

February 11, 1933.

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Dear Bill:

Your letter of February 8th, received, regarding the annual dinner to be held in New York in April, in which you still seem to think that I should preside as toastmaster and bring Will Rogers in on the program again.

I am wiring Will as per the enclosed copy. As stated before, if he will come along, I will be glad to take care of my end of the job - or at least attempt to. But, frankly, if Will falls down on me, I will have to ask for a rain check myself. I will advise you as soon as I hear from him.

This Secretary of War job is another of Will's jokes. The article appearing in the Star-Telegram was a little more complete than the article in the New York papers and stated that I had practically given up my connection with the paper, although I did have it sent to me in New York and Washington occasionally to read. Of course, this made a big hit with my creditors! We carried an editor's foot note to the effect that the Publisher of this paper had never accepted a political appointment of any kind and had no intention of so doing. Frankly, I would not under any circumstances, even though I had the opportunity, accept a political appointment. Publishing a newspaper in these kind of times comes under the head of important business itself.

Incidentally, I have had a great many applications for positions as Assistant Secretary of War and various kinds of jobs in connection with the Department which I have answered, stating that I am like the darky when asked if he had change for a ten dollar bill replied, "No, Boss, I ain't but I sho' do appreciate the compliment."

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

AGC.KD