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My dear Judge:

Your last letter was received in the middle of January and I was glad to hear from you though sorry to learn that you had had a collapse and hope no serious results have come from it. The direct steamer of the Oceanic line have been withdrawn from that route and it is rumored they have been bought by a Japanese line. The cause given out is the lack of an adequate mail subsidy they hoped to get from his last Congress and failed. The mail will go to Honolulu & then meet the Vancouver Australia line. Your remark in your letter about the rebuilding of the city and I can assure you it has been wonderful to be in it and see all that has been accomplished which is far beyond what anyone

hoped for all for a long time
after the fire, and though
there are many gaps in blocks
a great amount of building is
going on in every part of the
business district. Large portions
of those parts where wooden and
combined brick & wooden buildings
are allowed have already been
renewed. Business is larger than
ever as shown by a great increase
of bank clearances, and all are
congratulated over a San Francisco
winter that is greater than before.
I hope to get into this mail a
copy of the "Sunset Magazine"
naming the city - one year after
the fire which will give you
some idea of what has been done.
The city and State have been
very hysterical over the Japanese
question, which I think is now
settled owing to the vigorous
action of President Roosevelt

Whom I believe to be in the right
as he usually is. There is no doubt
his conduct is not a desirable
immigrant - but the local authorities
did not act wisely. The school board
have resisted his order about the children
in his schools and his presence under a
new law can keep out his ~~colleagues~~
pending the making of a new treaty.
The city is now under great excitement
owing to the grand jury investigation of the
city government in selling franchises to
telephone, gas & R.R. Companies, the
Mayor (~~Schriener~~ ^{at} his books Rieg) all
the 18 Supervisors a number of the high
up people in the gas & telephone cos have
been indicted and many more are
to come. There should be many
convictions as the evidence is
overwhelming against them and the
Assistant District Attorney who was
appointed for the purpose has done
fine work in Oregon in ^{U.S.} land fraud
cases, sending one U.S. Senator, a
member of Congress & his ^{U.S.} Commissioner of
the land office with numerous others
only a prison. He is backed morally
and financially by some of his best men

in the city we have the city's good
name at heart. It also involves the
impeachment - of a corrupt judge
of a Superior Court who helped the
boodlers by his decisions. Do you ever
see with his rebuilding and hence clearing
the city - is a lively place to be in.
As to myself the work here for me will
probably close some time this summer
as all his vessels for the Navy will be
done by that time, I will probably go
home to Massachusetts for a few months
and will then hope to get some other
duty here as I believe I would be
better counted here than anywhere beyond
this I have no plans but I always have
in mind the trip to Japan, Manila and
Australia but cannot see my way clear
for any definite plans. I have planned to
hear about Alice + Conway and hope
some day to see them here so I add our
home address for them to know how to find
us. Myself and wife are both very
well and are content with our
quiet way of living. So sends her kindest
regards to your wife and daughter
as I am so myself and am

Very sincerely yours
H. N. Stevenson
who now has a fine position
with a large Copper Co. The Dorchester
in Northern California 1482 Sutter Street