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Mr. Leopold Bruenner,
State Capitol,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Bruenner:

Your letter of November 16th received and in reply allow me to say that the whole of St. Louis County has been tremendously tide up by the Influenza and the Fire. In spite of this however we have been getting leaders in each City where the population seemed large enough to promote this feature.

My list is nearly complete and expect it to be entirely so within a day or so and will mail the list to you and request that you send the song sheets to them.

We are planning here and throughout the County to have a Victory Sing at 5 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day afternoon and think it would be very nice if the Governor requested all the people of the State to gather wherever possible at this time for a sing to commemorate Victory.

It may interest you to know that during our celebration on November 11th when the city of Duluth ceased from all occupation to celebrate the Signing of the Armistice that singing played a large part in the celebration. We had four parades every one closing with singing.

During the United War Work Campaign singing was also a feature. At 12:45 P.M. each noon one of our large factory whistles blew and the people gathered in Restaurants on street corners and wherever gathered stood and sang "God Save our Noble Men." It has proven to be very effective here.

I have received the song sheets and will use them on Thanksgiving Day. We expect the Flu ban to be lifted within a week and we want to be prepared for a big blowout immediately following that.

Yours very truly,

J. R. Batchelor
Director