

Monday evening

6.15. P.M. Nov 11th / 1868.

My Dearest-Lou:-

I went down early this morning thinking I might have a line from you saying how you were. I was anxious for I did not know. But you might be feeling bad on account of getting three jabs at once. I was so happy to get your letter this afternoon and to see by your letter that you are better. Oh! my son when that whistle blew eight-at-four & clock this morning. I just cried with joy I could not help it. I am so happy I do not mind if it is quite a while before my boys come home. I can wait as I know they will not have to fight. This is what I have been praying for. And I guess all the mothers of the Country has been doing the same. No one can say what this great-victory means more than a Mother. And of course the boys know what it means. This morning I got up at twenty minutes past four. I could ^{not} lay in that bed, did not go out-there because it was very cold. I thought I better be careful

hot-take cold. About- quarter of eight I went-down
to the P. office. When I got-to the Shop there was
a big parade of the girls and the men.
they had any old thing to make a noise.
keeping time by drumming on their dinner
pales old pans kettles boxes. The Armenians,
Italians, and Syrians made a good showing
this afternoon. This morning when I was coming
back home Mrs. Braham called me, the parade
was then coming up Dutch St - she asked me
if I did not-want-to go and parade so we
marched up Bennett St-down Northrop and
stoped at-the Rose house awhile, while they
filled the fire trucks with children.
Then they marched down by the main office
and up again to Dutch and then to Milford
I knew if I marched to Milford I would be all
in, and Mrs B. did not-want-to go so we dropped
out. This afternoon they had a auto parade
Mrs. Bacon and I rode in one of the fire
trucks. Hopedale lined up with fire trucks
in front-and joined the Milford parade
at-the corner of Dutch and Adin.
There were thousands of Milford people in the
parade. I saw Doris marching. They continued
their march up Dutch St-and around

by the pond to the park and over the bridge
to Hopdale St- and down by the P. U. and
up Adin St. Hopdale parade left- them
at- the corner of Adin and Main St.
It was after the parade I went down and got
your letter. Day son ~~and~~ I am sure you are
happy over the outcome. I have been wondering
all day how the boys are celebrating over there.
They are going to have a huge bonfire on
the island to night. - Governor McCall
proclaimed Tuesday as Victory day and
all places are to close. The shops did not-
keep here to day. As I am writing this now
I hear drums. The Kaiser and his gang had
to swallow a bitter pill. A perky rat- has got-
into the house. he is now running up the
wall now as I write. - I do hope dear that you
got- the other boy to day. as I know you will
enjoy it. - I am so glad I sent- you that two
dollars in yesterday's letter. I am so sorry
that you did not- get very good food. If you
get- that boy all right. I will send you some
more and also a few apples.
It surely is to bad that you have to work
so hard, especially shoveling coal.

I won't write any more as I want to mail
this to night - mailed you some papers
this morning. I marked in the Globe
about - train. heaps of love for my
big Soldier Son
from your loving
Mother.

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The whistles are blowing
I only wish you were here
to help celebrate -

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