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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

It is a great pleasure to know that you are safely back in this country, for you are certainly entitled to the plaudits and gratitude of your fellow-citizens. I have had man after man tell me of the splendid service that you have rendered in Berlin. Are you not going to be in New York sometime? I am sure than many of your New York friends would welcome the chance to see you. Can you give me any dates when you will be here? I hope it will be soon as I shall be going off myself about the 11th of January and I shall be greatly disappointed if I do not have the chance to meet you and talk over the disaster which seems to me to bode ill for the whole world, and I judge from your remarks to the press upon your arrival that you feel similarly.

With best regards, and holiday greetings,

Sincerely yours,

*Oswald Garrison Villard*

Mr. George S. Messersmith,  
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

P.S. I think you will be interested in a letter which I have sent to Secretary Phillips, *copy enclosed*