

My dearest Ruth,

I have just ~~was~~ cabled in response to Christy that I will sail on the Saxonia, March 31. I don't yet

know where she sails to. If to Liverpool I suppose I must spend a couple of nights in Birkenhead. If to Southampton I'll just expect you to meet me as you will. As the ship will presumably be met by mails before getting into dock you will be able to communicate with me, & in case we fail to meet any other way you had better give me the name of some hotel for a rendezvous.

Well, it gives me a great lift to be contemplating the arrival home; and at least it is no later than you expected.

I've been gyrating pretty rapidly since leaving Boston - New York for Friday night, a lecture in Philadelphia in the afternoon (where I had a very good audience at a Museum); entertained up to Sunday evening when I took train to Toledo; lectured there Monday night & left midnight for Buffalo; saw Niagara & came on here Tuesday evening. I lecture here to-night (Thursday) & leave for Chicago (15 hrs) to-morrow. I shall stay there over Sunday

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although the lecture there is off & go on to Iowa City Monday for a lecture there
in the evening. I am very glad I shall get so far west, though it is a long
way from my dream of seeing the Pacific Coast. After that I know of
only two more lectures, at Hanover, New Hampshire & at Boston. I
am very glad the public lecture there is coming off. There may be one or
two more lectures at schools - but that is all. Of course it is a very
disappointing affair altogether. However I shall have seen a good
deal of what is most typical of America.

From Iowa City I am going to Toronto to see my Uncle Wilfred
- about 24 hrs journey but not very much out of my way back to New York.

I had two very good letters from you yesterday - thank you. I am
very glad Aris is getting on well. You give me very little news of Arthur
but I suppose there is little to give. I am sorry you are worried about
money. I will write to Hinks at once. The garage is more expensive than

I anticipated & I believe Beagly was mistaken in not buying a ready made
hut; however we have probably a better garage.



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There's no doubt we shall have to be careful about
money at present. I am doing all I can to make some. I was very busy
yesterday writing an article of 5000 words for a magazine called Asia
for which I shall get \$400, about £85, but the Everest Committee may
take half. I think they owe me at present somewhere about £180. Besides
that I have been paid nothing yet for the Everest book & I intend writing
to my husband about that. And then from the lectures here there
should be a profit of \$2500 at least after deducting my expenses & everything &
from what Hinks said before I started I rather suppose the Committee may
give me half, so I should have £250 or more in that case. From ~~that~~
Christy's cable I imagine there may be some further prospect of lecturing
in England - but I'm not much disposed to take on more than an occasional
one; however it is too early to decide to turn down any proposal that
may come up.

It is rather a gloomy prospect from my own

here where I write - I still can't endure for long the public rooms in a hotel. Some friends of Absie's here, the Willards would have put me up had they been here: but after all I'm glad enough to have some time to myself.

I spent yesterday afternoon going over the Eastman factory where they make all their films etc. - interesting as such things go. This is a pretty young place.

I've said no word about Niagara though I hope Chase & Beridge will have received the p.c. I sent from there. The day I was there was the worst sort imaginable - a black east wind followed by a blizzard. Even so the tossing rush of waters swooping down one slant after another for miles above the fall & their clean apple-green swirl as they turn over is wonderfully impressive - the Canadian 'Horseshoe Falls' are far the best of it; the American fall was dirty & disappointing & much under the influence of the town Niagara which is abominably smelly & smoky.

I must get back to my article - much love to you all & with lovely anticipation of seeing you again
Your loving George



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