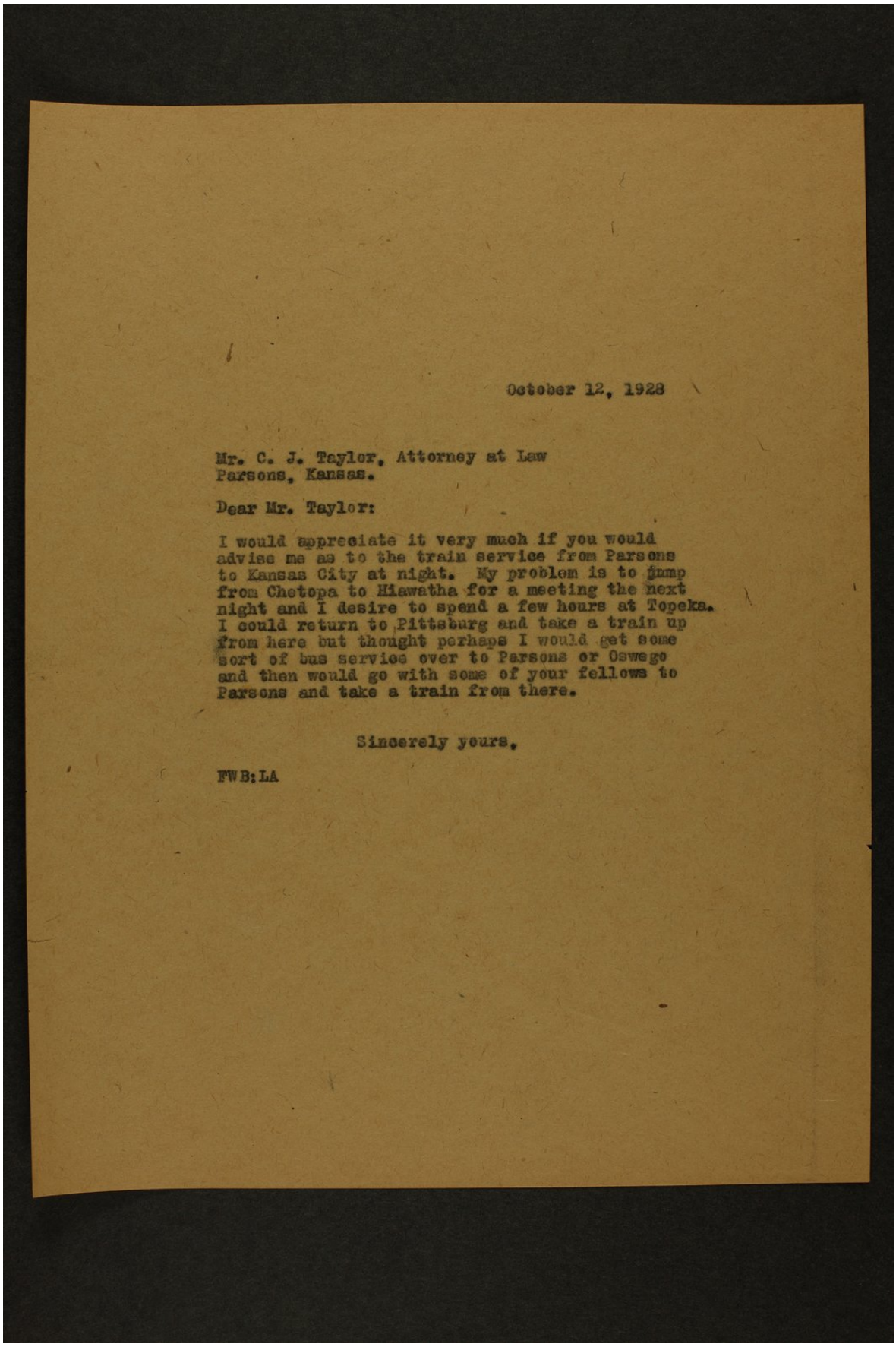
Miss Kathryn Top,
General Delivery,
Cushing, Okla.

Dear Miss Top:

I have your letter concerning a position on one of our papers. There is nothing open at this time and I do not see anything in prospect. However, we will file your letter and if anything develops making it possible to give you trial, we will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

FWB:LA



October 12, 1928

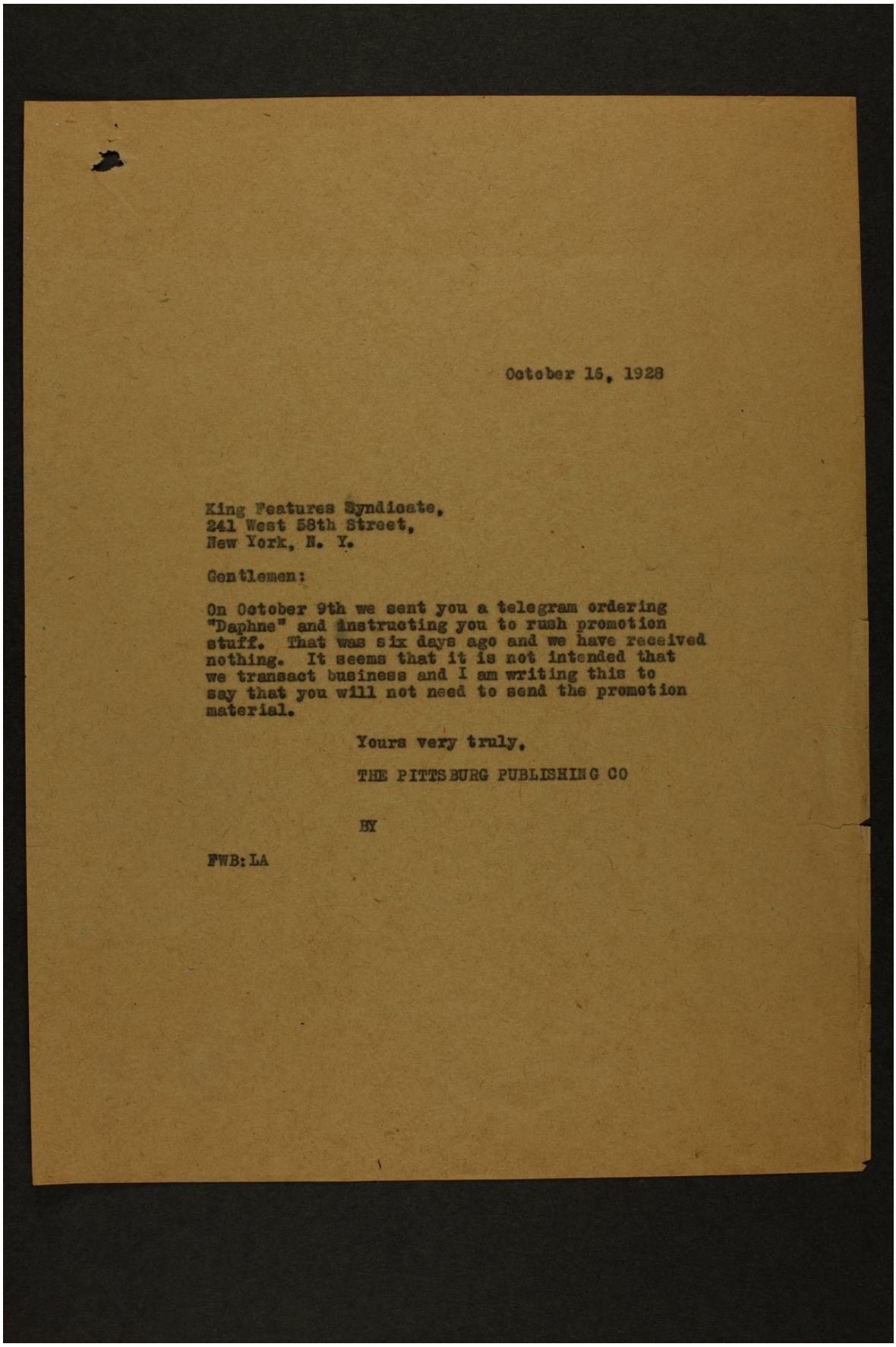
Mr. C. J. Taylor, Attorney at Law
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me as to the train service from Parsons to Kansas City at night. My problem is to jump from Chetopa to Hiawatha for a meeting the next night and I desire to spend a few hours at Topeka. I could return to Pittsburg and take a train up from here but thought perhaps I would get some sort of bus service over to Parsons or Oswego and then would go with some of your fellows to Parsons and take a train from there.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



October 16, 1928

King Features Syndicate,
241 West 58th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

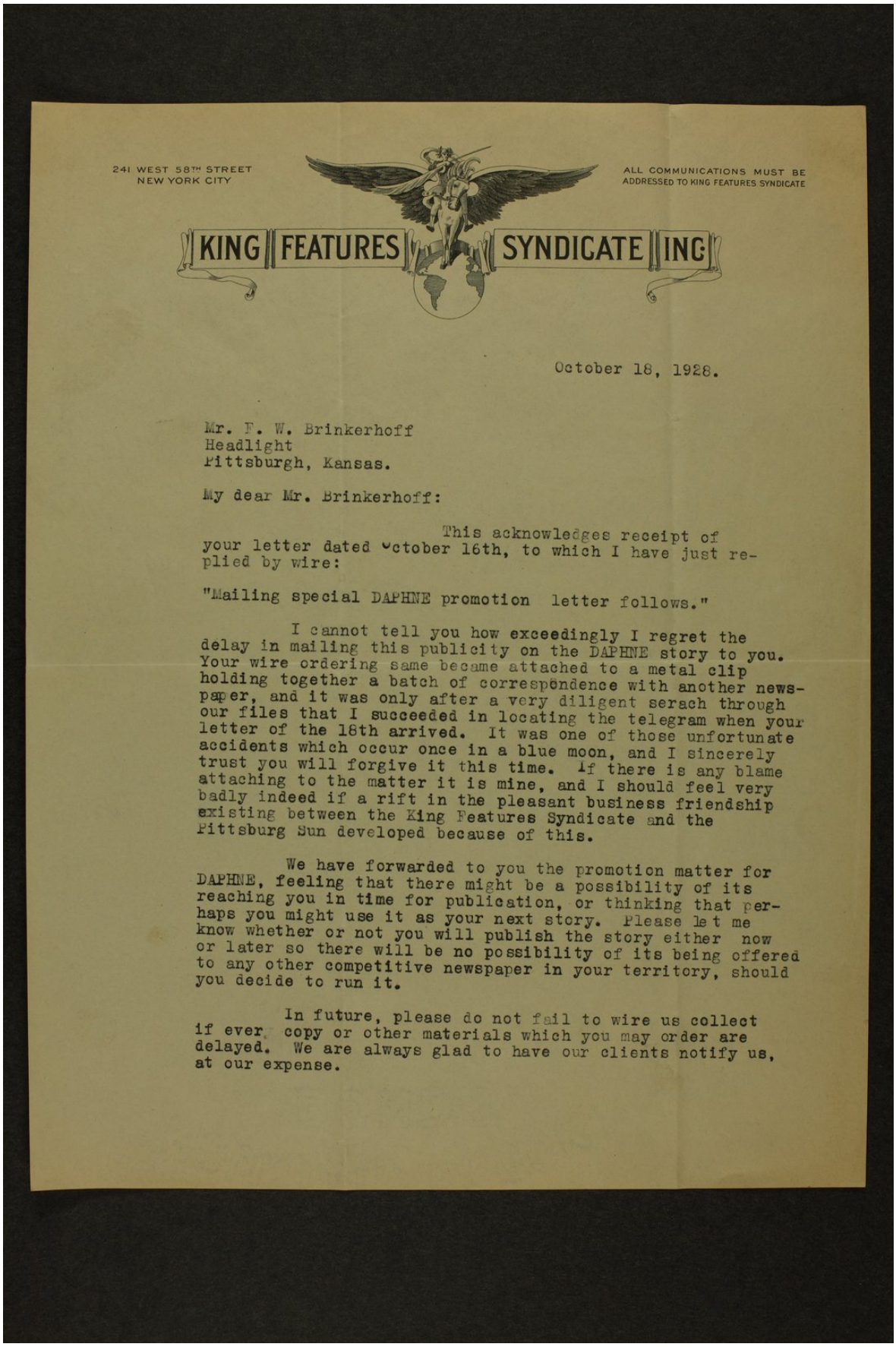
On October 9th we sent you a telegram ordering "Daphne" and instructing you to rush promotion stuff. That was six days ago and we have received nothing. It seems that it is not intended that we transact business and I am writing this to say that you will not need to send the promotion material.

Yours very truly,

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING CO

BY

FWB:LA



241 WEST 58TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE INC

October 18, 1928.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Headlight
Pittsburgh, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 16th, to which I have just replied by wire:

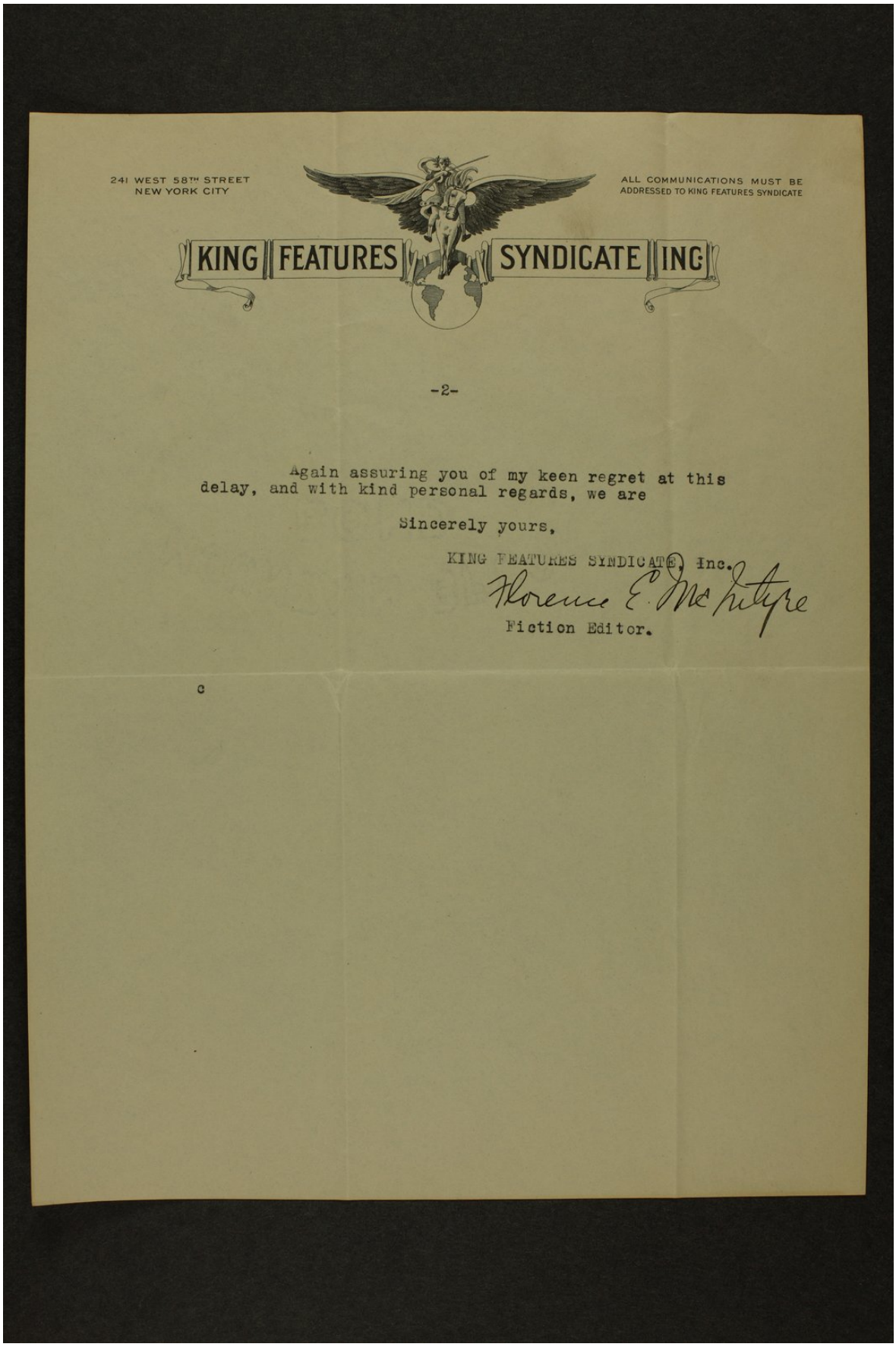
"Mailing special DAPHNE promotion letter follows."

I cannot tell you how exceedingly I regret the delay in mailing this publicity on the DAPHNE story to you. Your wire ordering same became attached to a metal clip holding together a batch of correspondence with another newspaper, and it was only after a very diligent serach through our files that I succeeded in locating the telegram when your letter of the 16th arrived. It was one of those unfortunate accidents which occur once in a blue moon, and I sincerely trust you will forgive it this time. If there is any blame attaching to the matter it is mine, and I should feel very badly indeed if a rift in the pleasant business friendship existing between the King Features Syndicate and the Pittsburg Sun developed because of this.

We have forwarded to you the promotion matter for DAPHNE, feeling that there might be a possibility of its reaching you in time for publication, or thinking that perhaps you might use it as your next story. Please let me know whether or not you will publish the story either now or later so there will be no possibility of its being offered to any other competitive newspaper in your territory, should you decide to run it.

In future, please do not fail to wire us collect if ever copy or other materials which you may order are delayed. We are always glad to have our clients notify us, at our expense.

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241 WEST 58TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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KING FEATURES SYNDICATE INC

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Again assuring you of my keen regret at this delay, and with kind personal regards, we are

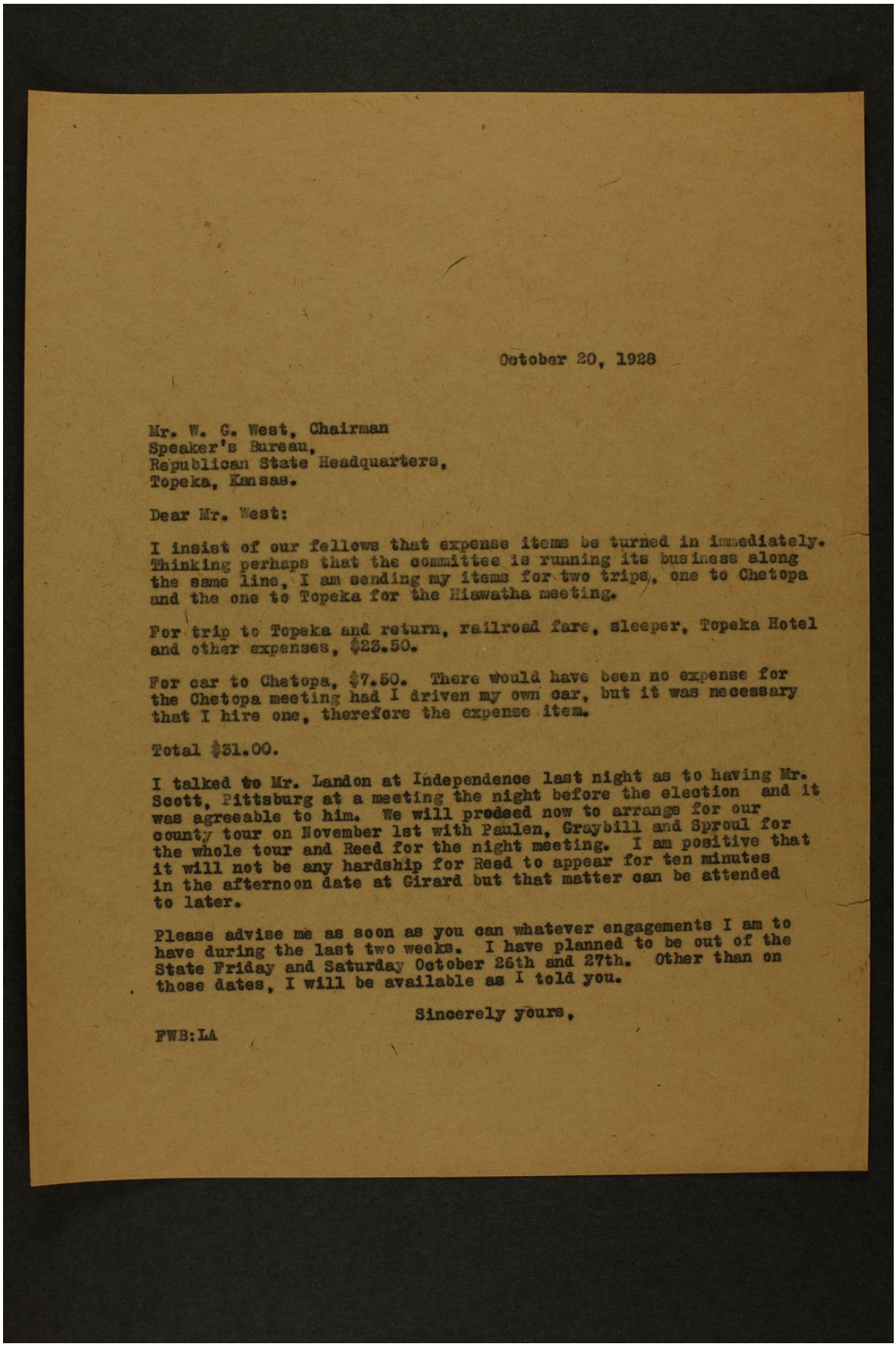
Sincerely yours,

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, Inc.

Florence E. McIntyre

Fiction Editor.

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October 20, 1928

Mr. W. C. West, Chairman
Speaker's Bureau,
Republican State Headquarters,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. West:

I insist of our fellows that expense items be turned in immediately. Thinking perhaps that the committee is running its business along the same line, I am sending my items for two trips, one to Chetopa and the one to Topeka for the Hiawatha meeting.

For trip to Topeka and return, railroad fare, sleeper, Topeka Hotel and other expenses, $23.50.

For car to Chetopa, $7.50. There would have been no expense for the Chetopa meeting had I driven my own car, but it was necessary that I hire one, therefore the expense item.

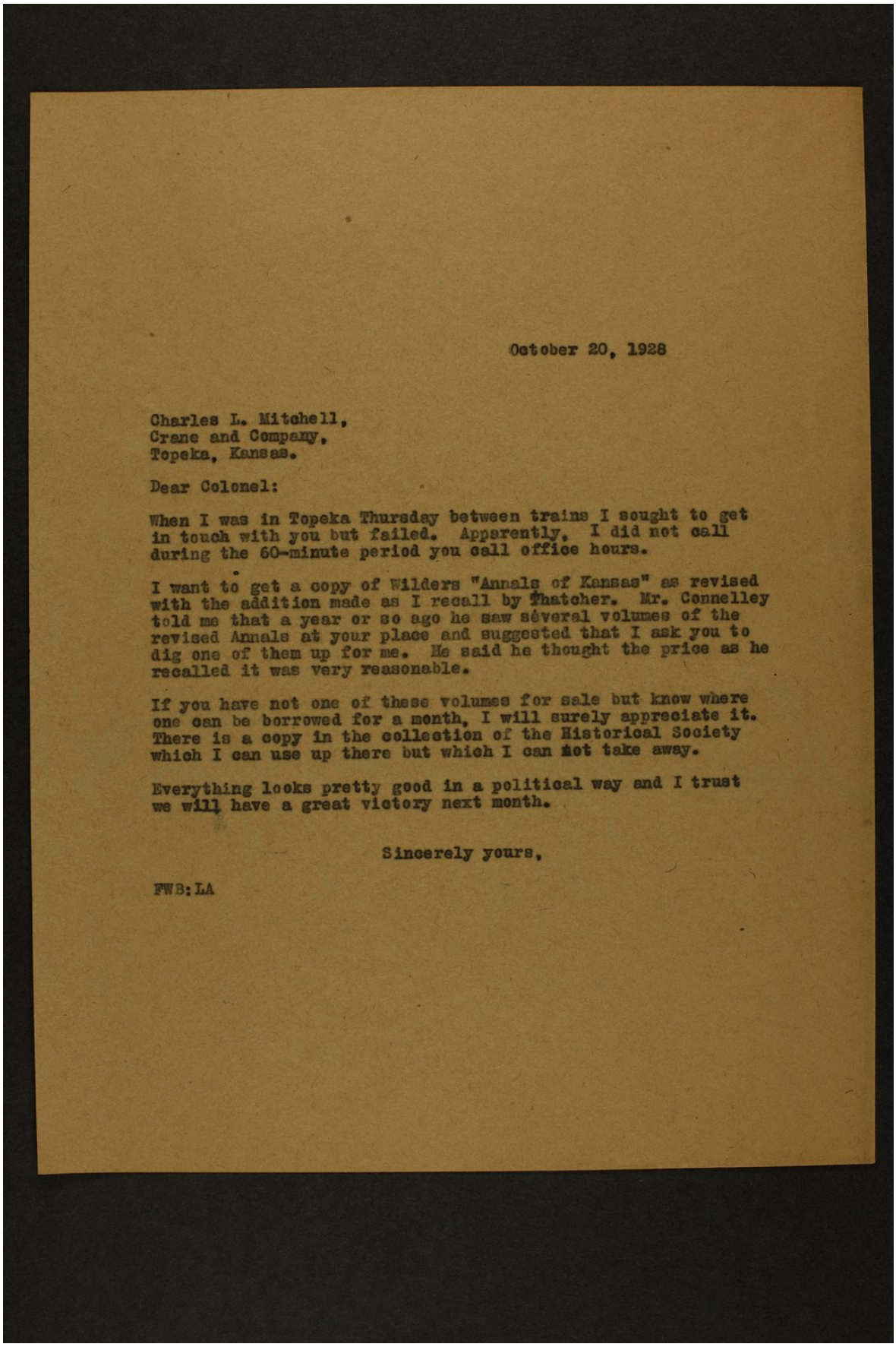
Total $31.00.

I talked to Mr. Landon at Independence last night as to having Mr. Scott, Pittsburg at a meeting the night before the election and it was agreeable to him. We will prodeed now to arrange for our county tour on November 1st with Paulen, Graybill and Sproul for the whole tour and Reed for the night meeting. I am positive that it will not be any hardship for Reed to appear for ten minutes in the afternoon date at Girard but that matter can be attended to later.

Please advise me as soon as you can whatever engagements I am to have during the last two weeks. I have planned to be out of the State Friday and Saturday October 26th and 27th. Other than on those dates, I will be available as I told you.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



October 20, 1928

Charles L. Mitchell,
Crane and Company,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Colonel:

When I was in Topeka Thursday between trains I sought to get in touch with you but failed. Apparently, I did not call during the 60-minute period you call office hours.

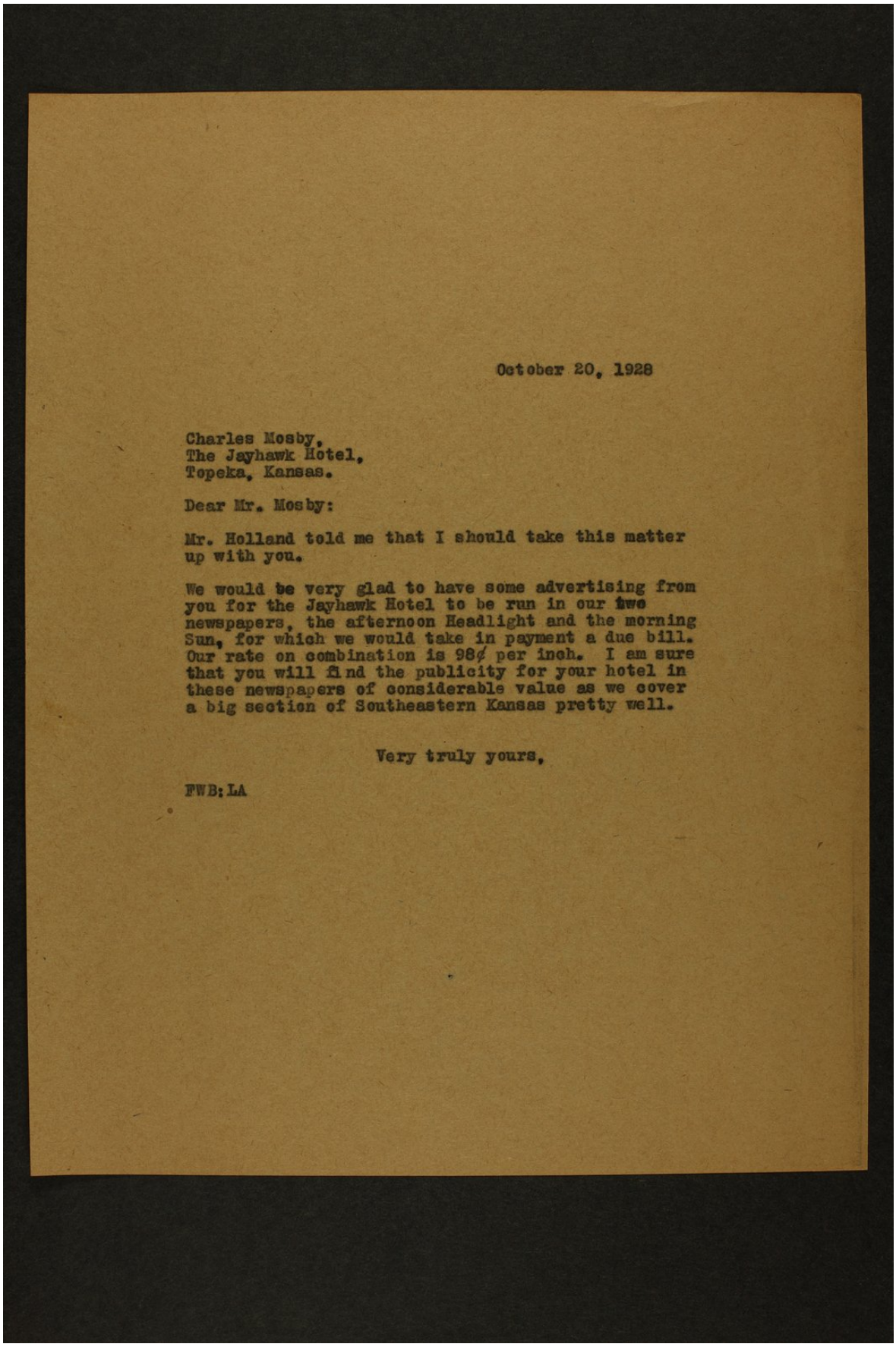
I want to get a copy of Wilders "Annals of Kansas" as revised with the addition made as I recall by Thatcher. Mr. Connelley told me that a year or so ago he saw several volumes of the revised Annals at your place and suggested that I ask you to dig one of them up for me. He said he thought the price as he recalled it was very reasonable.

If you have not one of these volumes for sale but know where one can be borrowed for a month, I will surely appreciate it. There is a copy in the collection of the Historical Society which I can use up there but which I can not take away.

Everything looks pretty good in a political way and I trust we will have a great victory next month.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



October 20, 1928

Charles Mosby,
The Jayhawk Hotel,
Topeka, Kansas.

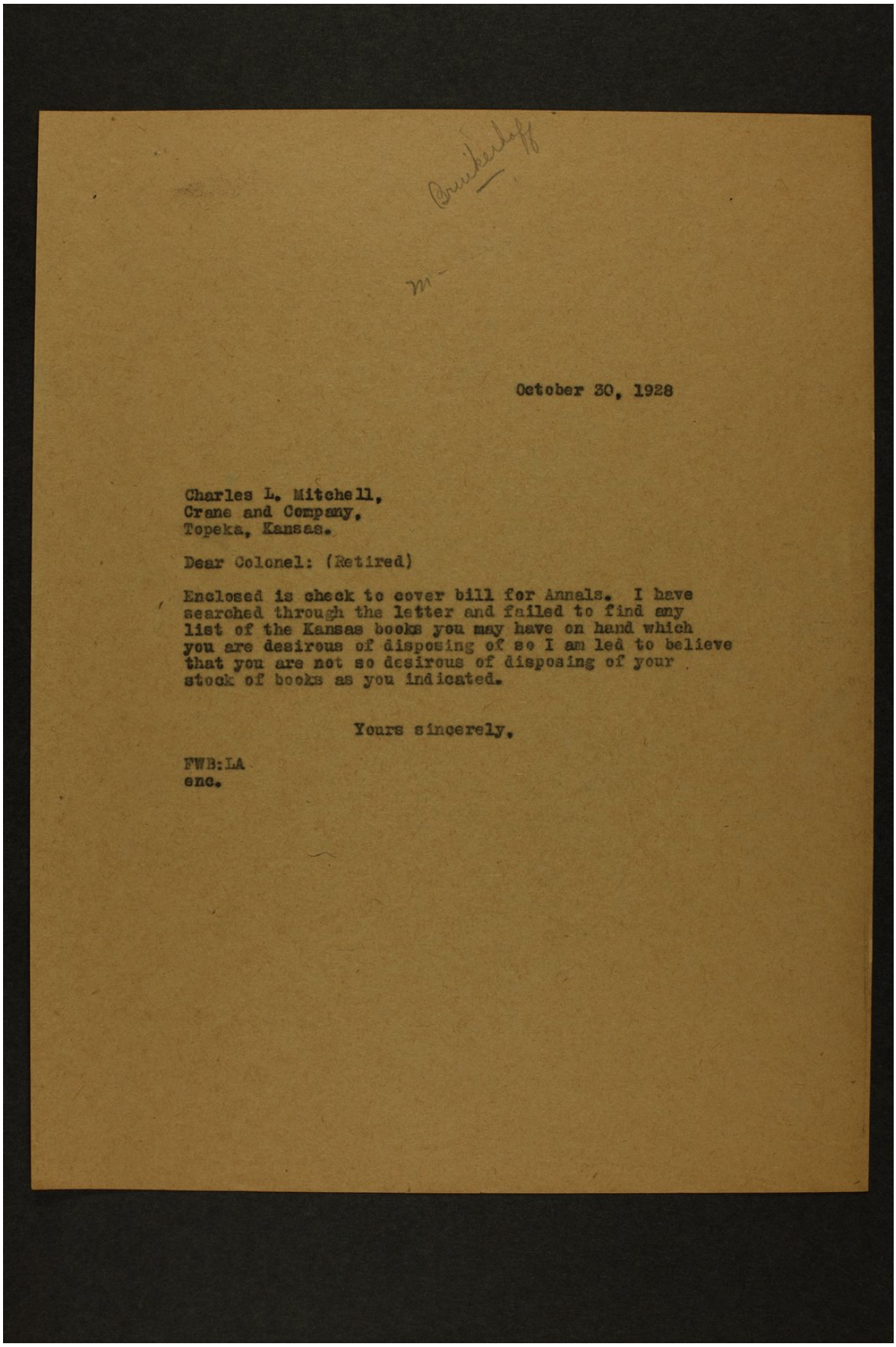
Dear Mr. Mosby:

Mr. Holland told me that I should take this matter up with you.

We would be very glad to have some advertising from you for the Jayhawk Hotel to be run in our two newspapers, the afternoon Headlight and the morning Sun, for which we would take in payment a due bill. Our rate on combination is 98¢ per inch. I am sure that you will find the publicity for your hotel in these newspapers of considerable value as we cover a big section of Southeastern Kansas pretty well.

Very truly yours,

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October 30, 1928

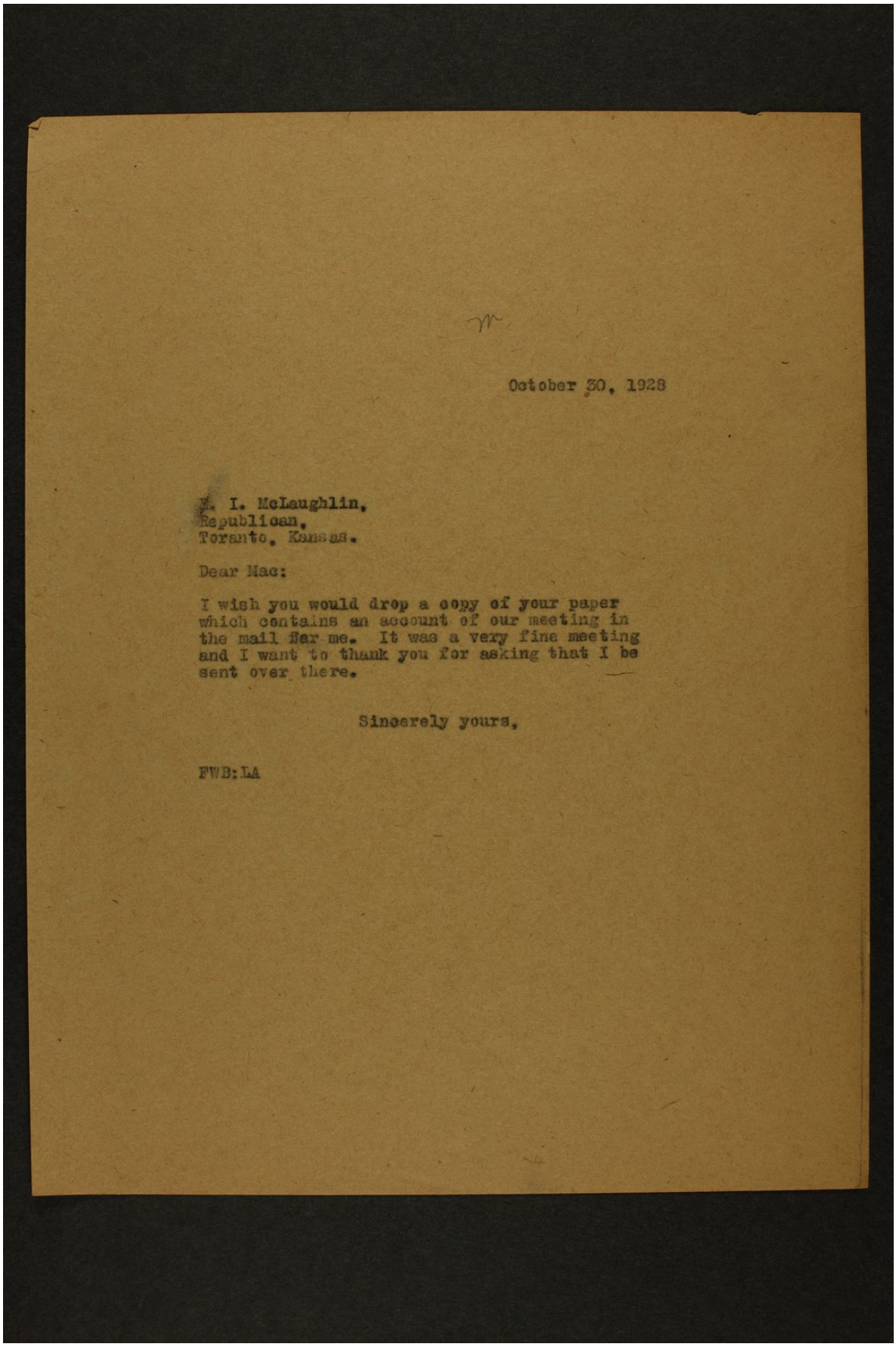
Charles L. Mitchell,
Crane and Company,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Colonel: (Retired)

Enclosed is check to cover bill for Annals. I have searched through the letter and failed to find any list of the Kansas books you may have on hand which you are desirous of disposing of so I am led to believe that you are not so desirous of disposing of your stock of books as you indicated.

Yours sincerely,

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enc.



October 30, 1928

L. I. McLaughlin,
Republican,
Toranto, Kansas.

Dear Mac:

I wish you would drop a copy of your paper which contains an account of our meeting in the mail for me. It was a very fine meeting and I want to thank you for asking that I be sent over there.

Sincerely yours,

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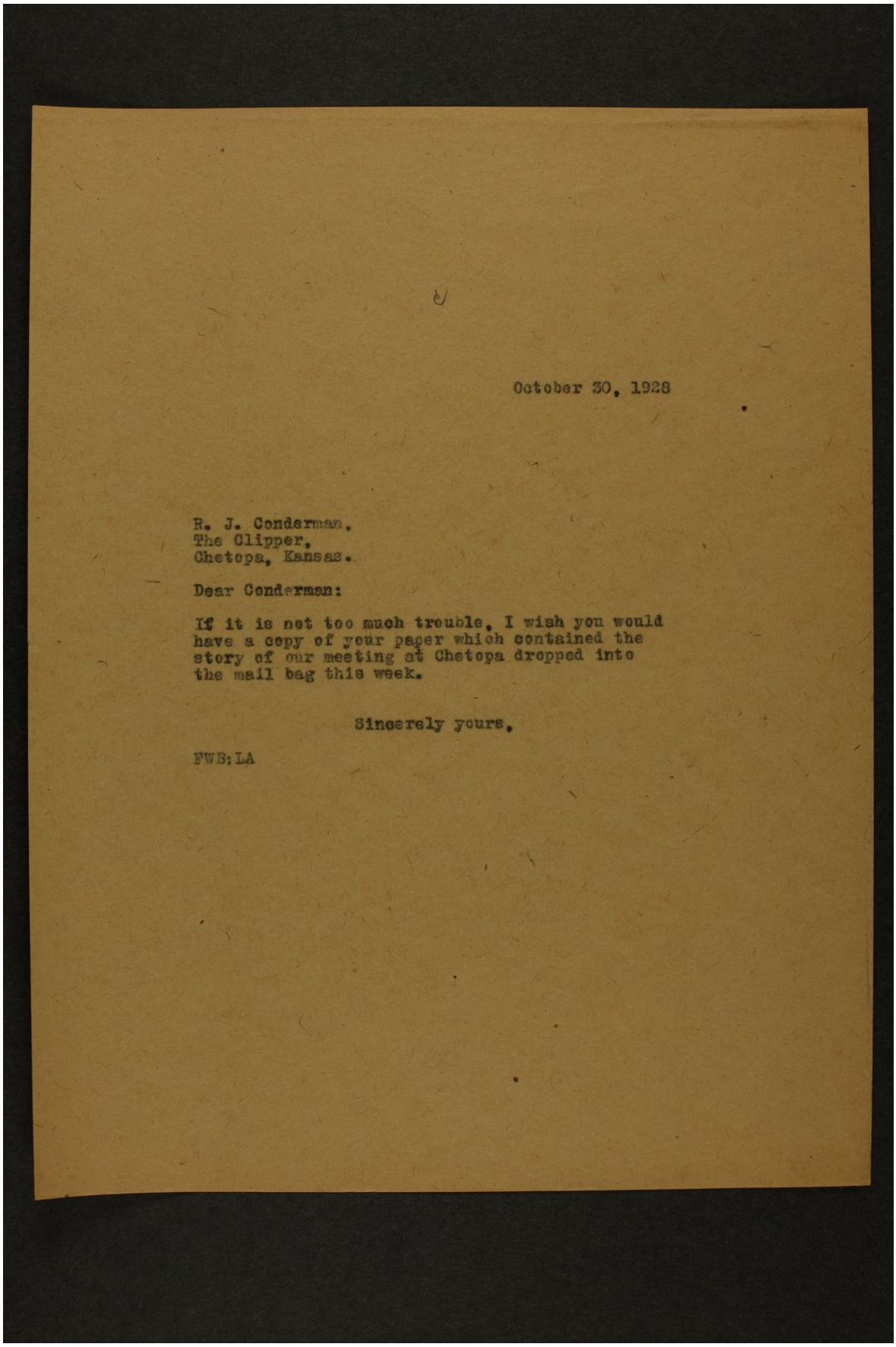
Houghton Mifflin Co.,
210 West 8th Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I have received Beveridge's Lincoln in four volumes. This is in accordance with my order given to your salesman sometime ago. I have noticed however, that the set is advertised in two volumes at $12.50 whereas the four volume set is $20.00. I am something of an old customer of Houghton Mifflin and I was just wondering what makes the difference in the set. I think I would have taken the two volume set rather than the four volume had it been offered to me.

Very truly yours,

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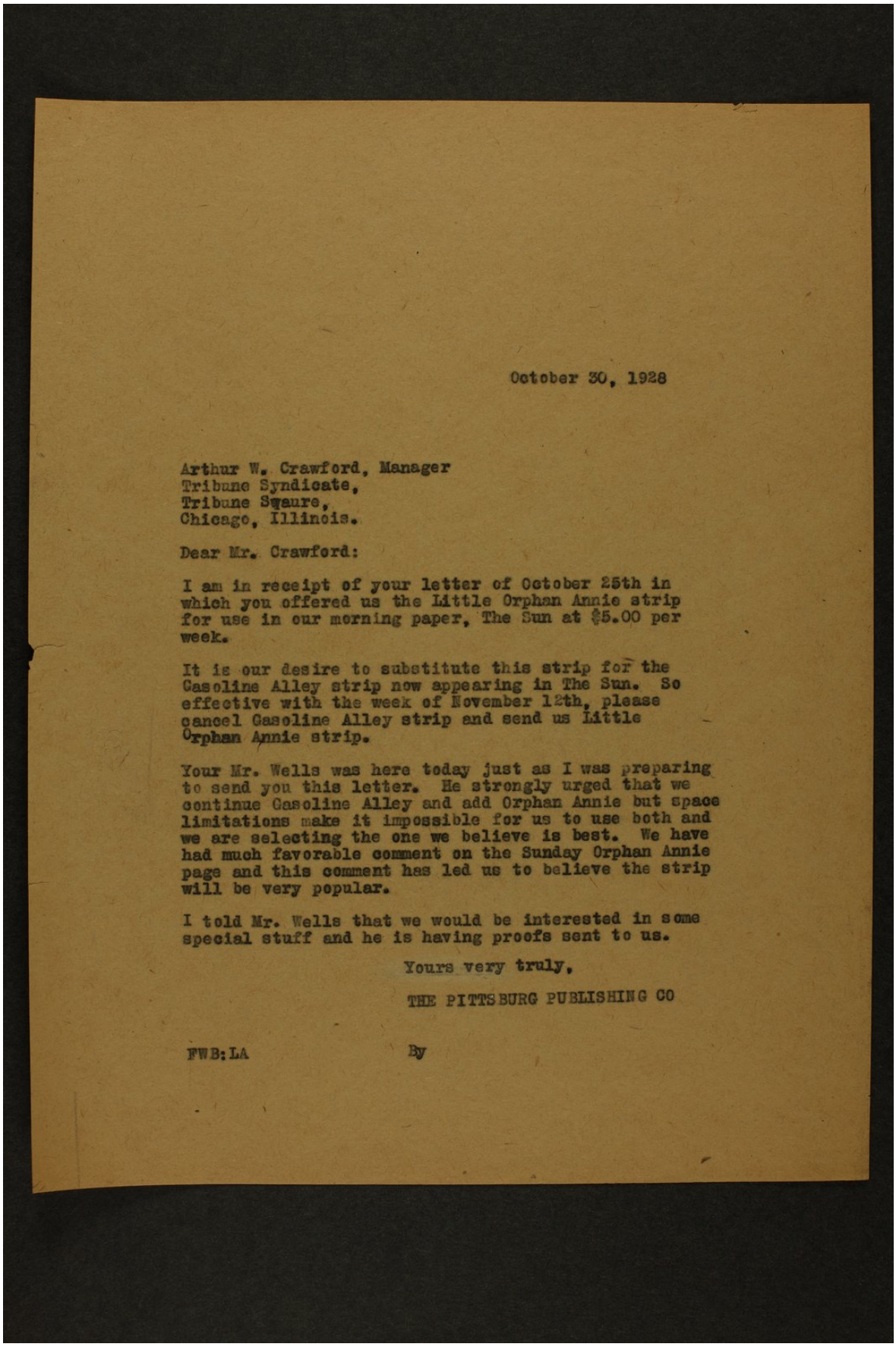
R. J. Conderman,
The Clipper,
Chetopa, Kansas.

Dear Conderman:

If it is not too much trouble, I wish you would have a copy of your paper which contained the story of our meeting at Chetopa dropped into the mail bag this week.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



October 30, 1928

Arthur W. Crawford, Manager
Tribune Syndicate,
Tribune Square,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 25th in which you offered us the Little Orphan Annie strip for use in our morning paper, The Sun at $5.00 per week.

It is our desire to substitute this strip for the Gasoline Alley strip now appearing in The Sun. So effective with the week of November 12th, please cancel Gasoline Alley strip and send us Little Orphan Annie strip.

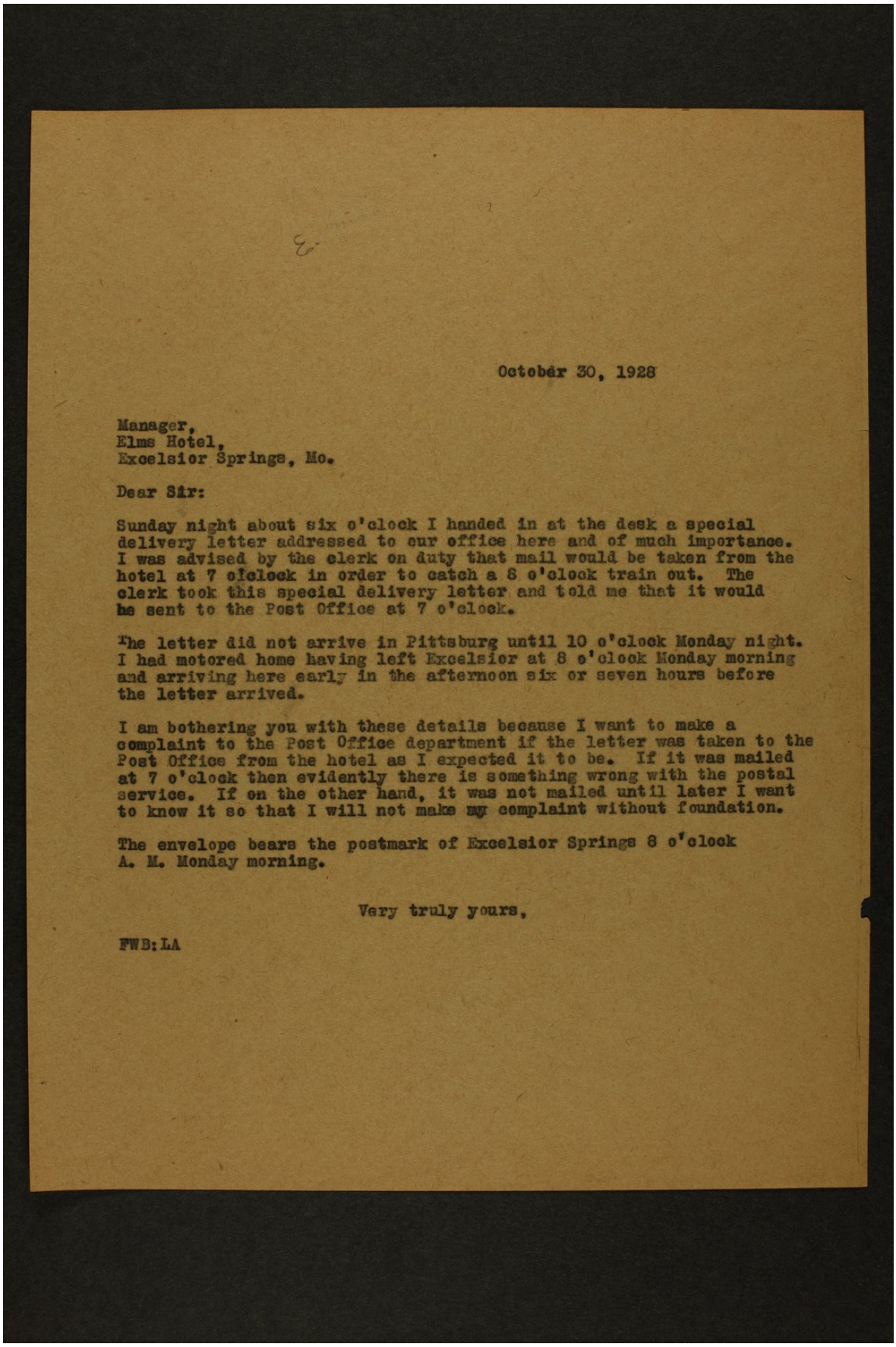
Your Mr. Wells was here today just as I was preparing to send you this letter. He strongly urged that we continue Gasoline Alley and add Orphan Annie but space limitations make it impossible for us to use both and we are selecting the one we believe is best. We have had much favorable comment on the Sunday Orphan Annie page and this comment has led us to believe the strip will be very popular.

I told Mr. Wells that we would be interested in some special stuff and he is having proofs sent to us.

Yours very truly,

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING CO

FWB:LA By



October 30, 1928

Manager,
Elms Hotel,
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Sunday night about six o'clock I handed in at the desk a special delivery letter addressed to our office here and of much importance. I was advised by the clerk on duty that mail would be taken from the hotel at 7 o'clock in order to catch a 8 o'clock train out. The clerk took this special delivery letter and told me that it would be sent to the Post Office at 7 o'clock.

The letter did not arrive in Pittsburg until 10 o'clock Monday night. I had motored home having left Excelsior at 8 o'clock Monday morning and arriving here early in the afternoon six or seven hours before the letter arrived.

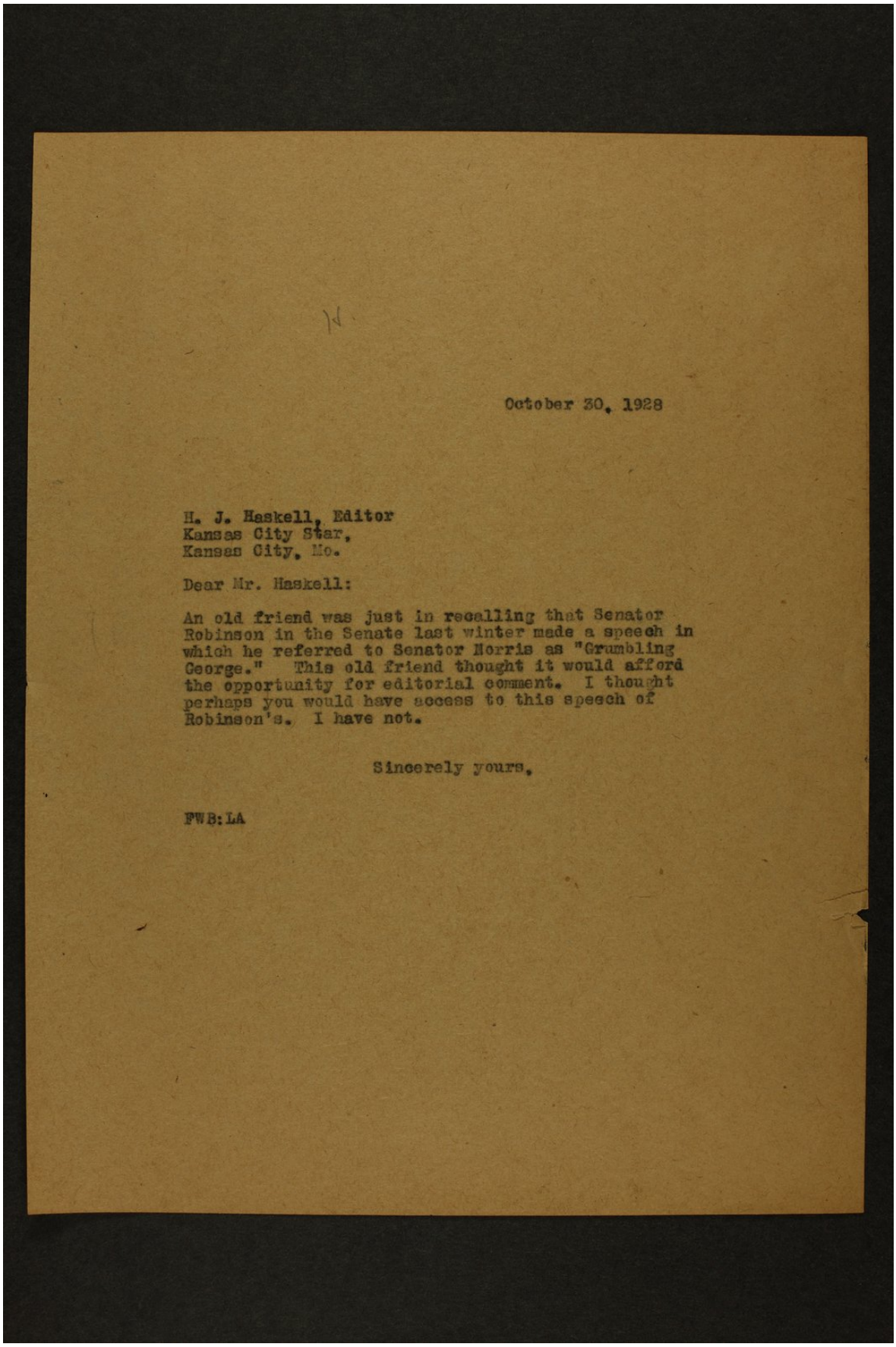
I am bothering you with these details because I want to make a complaint to the Post Office department if the letter was taken to the Post Office from the hotel as I expected it to be. If it was mailed at 7 o'clock then evidently there is something wrong with the postal service. If on the other hand, it was not mailed until later I want to know it so that I will not make my complaint without foundation.

The envelope bears the postmark of Excelsior Springs 8 o'clock A. M. Monday morning.

Very truly yours,

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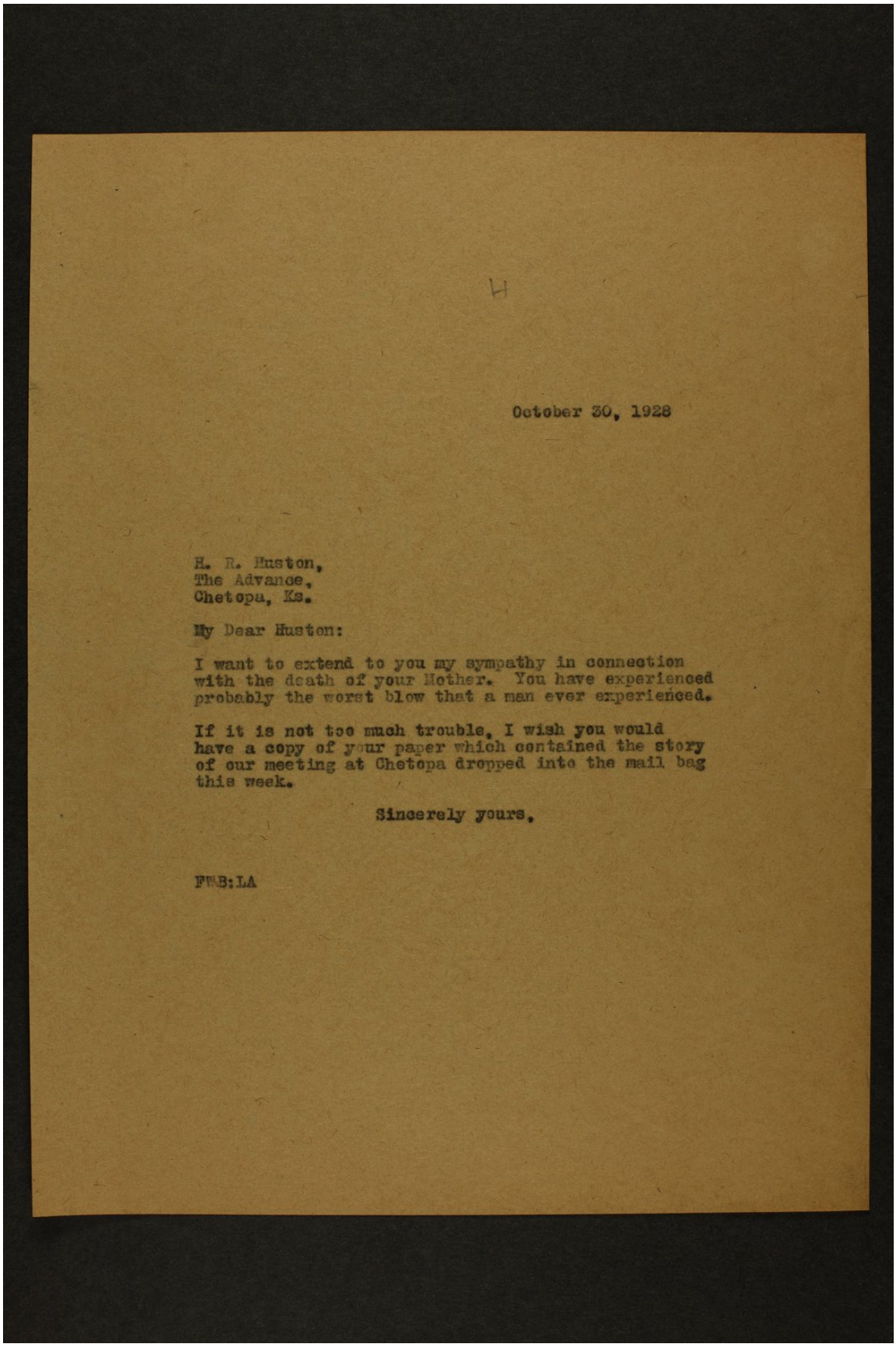
H. J. Haskell, Editor
Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Haskell:

An old friend was just in recalling that Senator Robinson in the Senate last winter made a speech in which he referred to Senator Norris as "Grumbling George." This old friend thought it would afford the opportunity for editorial comment. I thought perhaps you would have access to this speech of Robinson's. I have not.

Sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1928

H. R. Huston,
The Advance,
Chetopa, Ks.

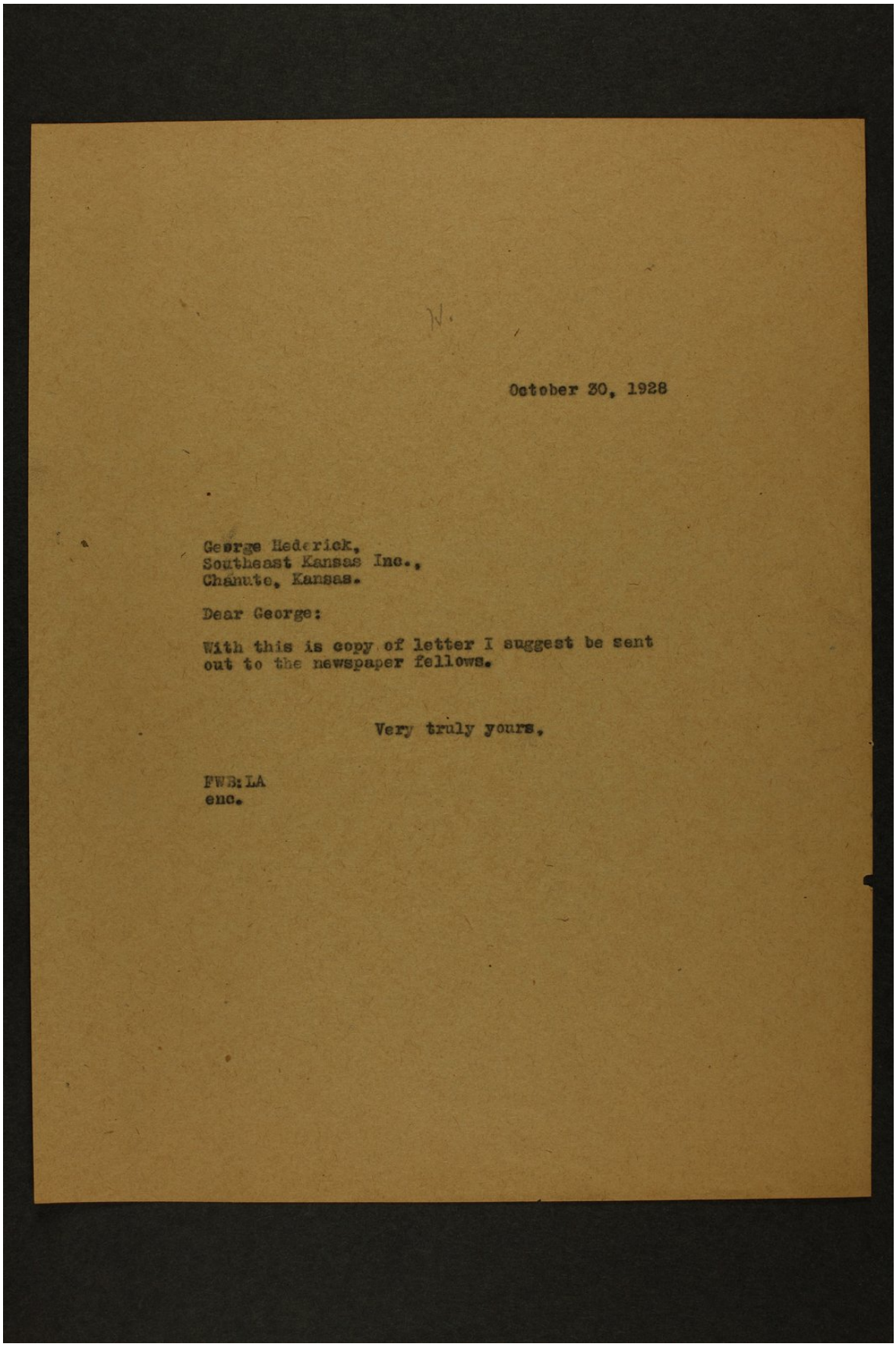
My Dear Huston:

I want to extend to you my sympathy in connection with the death of your Mother. You have experienced probably the worst blow that a man ever experienced.

If it is not too much trouble, I wish you would have a copy of your paper which contained the story of our meeting at Chetopa dropped into the mail bag this week.

Sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1928

George Hederick,
Southeast Kansas Inc.,
Chanute, Kansas.

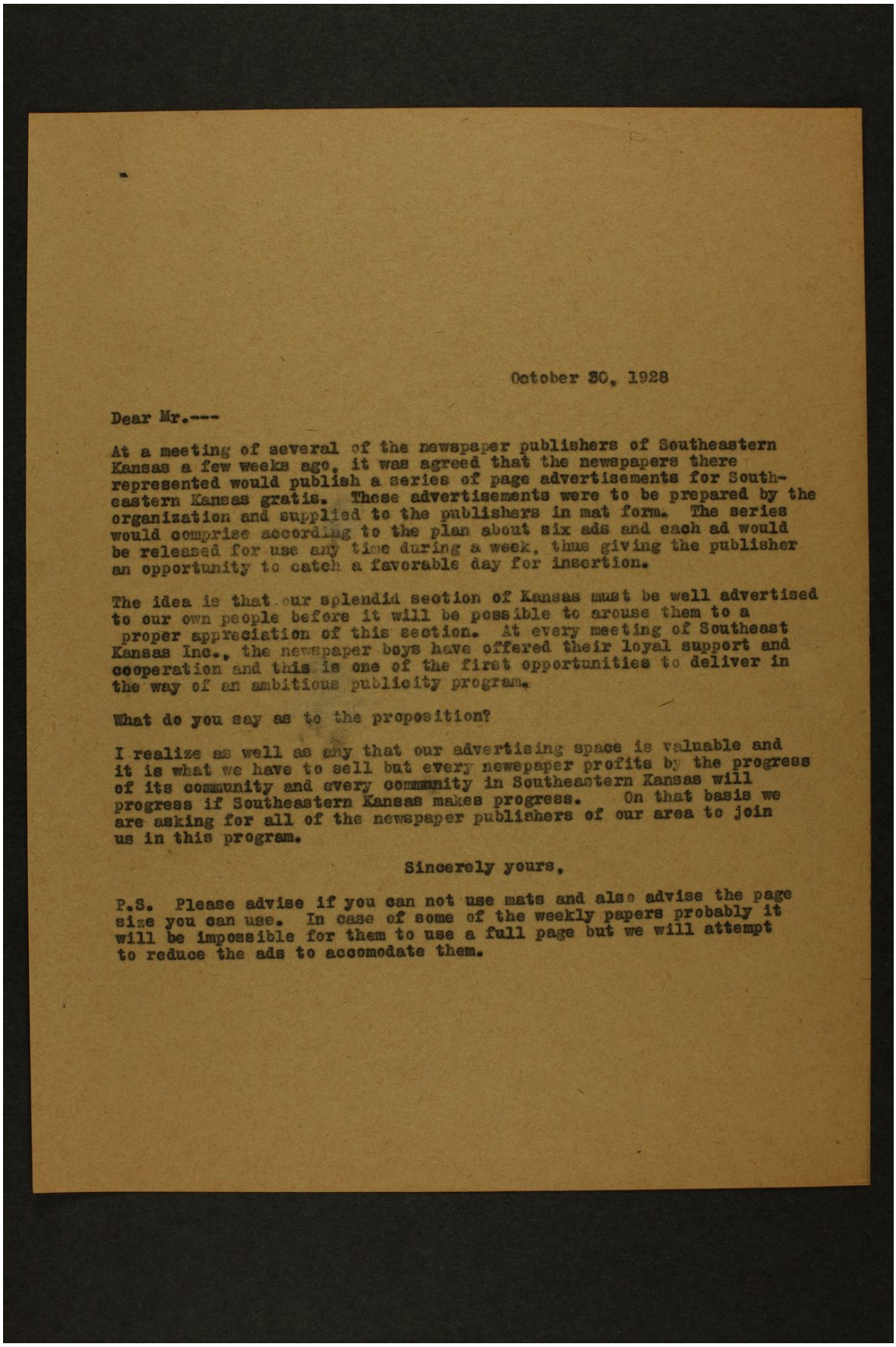
Dear George:

With this is copy of letter I suggest be sent out to the newspaper fellows.

Very truly yours,

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



October 30, 1928

Dear Mr.---

At a meeting of several of the newspaper publishers of Southeastern Kansas a few weeks ago, it was agreed that the newspapers there represented would publish a series of page advertisements for Southeastern Kansas gratis. These advertisements were to be prepared by the organization and supplied to the publishers in mat form. The series would comprise according to the plan about six ads and each ad would be released for use any time during a week, thus giving the publisher an opportunity to catch a favorable day for insertion.

The idea is that our splendid section of Kansas must be well advertised to our own people before it will be possible to arouse them to a proper appreciation of this section. At every meeting of Southeast Kansas Inc., the newspaper boys have offered their loyal support and cooperation and this is one of the first opportunities to deliver in the way of an ambitious publicity program.

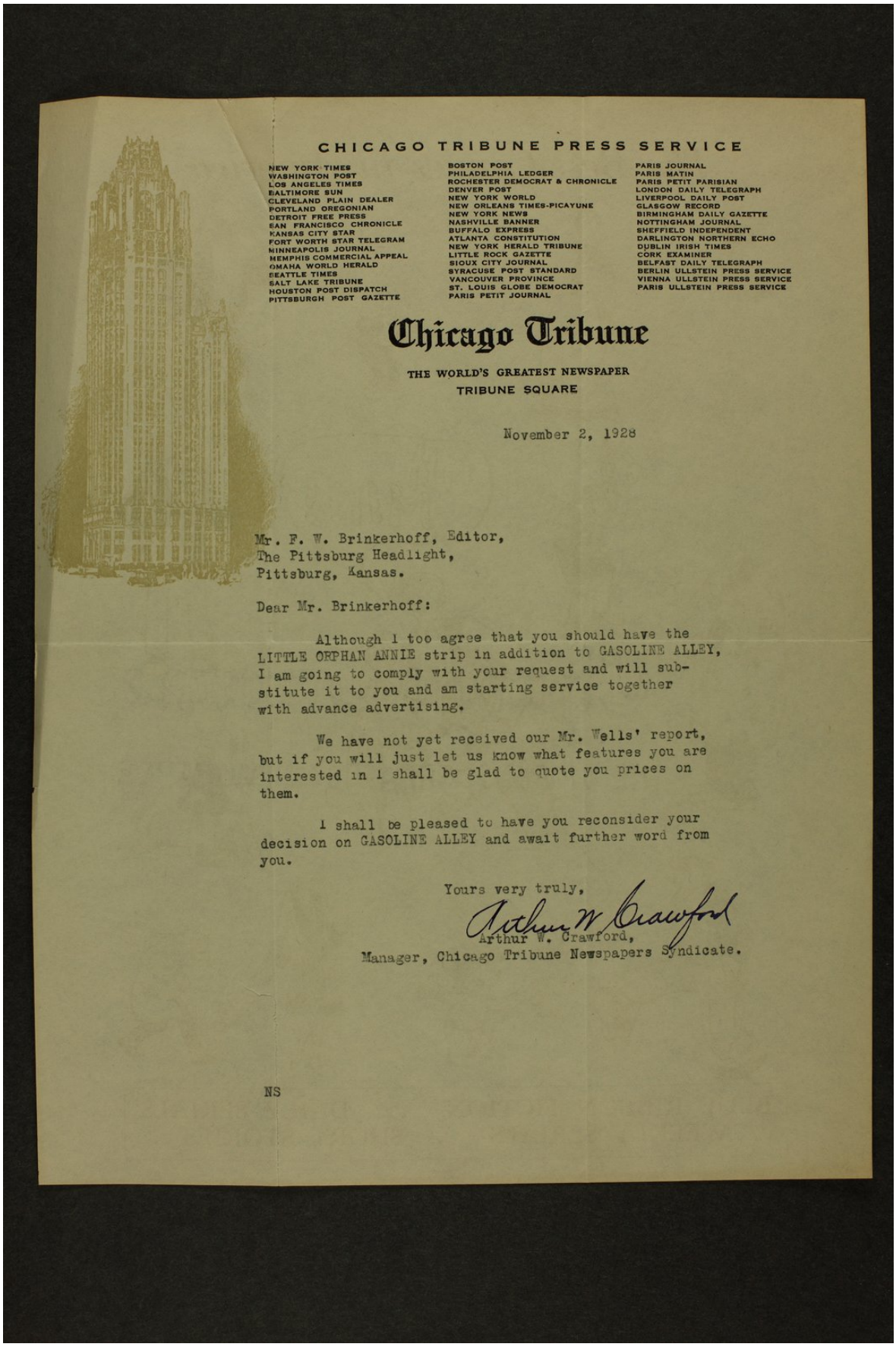
What do you say as to the proposition?

I realize as well as any that our advertising space is valuable and it is what we have to sell but every newspaper profits by the progress of its community and every community in Southeastern Kansas will progress if Southeastern Kansas makes progress. On that basis we are asking for all of the newspaper publishers of our area to join us in this program.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Please advise if you can not use mats and also advise the page size you can use. In case of some of the weekly papers probably it will be impossible for them to use a full page but we will attempt to reduce the ads to accomodate them.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE PRESS SERVICE

NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON POST
LOS ANGELES TIMES
BALTIMORE SUN
CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER
PORTLAND OREGONIAN
DETROIT FREE PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
KANSAS CITY STAR
FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM
MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL
OMAHA WORLD HERALD
SEATTLE TIMES
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
HOUSTON POST DISPATCH
PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE

BOSTON POST
PHILADELPHIA LEDGER
ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE
DENVER POST
NEW YORK WORLD
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE
NEW YORK NEWS
NASHVILLE BANNER
BUFFALO EXPRESS
ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
LITTLE ROCK GAZETTE
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL
SYRACUSE POST STANDARD
VANCOUVER PROVINCE
ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT
PARIS PETIT JOURNAL

PARIS JOURNAL
PARIS MATIN
PARIS PETIT PARISIAN
LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH
LIVERPOOL DAILY POST
GLASGOW RECORD
BIRMINGHAM DAILY GAZETTE
NOTTINGHAM JOURNAL
SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT
DARLINGTON NORTHERN ECHO
DUBLIN IRISH TIMES
CORK EXAMINER
BELFAST DAILY TELEGRAPH
BERLIN ULLSTEIN PRESS SERVICE
VIENNA ULLSTEIN PRESS SERVICE
PARIS ULLSTEIN PRESS SERVICE

Chicago Tribune

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER
TRIBUNE SQUARE

November 2, 1928

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff, Editor,
The Pittsburg Headlight,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Although I too agree that you should have the LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE strip in addition to GASOLINE ALLEY, I am going to comply with your request and will substitute it to you and am starting service together with advance advertising.

We have not yet received our Mr. Wells' report, but if you will just let us know what features you are interested in I shall be glad to quote you prices on them.

I shall be pleased to have you reconsider your decision on GASOLINE ALLEY and await further word from you.

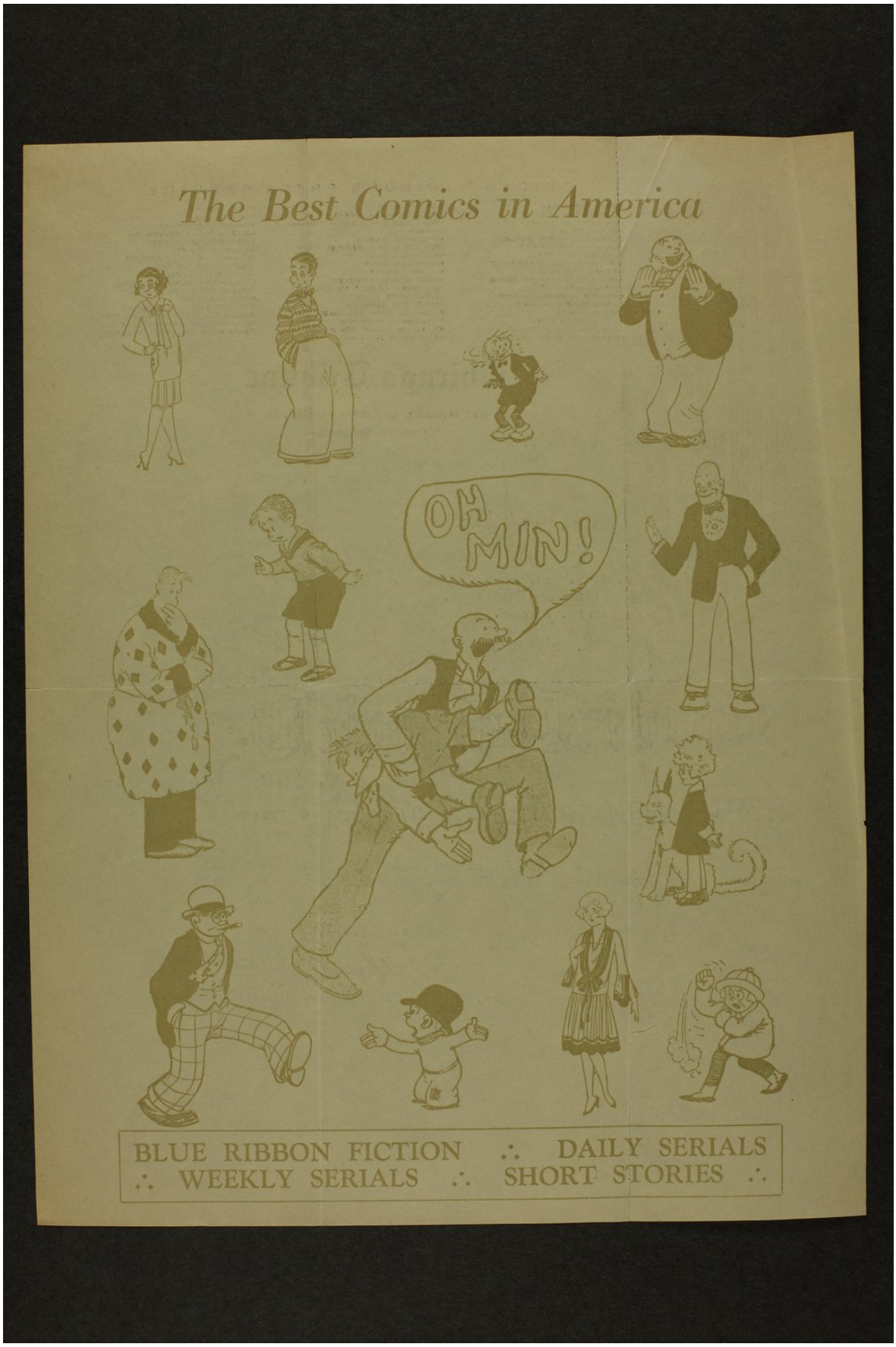
Yours very truly,

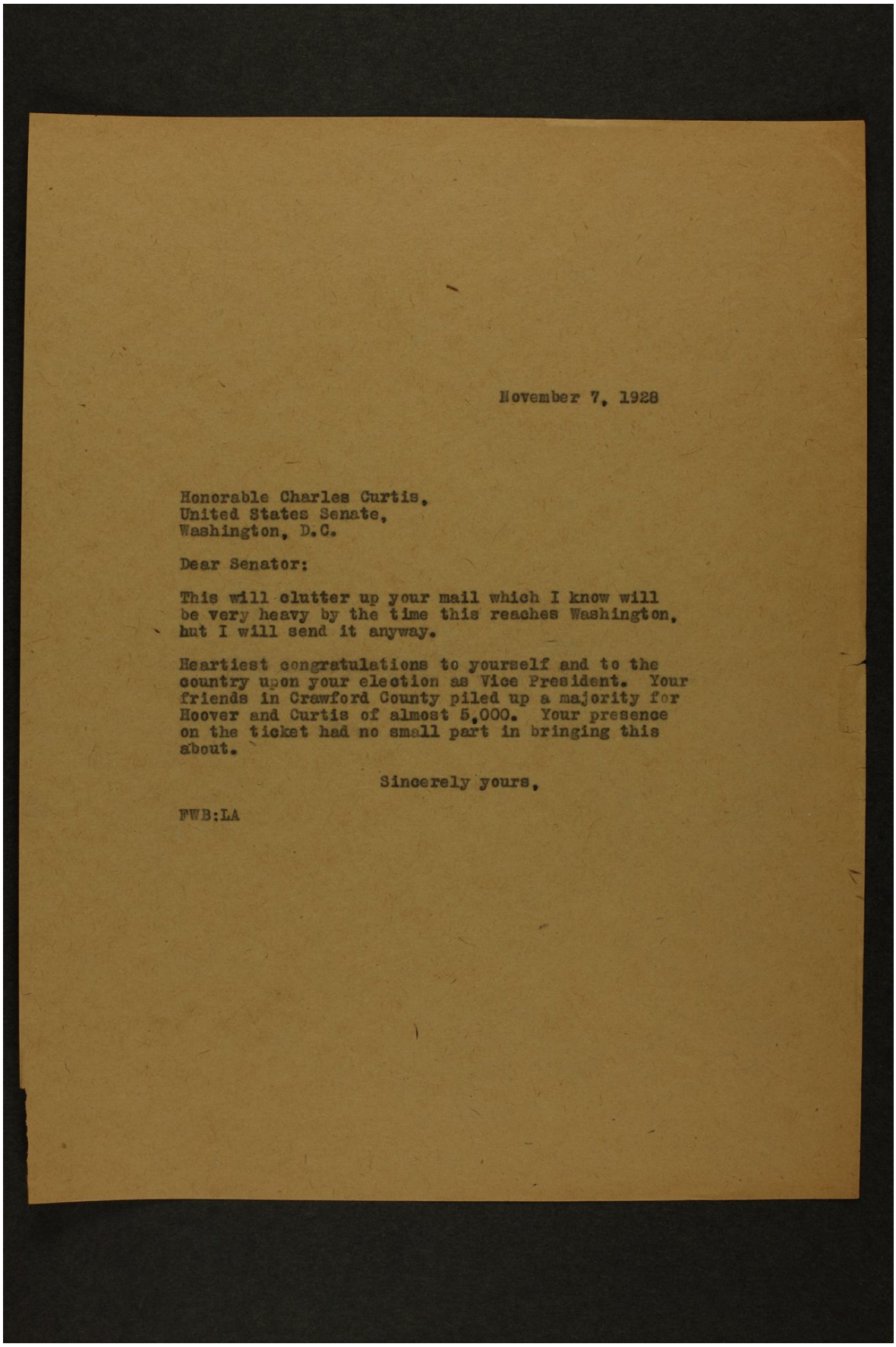
Arthur W. Crawford

Arthur W. Crawford,
Manager, Chicago Tribune Newspapers Syndicate.

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November 7, 1928

Honorable Charles Curtis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

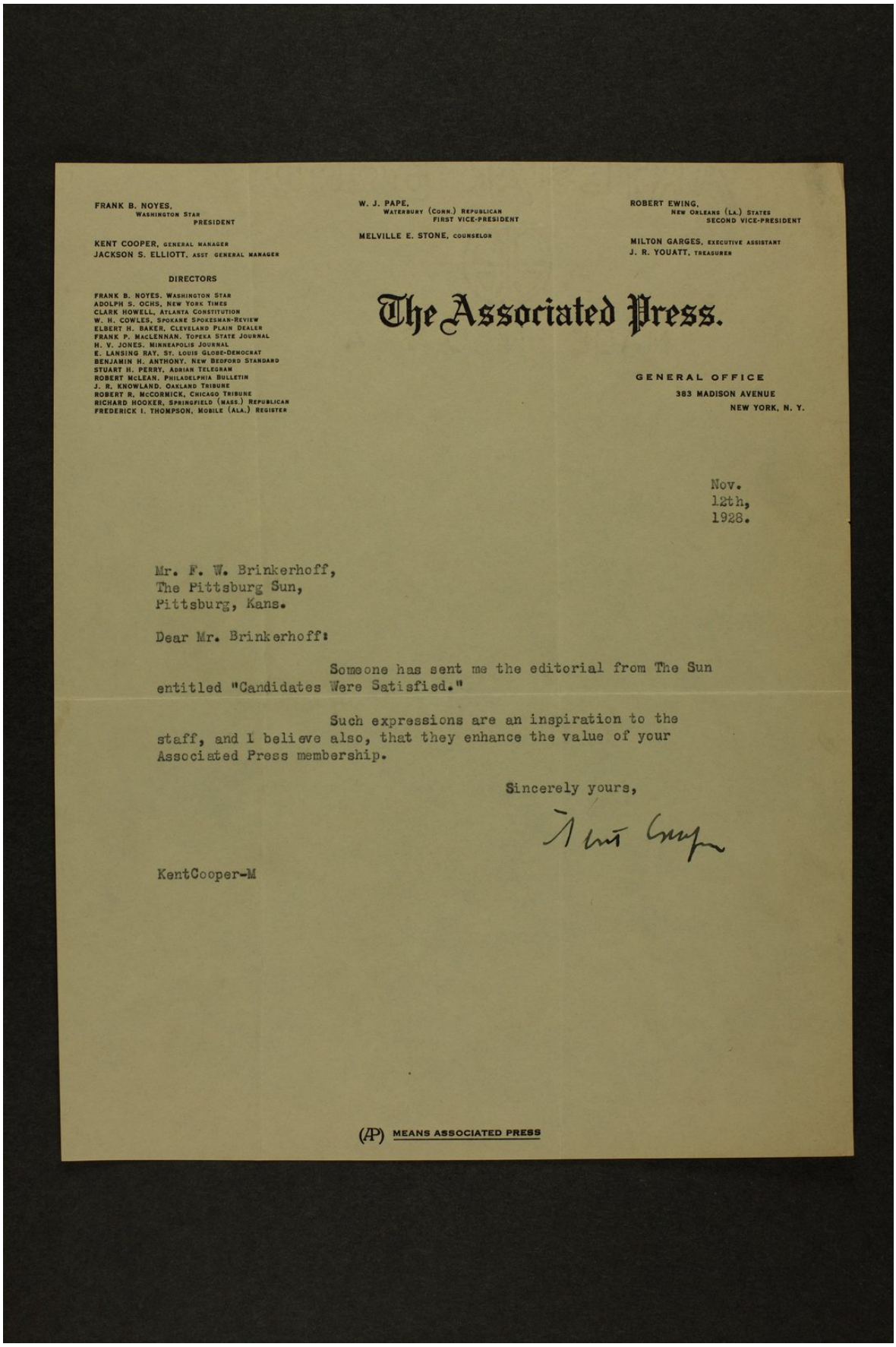
Dear Senator:

This will clutter up your mail which I know will be very heavy by the time this reaches Washington, but I will send it anyway.

Heartiest congratulations to yourself and to the country upon your election as Vice President. Your friends in Crawford County piled up a majority for Hoover and Curtis of almost 5,000. Your presence on the ticket had no small part in bringing this about.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA



FRANK B. NOYES, Washington Star, PRESIDENT
KENT COOPER, GENERAL MANAGER
JACKSON S. ELLIOTT, ASST GENERAL MANAGER

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GENERAL OFFICE
383 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov.
12th,
1928.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
The Pittsburg Sun,
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Someone has sent me the editorial from The Sun entitled "Candidates Were Satisfied."

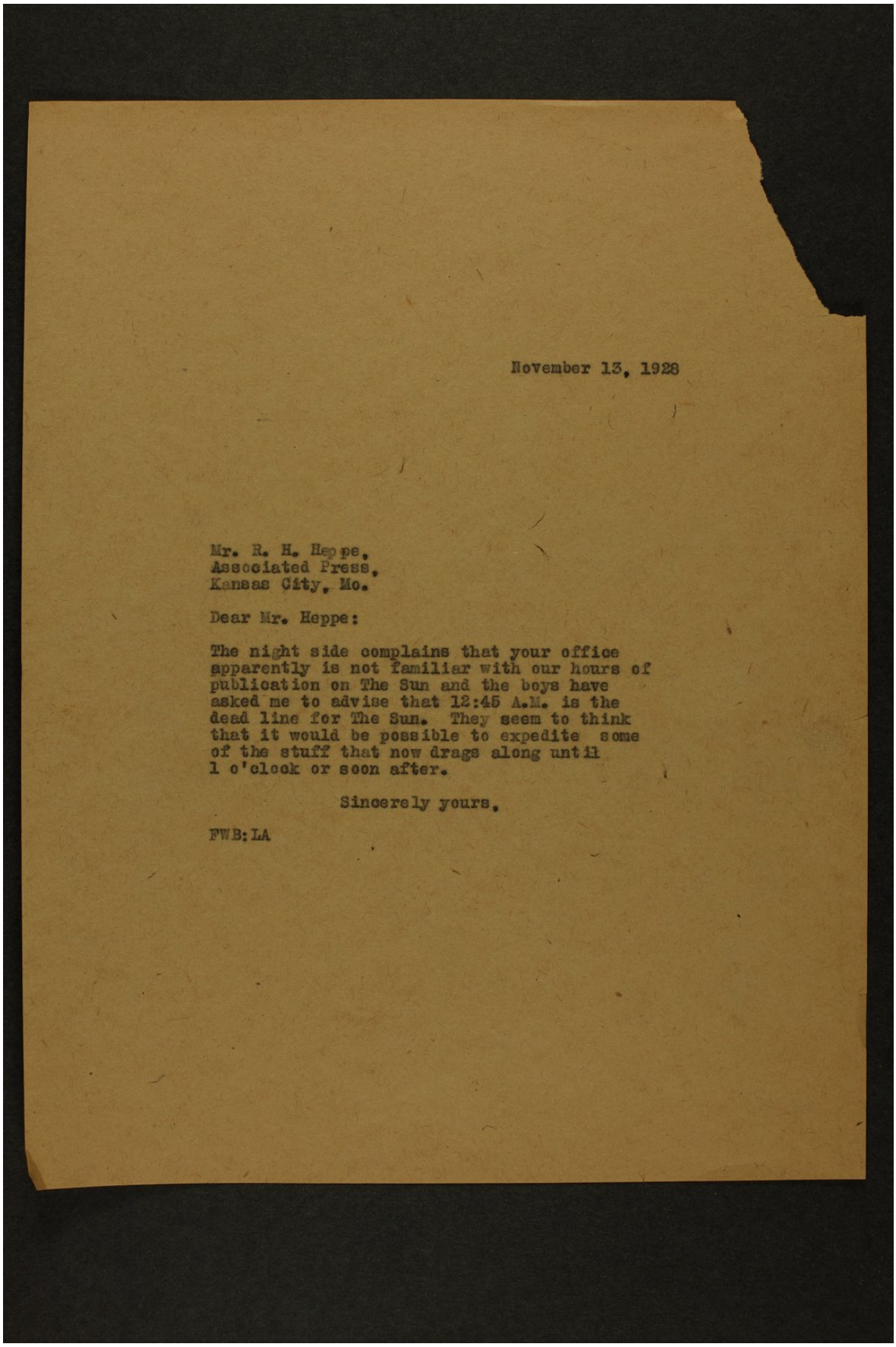
Such expressions are an inspiration to the staff, and I believe also, that they enhance the value of your Associated Press membership.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. R. H. Heppe,
Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Heppe:

The night side complains that your office apparently is not familiar with our hours of publication on The Sun and the boys have asked me to advise that 12:45 A.M. is the dead line for The Sun. They seem to think that it would be possible to expedite some of the stuff that now drags along until 1 o'clock or soon after.

Sincerely yours,

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1715 GRAND AVENUE,
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November 14, 1928.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
Managing Editor,
The Headlight and Sun,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Thank you for your letter of November 13 giving the deadline on The Sun. We shall see that any story of importance is cleared to you before that hour so far as possible. If you would let me have specific instances in which you think stories have been unnecessarily delayed, it will be a great help in going into the matter.

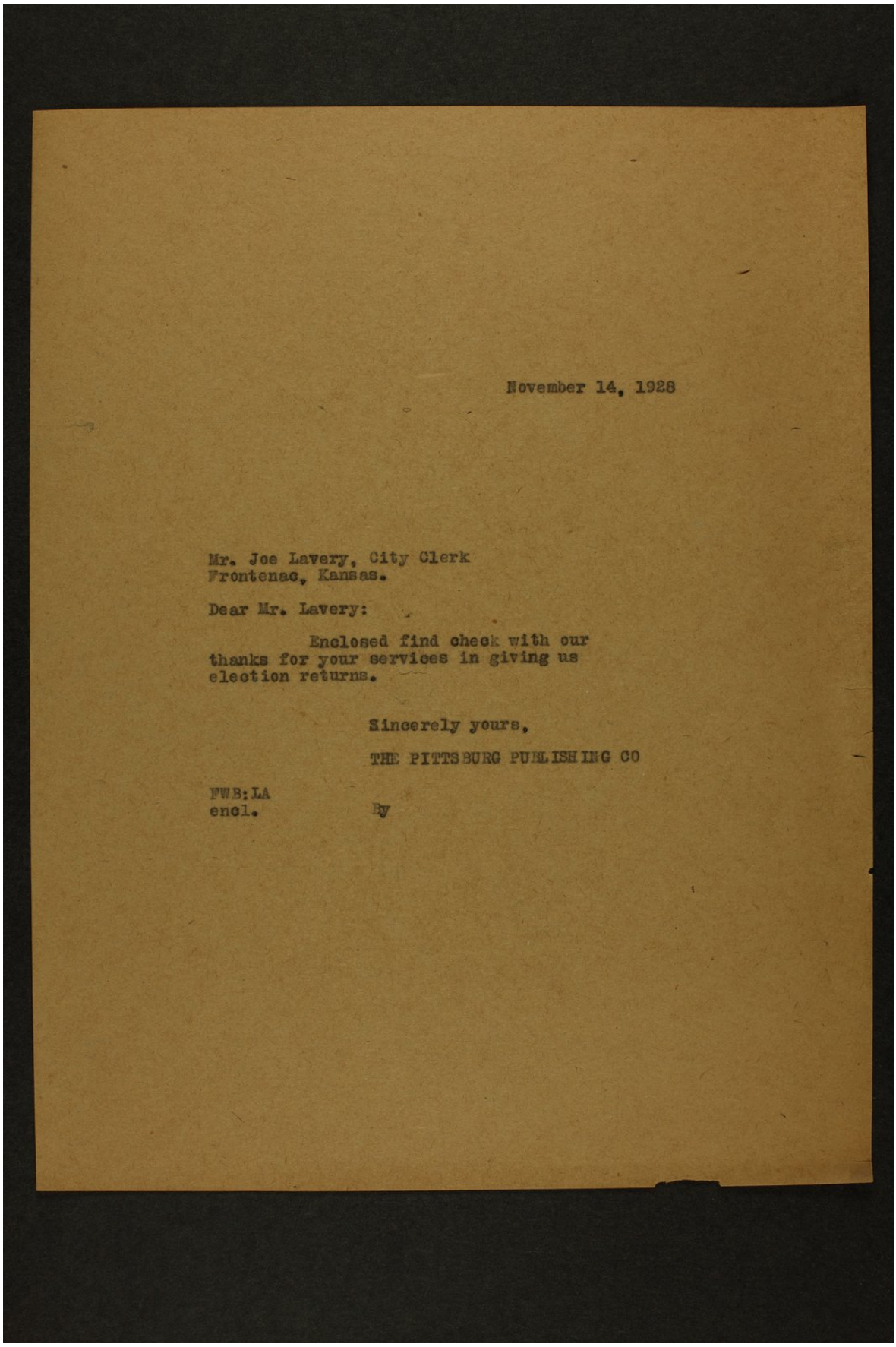
Sincerely yours,

Ralph H. Heppe

Division News Editor.

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Mr. Joe Lavery, City Clerk
Frontenac, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lavery:

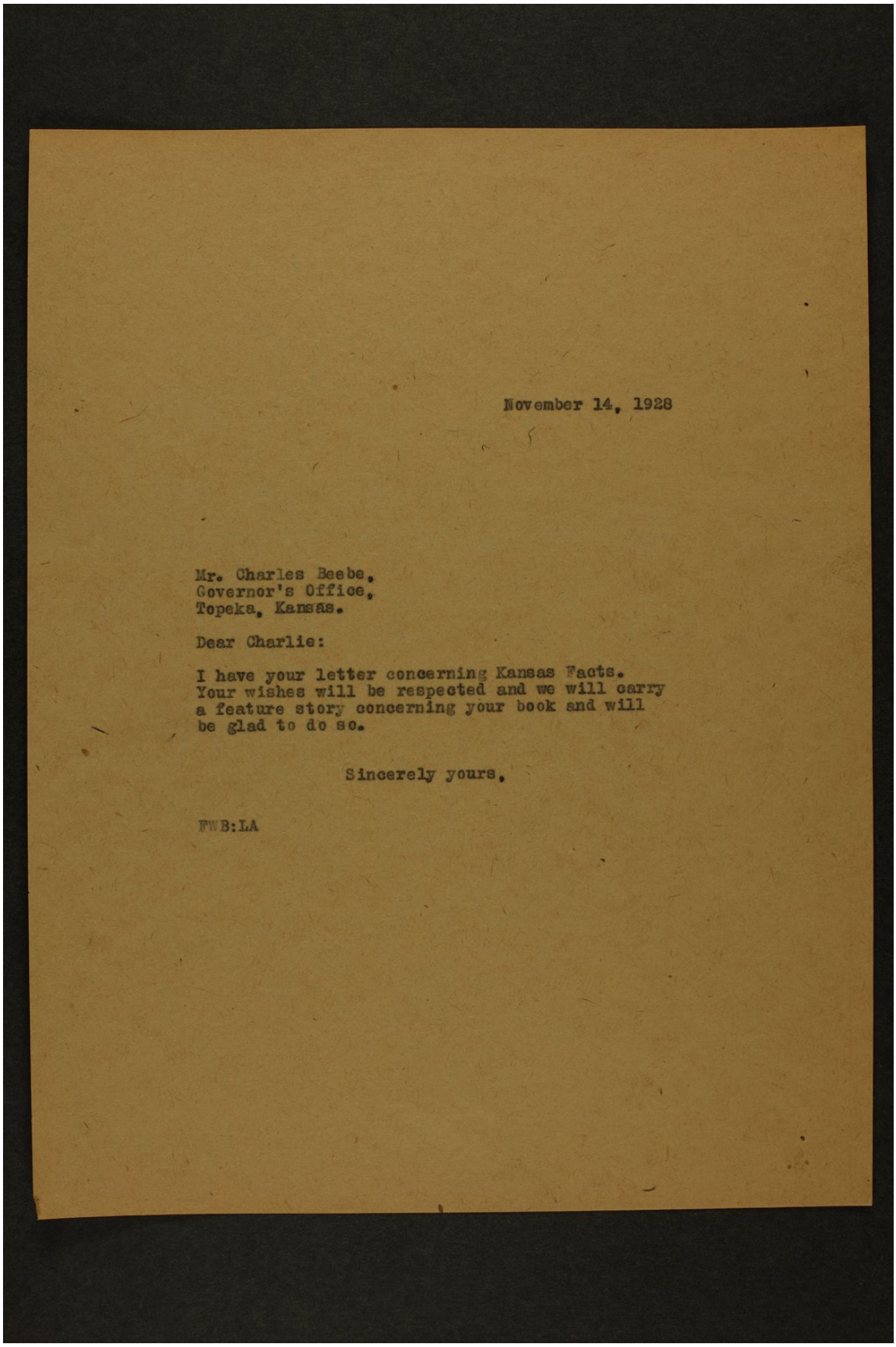
Enclosed find check with our thanks for your services in giving us election returns.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Charles Beebe,
Governor's Office,
Topeka, Kansas.

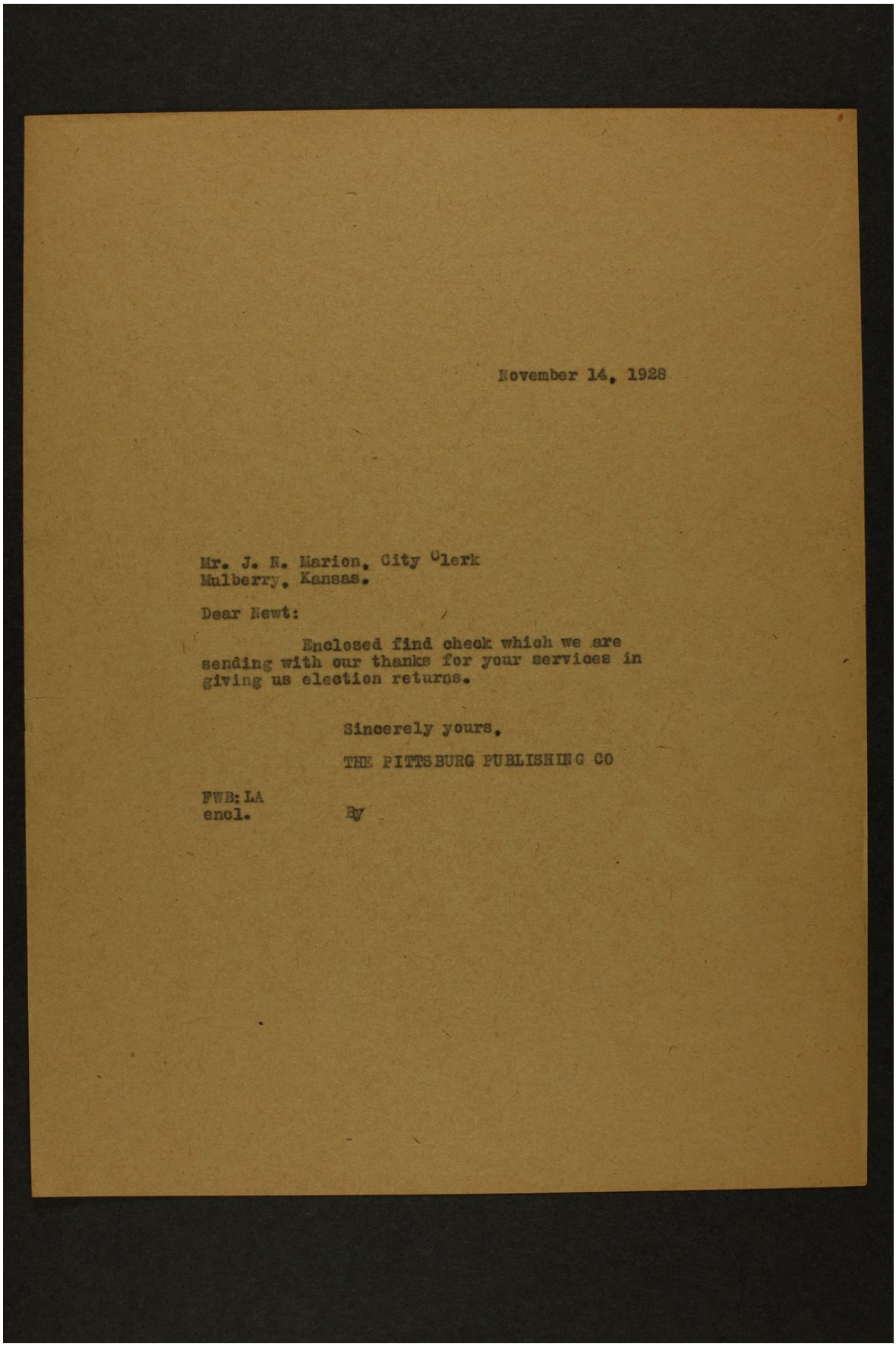
Dear Charlie:

I have your letter concerning Kansas Facts. Your wishes will be respected and we will carry a feature story concerning your book and will be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



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Mr. J. N. Marion, City Clerk
Mulberry, Kansas.

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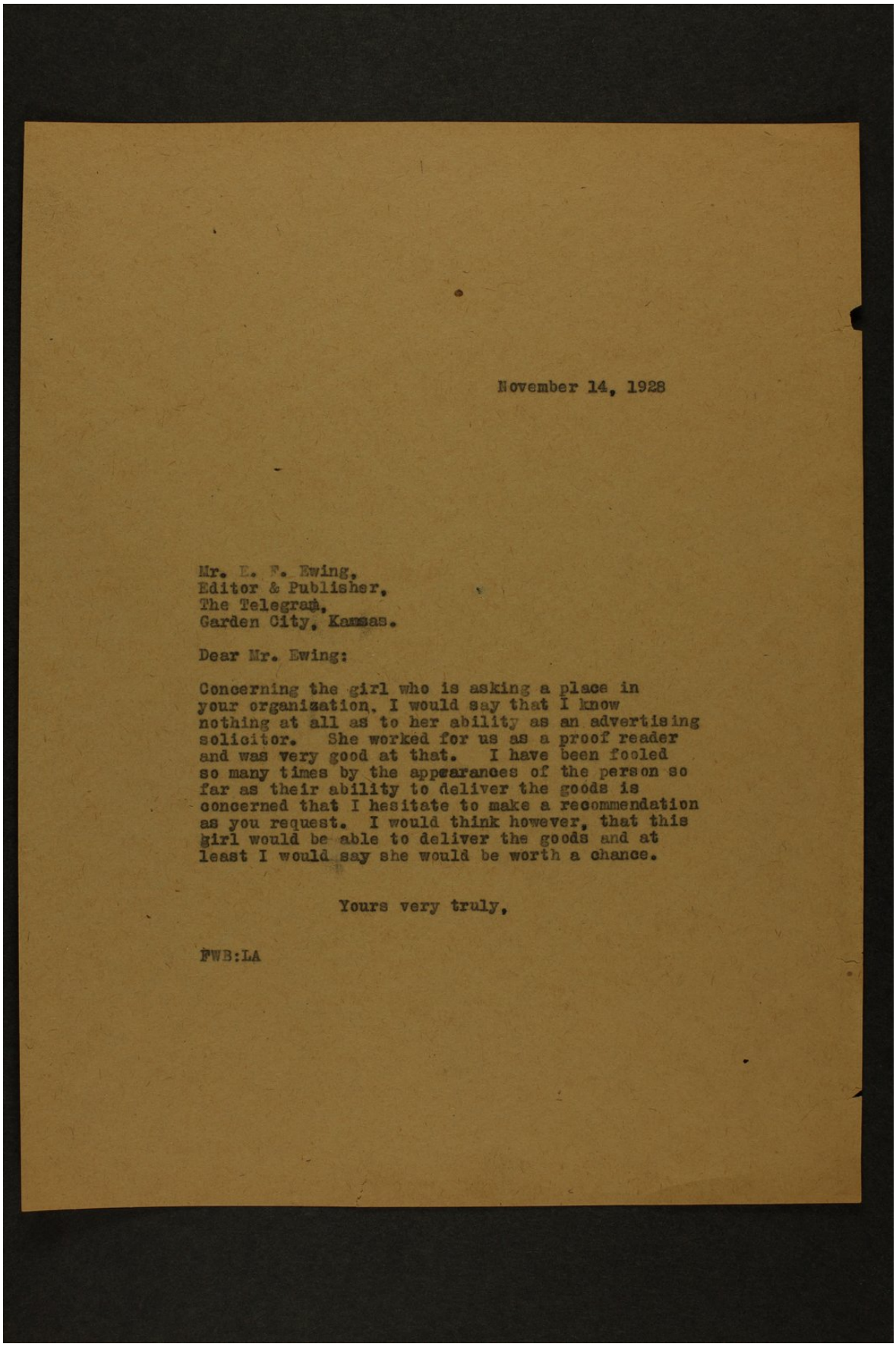
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Mr. E. F. Ewing,
Editor & Publisher,
The Telegram,
Garden City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Concerning the girl who is asking a place in your organization, I would say that I know nothing at all as to her ability as an advertising solicitor. She worked for us as a proof reader and was very good at that. I have been fooled so many times by the appearances of the person so far as their ability to deliver the goods is concerned that I hesitate to make a recommendation as you request. I would think however, that this girl would be able to deliver the goods and at least I would say she would be worth a chance.

Yours very truly,

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