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My own Darling wife

I have been listening all day long to the lucubrations of [Bromer?] Wilson who has been expatiating on the Government case. I trust that I shall get an innings tomorrow. Meantime I am tied to the courtroom taking notes upon his argument for my reply and ransacking the town for [amenities?]. Judge [Landes?] has kindly supplied me with two vols of ancient French marine decisions which proved of great service. In addition I have secured a host of other books with which to elaborate my argument.

I was so tired on Monday [and] last night that I could not get to the Baileys. I propose going there tonight about half after eight. I am very well and am taking great care of myself so that our speech may not be a [fizzle?]. I am in great hopes that it will prove a success.

Big fees are the order of the day down here. I met & talked with two attorneys today who obtained on Monday last a judgment which brings them in as a fee half a million of dollars. Don't you wish that our fees would size up to that figure.

You must write to me, my darling for I cannot tell now when I shall be back to you -- perhaps not until Friday. I cannot get on my legs until noon tomorrow and I shall require certainly four to five hours to develop what I have to say.

God bless you, sweetheart. Kiss the dear little ones for me and make Louise kiss you on my behalf. I do hope and trust you are more comfortable than when I left.

Your Own Loving

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