

EDWIN S. CRAMP,  
No. 127 EAST 61ST STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Monday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909.

Mr. Lucie duPont -

Wilmington - Del.

Dear Sir -

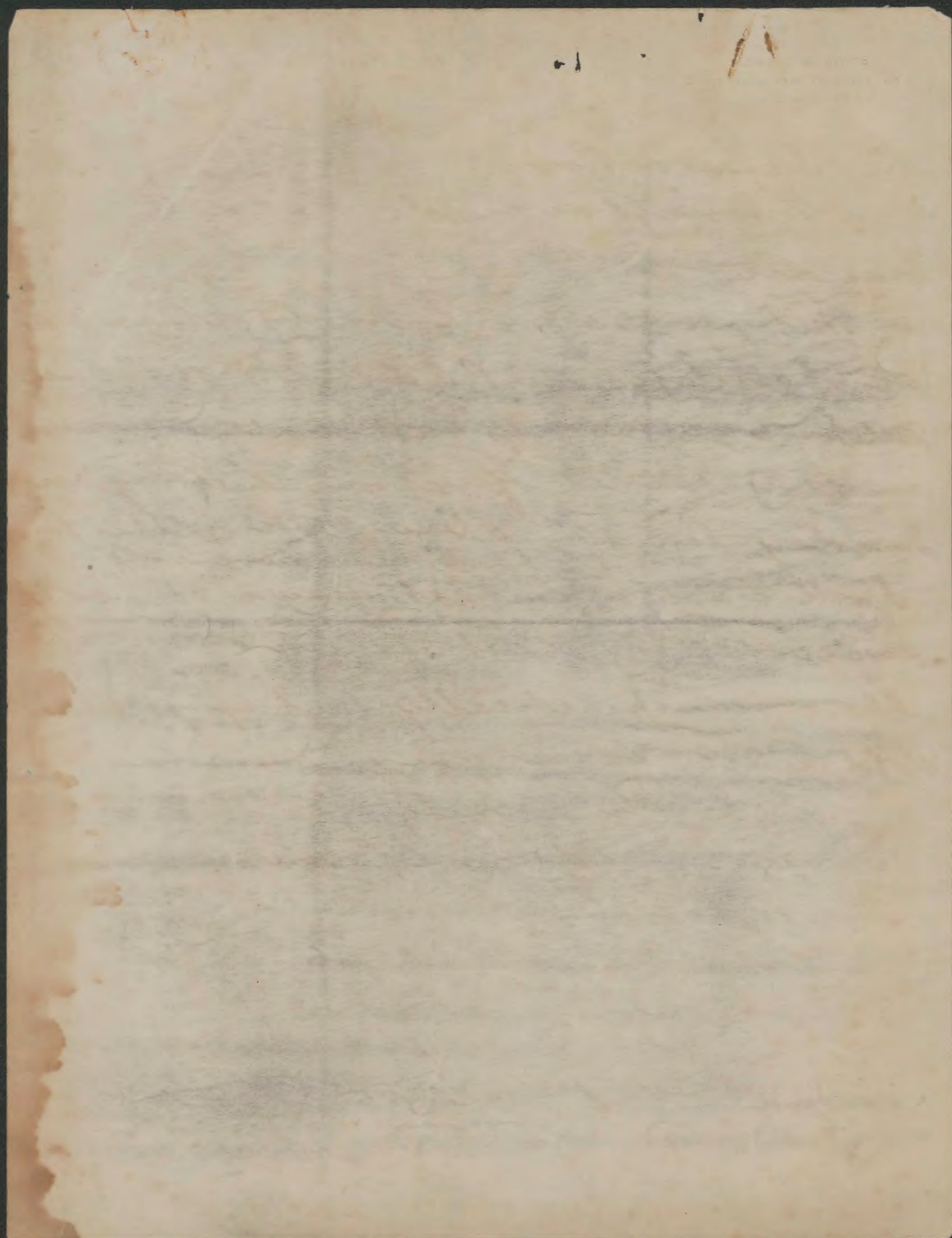
Will you let me know by return mail  
at what date, Mr. P. S. duPont & you, can  
meet me, to take up & conclude the various  
matters talked of, at our meeting on  
Tuesday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Please state place &  
your most convenient -

I will have a <sup>proposed</sup> contract drawn up, as he  
suggested, for submission -

I have been practically laid up with a  
cold since I saw you on Thursday.

Yours Truly

Edwin S. Cramp.





N. Y. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Mr. Lennie Dubaut.

Wilmington. Del.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst was forwarded to me here & in reply would say that, I can be at your office Wednesday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at any time after noon here that is agreeable to you.

Yours sincerely.

Edwin S. Clump.

If this does not suit <sup>you</sup> telegraph <sup>state</sup> me & fix a later date -

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N. Y. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 09.

Mr. J. duPont.

Nel. Del.

Dear Sir.

I will not be able to come to  
Wilmington tomorrow as I telegraphed  
you today that I could owing

~~My grippe attack is~~  
to my bad attack of Grippe  
which holds on desperately.

Yours sincerely

Edmund Knapp.

My dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I always find time to think of my loved ones. I hope to hear from you again soon. I am your affectionate son, John Doe.

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I always find time to think of my loved ones. I hope to hear from you again soon. I am your affectionate son, John Doe.



EDWIN S. CRAMP,  
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Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Mr. Lucile duPont.

F.P. Standard Arms Co.

Wilmington Del.

Dear Sir.

The following synopsis contains the salient features of the contract which it is proposed shall be made between the Standard Arms Co & Edwin S. Cramp.

The latter desires to exploit & sell the military rifles manufactured by the Rand Company in the United States & the military & sporting rifles abroad.

Also to dispose of the foreign patent & manufacturing ~~military~~ rights of the said Company.

To accomplish these objects the contract shall embody the following conditions -

1. The sale of the military rifles shall provide for a compensation of 15 o/o on the selling price to Edwin S. Cramp.

2. In case of the manufacturing of these rifles ~~abroad~~ by others than the St. A. Co. said E.S.C. shall pay the S.A. Co. 50 o/o of the royalty received by him.

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3. In the event of the conveyance of the patent rights, 50% of any consideration received shall be paid to E.M.
4. The term of this contract shall be five years, with the privilege of extending it for the balance of the life of the patents, if within <sup>said</sup> five years term, 10000 rifles shall have been disposed of, or the patent rights shall have been disposed of in one or more foreign countries.
5. The rifle shall be developed industriously & conscientiously by the mechanical staff of the S. A. Co., with the hearty cooperation of its official organization, as soon as the type or types shall have been decided on by ~~the~~ E.M. & the inventor of the S. A. Co.
6. If the S. A. Co. fails to make rifles in sufficient <sup>to supply the demand</sup> quantity, by or through E.M. then E.M. shall have the power to make arrangements to have the rifles manufactured elsewhere.
7. The S. A. Co. agrees to execute on request all necessary papers for facilitating the business herein accorded to E.M.

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EDWIN S. CRAMP,  
No. 127 EAST 61ST STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Trusting that the above meets with your  
approval.

I remain

Yours truly

Edwin S. Cramp.

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February 11th, '09.

Mr. Irenes du Pont,  
V. P. Standard Arms Co.,  
Wilmington, Del.,

Dear Sir:

The following synopsis contains the salient features of the contract which it is proposed shall be made between the Standard Arms Co., and Edwin S. Cramp. The latter desires to exploit and sell the military rifles manufactured by the said Company in the United States and the military and sporting rifles abroad.

Also to dispose of the foreign patent and manufacturing rights of the said Company.

To accomplish these objects the contract shall embody the following conditions:

1. The sale of the military rifles shall provide for a compensation of 15% of the selling price to Edwin S. Cramp.

2. In case of the manufacturing of these rifles by others than the Standard Arms Co., said Edwin S. Cramp shall pay the Standard Arms Co., *paid by the purchaser* 50% of the royalty received by him.

3. In the event of the conveyance of the patent rights, 50% of any consideration received shall be paid to Edwin S. Cramp.

4. The term of this contract shall be five years, with the privilege of extending it for the balance of the life of the patents, if within said five years term, 10,000 rifles shall have been disposed of, or the patent rights shall have been disposed of in one or more foreign countries.

5. The rifle shall be developed industriously and consecutively by the mechanical staff of the Standard Arms Co., with the hearty co-



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7. The Standard Arms Co., agrees to execute on request all necessary papers for facilitating the business herein accorded to Edwin S. Cramp.

Trusting that the above meets with your approval. I remain,

Yours truly,



Don't give firm  
deal guarantee bc.  
Cause they cannot give  
guarantee of a true  
crisped milk supply.  
Have not developed me  
yet.

Current Transcription too  
heavy, to be substituted

produce weapon for  
debt must improve  
the claim patents -

So that could involve  
a patent warfare.

15% is a low percent  
weapon & includes all  
business & overhead  
expenses.

20% to Sp. trade as  
a high priced rifle  
& does not include  
overhead expenses

Francis duPont

17th Oct. 1881



FREDERICK L. EMERY.  
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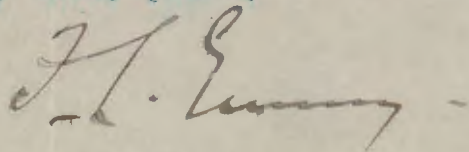
February 13, 1909.

Mr. Edwin S. Cramp,  
127 E. 61st Street,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cramp:

I now expect to be in New York next Friday, the 19th inst., and can see you if you need to confer with me. I could probably accommodate your convenience at any hour during the afternoon.

Very truly yours,



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February 12, 1903.

Dr. Henry J. ...  
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My dear Dr. ...

I am ...  
...  
...  
Very truly yours,



N. Y. 2/15/09.

Mr. Grenie duPort.

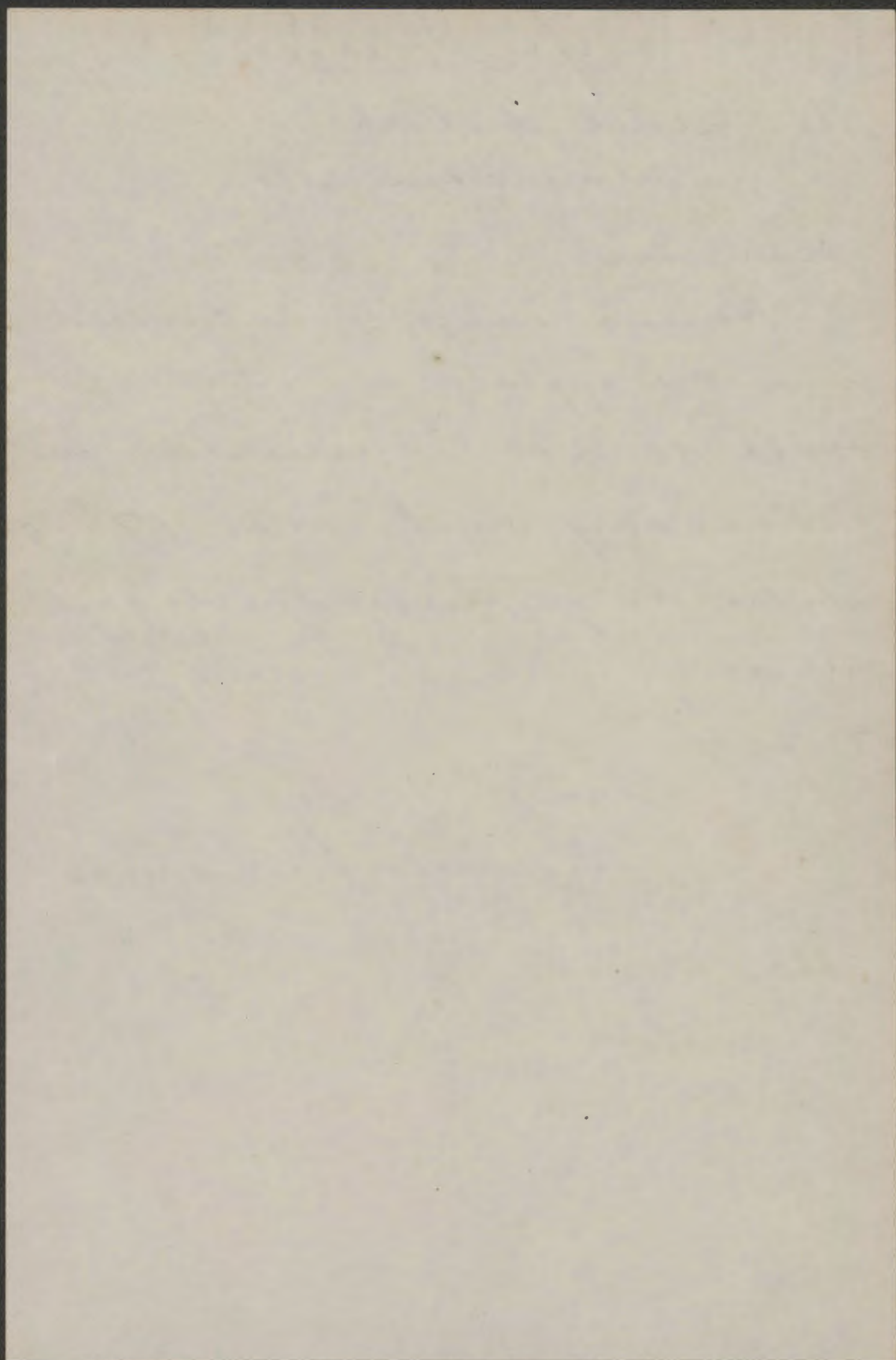
Wilmington Del.

Dear Sir.

Having largely recovered  
from the effects of my cold  
I will be at Wilmington on  
Wednesday next. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 09  
if the day suits the engage-  
ments of Mr. P. S. duPort  
& of you.

Yours Truly

Edmund S. Camp.





A. Y. 2/19/09.

Major H. C. Wilson.  
#1 Madison Ave.  
A. Y.

My dear Major.

Enclosed find newspaper clip,  
that I spoke to you about & which  
I wish you would place in Mr.  
Botwin's hands.

I regret extremely that I should  
be out of town when he is here  
as I would like to talk over the  
China situation

Give him my regards, & I will  
expect to hear from you on your  
return to A. Y. from Boston  
later in the week.

Yours sincerely  
Edmund A. Stamp.





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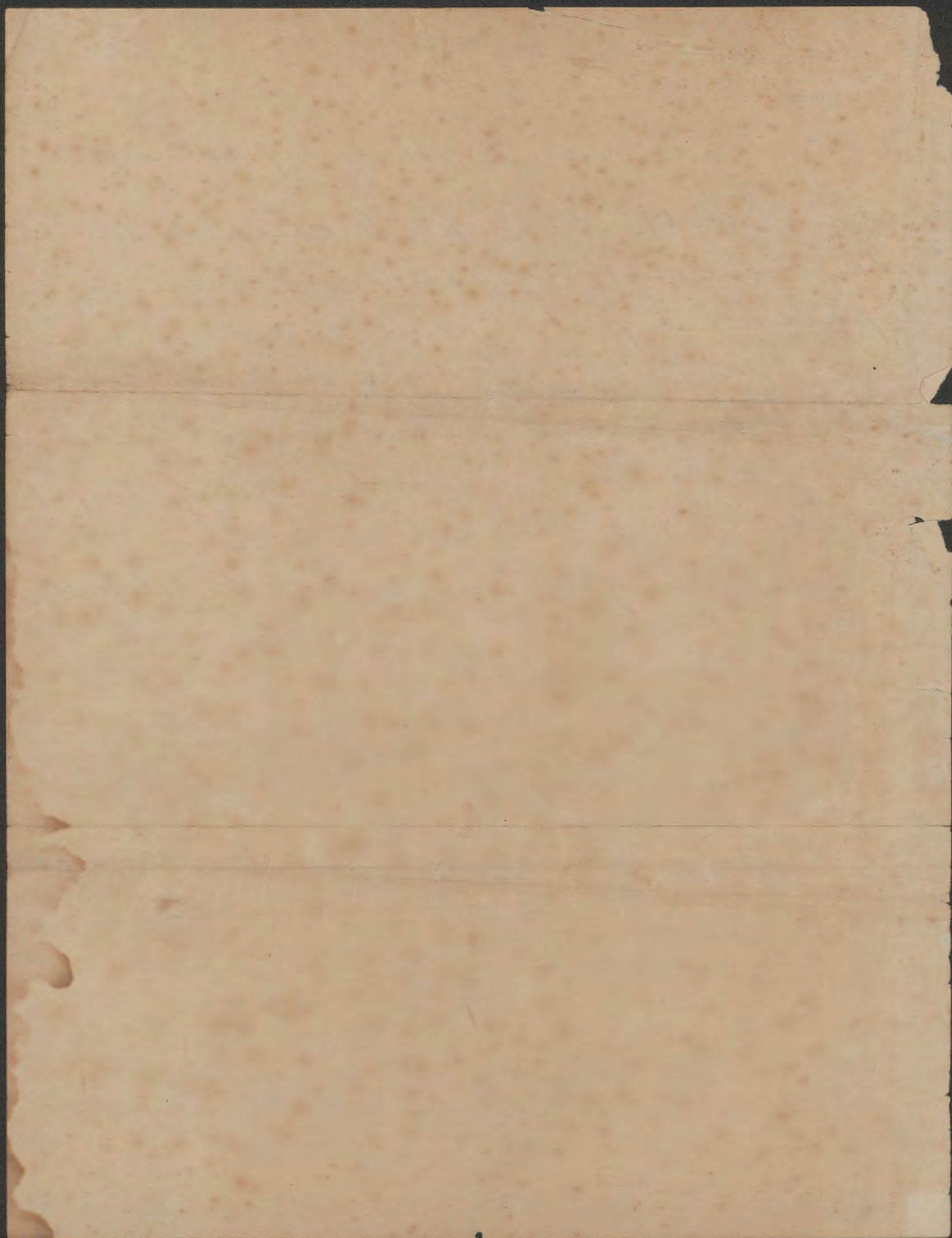
Evening.  
N. Y. Journal. 2/19/09.

"China now has a Navy Department"

"Peking. Feb. 19. An Imperial edict issued today brings into existence a naval department for China -

Prince Su is the Chief and his associates are Duke Tsai Iso, a cousin of the late emperor; Tieh Liang Supt of Customs & admiral Sak.

Prince Ching is advisor to the department.





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A. J. 2/26/09.

Mr. Irenée du Pont.  
 Wilmington Del.

Dear Sir.

I regret very much that you have not been able to consult with Mr. P. S. du Pont, relative to the Contract as proposed by me, as the time is growing short indeed, in which real business can be done in the two most important countries & a delay of another twelve months will permanently destroy <sup>all opportunities</sup> ~~the~~ chances in them.

In order to expedite matters I have decided to review some of the objections that you verbally urged against the proposition.

1. The suggestion that the S. A. Co. should obtain some financial guarantee for a minimum performance is not possible, as the S. A. Co. has not as yet even perfected a design for a military rifle that will meet the known conditions imposed by the authorities of the Ordnance board of any country.

2. The S. A. Co. has not produced <sup>a model</sup> ~~an effective~~ ~~weapon~~ even for trial purposes. The counterpane rifle as developed for promotion purposes was <sup>rejected</sup> ~~passed down~~, in England & in the U. S. largely for two reasons.



X. Excess of weight, being 10 lbs 13 oz. as compared to the Springfield model, 1903 model 8.69 lbs. Even with an allowance of 1 lb for automatic system it is still hopelessly handicapped.

XI. Inability to use the clip, & to modify it so as to use the clip would require the use of the rotating & reciprocating bolt. This in connection with the gas operated feature will bring down the McLean gun Co, in an injunctive suit, altho' Mr. Knight believes that in a lawsuit the S. A. Co. would win. At what cost & time he does not state.

Now even under such disadvantages I am willing to undertake, with certain military associates <sup>acting</sup> in connection with Mr. Smith, to produce a rifle that will pass muster in competition with the Mauser, Mannlicher or any other of the present accepted types.

To do this successfully will require time, expense of experts, traveling & exploitation, not one dollar of which will the S. A. Co. be liable for & which will certainly be a continuous & heavy item. The more money that I spend, the more rifles must I sell in order to even up.

From the discussion that occurred at the meeting of the directors, Wednesday, it was evident that the S. A. Co. will not be able financially either to develop, exploit or manufacture any military rifle for several years at least.

It is therefore necessary to relieve the Co. of



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of such trouble & expense -

As to the argument that 15% is excessive I will state - 1. That a M. R. must be sold for considerably less price than is obtained for present Sp. Rifle - Any Gov't must obtain it for about \$20 each + 15% equals \$3 each. & in this \$3 are included all of the numerous business expenses as enumerated -

At present the S. A. Co. is selling the Sp. R. to the wholesale jobbers who at best only will require a few hundred each, & are allowing them 20% on a higher price which equals about \$6 per rifle -

At the same time the S. A. Co. stands the brunt of a large amount of expense, which in my case would be taken off of the Co.

I make these suggestions, urging an early appointment either in N. Y. or <sup>N.Y.</sup> ~~else~~ Phila. wherever you prefer.

The importance of a prompt decision cannot be exaggerated -

Yours Truly  
 Edmund Cramp.



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