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Dear Dottie,

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Two week ago today the first of the second 5,000 copies of HIREWASH were coming out of the bindery. Today 2,700 of them are sold - gone!

What excitement! Last week, the day after he got the last 500 of the first printing, one of the wholesalers phoned a rush order for an additional thousand, his fourth and largest order, each larger than its predecessor. Today, when he had just yesterday gotten the 500 additional ~~500~~ he ordered last week, a second wholesaler phoned the printer. While he was talking, having ordered another 500, he said, "Hell, these the way/things are going, better make it a thousand!"

The printer, who last week was encouraging me to have the book set in type and promised to do it in two weeks, today counsels against it. Instead he asks only that when we are in the last thousand we go back to press so he will not have to push the bindery so.

Meanwhile, the mail - and orders - keep flooding in. He mailed out 298 from home last week!

Thought you'd like to know.

Sincerely,