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kept under arms all day sunday but were dismissed towards night. Everything is now quiet and probably may remain so for some time. I will remark just here that in my opnion the Rebels are very nearly crushed, there never was a time since the Rebellion began that affairs everywhere looked as favorable as now for the speedy termination of the war. I have not time to dwell longer on these subjects and my pen is a misserable affair. I am glad to hear that your Fathers & Mother's heath has improved. And hope your cold is gone e'er this. I remember how very hoarse you sometimes are. I will also add that I will cure your Headache in five minutes if you will be seated. Ok how I long to ask you that simple question, but rather you were clear of Headache. I will not get home this Summer but may probably after the Campaign is over.

I would gladly have a Copy of the [underline] American Union [end underline]. I have thought I would write an article for it but have but little time for study. Write soon & often I remain As ever Only thine Lou J Seward [underline] Tom [end underline]