

April 4

Mr. Walter Frese,
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Dear Walter:-

It was not until I saw the Saturday Review last night that I woke up to the fact of what has happened to me. Just before I went up to Colorado on the 10th of March I found out that La Fonda news stand was selling my RIO GRANDE at \$2. I went down at once to find out and the manager told me they couldnt understand it but that the Fred Harvey Hq. in Chicago has sent them out marked \$2. I went to both local book stores at once and they had heard nothing. I wrote to Charles Duell asking if he knew of this and had the Fred Harvey Co the right to reduce the price. I had an answer that they (D.S. & P) had decided to reduce the stock but that the Rio Grande would be in print for a long time to come. When I saw the book advertised on a remainder list for \$1.98 I tumbled. According to my contract I should have been notified and should have been given the opportunity to purchase the remaining copies. The total sales of the book as of my last statement was over five thousand to last fall. It sold well here this past Christmas. With barely 1000 copies left, I could easily have raised the money to buy these

and disburse them from here. The stores here have considered the book one of their good sellers. I has also sold well in Colorad@, in Taos andAlbuquerque.

As I have been extremely busy with regular work and in all spare time have been working on the Navaho book, I have doubtless been very much asleep at the switch. It occurs to me this morning that you may have known, in all probability have known the situation for some time. It is very easy out here to have days slip by and not know what is going on.

I just want you to know that I knew nothing of being "remaindered" when I wrote you regarding the Navaho book. This all puts me very much on the spot and I now consider my situation very serious.

Very truly yours,