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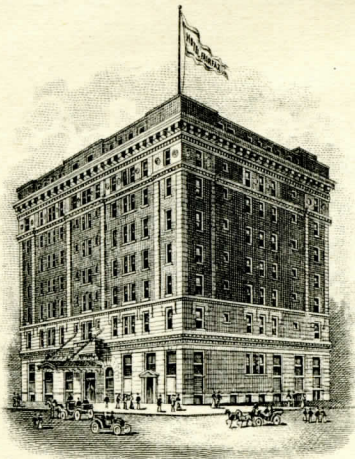
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May 1st 23

Dear friend

Received your letter
this afternoon, also your card
this morning. I am well
only this cold it keeps me
feeling pretty burn all the
time. But I am going to
take some medicine to-night -
and probably that will work
it out of me. I am glad
to hear that you are feeling
abright, and hope you con-
tinue to feel the same. as it
is right bad to be feeling
burn all the while.



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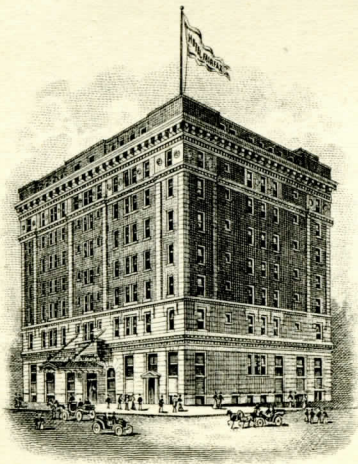
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Yonnie after what you said
to me Sunday night & Monday
morning, I think it is best
that you should drop me.
As I have tried in every way
since I have know you
to carry myself in a manly
way. I have did nothing to
my knowledge that would
have injured your character.
But you still say that I have
are will ruin you. And that
you are not going to let
any — — injer you in any
way. Of course I don't blame
you for that. But there is



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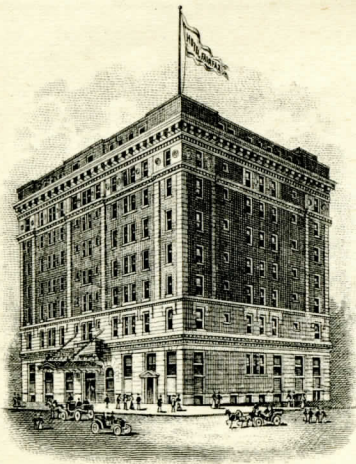
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no one who can say that I have tried to + prove it. as I am always by myself at least have been in the past. But. I will not speak for the future. I know positive that you do not care very much for me. as you no longer than Sunday night told me that when you saw me. you got hot. Well if you really cared for me I am positive that would not occur.

But dear friend you are in Richmond now. and I am here and anything I do will not affect you. If



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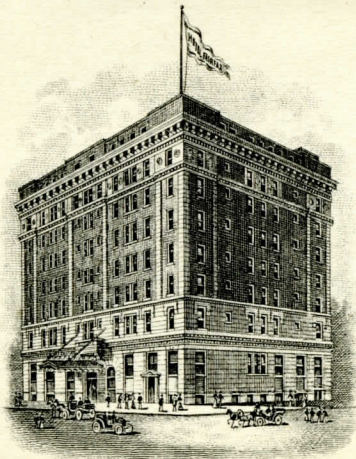
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people say anything to you
just say "I have not seen
him for so + so. And he acted
a part of a gentleman while
I knew him. But now since
I have not been with him
I no nothing. It will not
hurt you to say that little
bit of good about me. And
I will always give you a
good name and will always
say to one and all that I
have liked you and still
like you not like but love
even though we may never
see each other again I love



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you as much as I ever did
But I have worried myself
half to death over you. and
I simply must stop. and the
only way out is the rough
life. You are there. and
I never would believe you
do not enjoy yourself. But I'll
swear for three long weeks I
have nearly gone crazy. But
now it matters little to me
what happens. And you said
you made yourself satisfied
there. and it is something
that helps you do it. I
don't mean any harm by what.

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I am saying. As you told me
last week end that I had nothing
to do with you & you had
nothing to do with me.
and being you dont care
I dont want anything to be
surprising to anyone. As I
have played the low game and
have lost, and I am the
old card now and I can never
be what I have been and I
realize it. But knew all along
for 6 mo. But my liking for
you keep me down I just
sat and pictured things and only
made myself a nervous wreck.
But I hope you the best.



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of luck in your new home town, and hope you will never have anything to worry you. I have lost my pass to Washington. I don't mean lost it in the street or anything like that. It has been revoked by the office. as it hasn't been but 10 days since I used one and they are holding it until the 15th of May before I can use it. so that is another crooked path I have to travel.

Well Jonnie I do want you to be friendly with me and I do want to be the same



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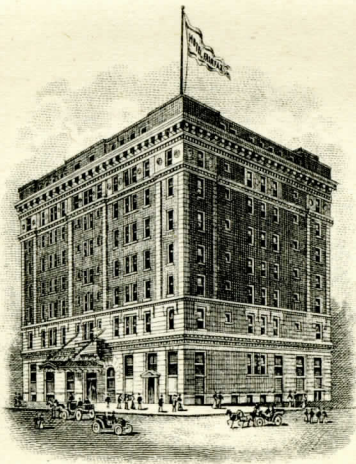
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to you when ever we meet
and please do me a favor
by not calling me out of my
name. And I'll assure you
that. I will always be
a little friend in a friendly
way. We do not have to
cease being friends because
our little disagreements have
done between our mutual
affairs. For as I said I will
always have memories for you
no matter what I do or where
I go or who with. I will
not really enjoy myself too



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thinking of you. And keep what I am saying in this letter to yourself and do not make public to any one our trouble. And I will also do the same I will say we are still good friends which we are I hope. when ever we meet each other if we ever do.

Well Jennie I will say Good bye ^{for this time}, although it is almost breaking me down.

I have been,
a Good time