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It was more of a shock to me than I/~~felt~~ you may realize to learn of the passing of just about the last of my oldest and best friends and comrades-- 50 years, or almost-- and he was one with whom I cannot recall a single discordant word in our long relationship.

if Phil Callery ever flickered in his loyalty to a cause so many of us gave our all to I never heard of it. And he always reflected such a contagious charm that he was loved by all who knew him.

Grace D. and I had so much anticipated a visit from him before such a thing could happen as the passing of any of us without a thought of such a monstrous intervention. But, I guess that after all such eventualities may be expected from now on out-- The older the barn the more cobwebs appear and the weaker the timbers become. One by one the old structures disintegrate and fall. In the eternal fitness of things they seem to disappear and sink into the limbo of utter oblivion and in a comparatively short space of time even the remembrance of mankind.

It seems such a short time since Phil and Ben Wilson used to periodically occupy the bed we had in our front room of the shack we lived in in Girard. The door was always open and often we awake on a morning to find one or both of them peacefully sleeping on that front room bed. And they were both, oh, so welcome. What wonderful times we all had in our relationships and profound desires to save the world from poverty, corruption and wars. Those were in truth the good old days as were the days when your wonderful mother and your wonderful dad put out their shingle in Pittsburg-- "CALLERY AND CALLERY LAW FIRM." And how hopeful and ambitious they both were to accomplish great things in defending the workers and promoting their welfare. And how hopeful and ambitious we all were for them and their success. And how monstrous the tragedy of that dissolution; the cutting a part of the heart out of the hope of that achievement.

Anabel, I am afraid this letter ~~is~~ reflects too much of my sadness and melancholy. However, I'll let it go as is and hope you'll overlook its failure to

