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Dearest homefolks-

Prehaps K will write you of the boat. She brought a gorgeous [illegible] of roses. She looked lovely in them with her grey coat.

We got the most amazing array of [illegible] – flowers, candy, fruit baskets, nuts, grapes, etc. Our stale room and dining table is [illegible] with roses of every hue. We did not get them till this morning.

We got to pier about 9,30 [illegible] on. Many in evening dress (first class) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and her sister Louise, Lois and other came. At eleven They had to leave and at 12, 10 the little tugs took us out into the river. One of our party thought they saw K on the deck but there were thousands of shouting weeping [illegible] waving and I could not see her.

We waited till we passed the statue of Liberty and then went down to our mail. The packages did not come til today. The food is amazing – four meals a day. Then all the fruit we will have to let spoil. Did not take [illegible] on anything and have not been a bit sick though arm is a little sore.

A fog all night and day has kept us from seeing stars on horizon..

Important – I fear schedule did not say how long in Budapest. I'll be there til June 20 and unless I can get a next address to you 12 days from then send letters to that address with ywca on. We got a free Hungarian visa because of the conference this saving ten dollars.

The [illegible] coat is under my coat saving my life. Please deposit enclosed check or use it for my debts. At any rate cash at once.

We are traveling second class which seems luxurious to me though K may have been a little [illegible]. We are about the only Anglo-saxons on. It is certainly good for any ego to be such a minority but Aunt May, the celebrities and millionaires are all 1<sup>st</sup> class.

They paid me a big travel advance and 450 advance salary so I did not have to overdraw.

## Sunday 20 May

Four of our party are sick very but I am [illegible] and eating three or four meals. I took one to the doctor to get a hypodermic of atrogin. The doctor begged us to come down often and teach him English.

I was not planning to go to London at all but let me have exact word at Budapest and I will see what I can do. Why dont you come over. The summer school in Latvia isnt over until the 18 of August after that I was going to Paris and then home.

[illegible] [illegible] in our party knew Aunt Katie on the missionary review and admired her very much.

I do not believe there is much chance for steamer [illegible]. The ones they have are about four times as thick as blanket plaids.

I am the only one who has written any letters yet but theres a chance a mail boat might come by so I am getting ready. The Olympic was in sight a long time yesterday an hundred miles away. You are supposed to be able to see three hundred.

Have you looked into the matter of duty on coverlets. If you do not watch you will have to pay a lot on their return.

## Tuesday

I have looked up your letter [illegible] London again. This is my schedule.

June 9-20 Budapest Worlds Committee

June 20-July 20 Trip with Lois Diehl (not yet determined).

July 22-30 Lois Diehl – YWCA 12 Kohtu tan Reval Estonia (use his address when in doubt after Budapest)

August 1-17 Baltic states summer school – (Reval address)

I was going to Paris after the SS July 18

Now I could cut the trip with Lois easily and get to London by July 19 but it would involve railroad from Vienna to London and back. Tru to let me know at Budapest whether you think it worthwhile. I would be glad of a chance to go to London but I am afraid you will lose a lot on this.

Do not fail to send E Boatrights address by next mail. Id like her to get us a place to stay a day or two in Heidleburg.

Also get Elizabeths address for Paris shops.

We have just passed the first of the [illegible]. They are [illegible] as Whistman said. The Roma is one of the largest boats.

I asked an Italian what he thought of Mussolini. He said he wanted to get into Ital so wouldn't mention his name. There are spies everywhere.

Thursday – I went to [illegible] this morning and later had breakfast with the priests. They were funny as could be.

We turn up our clocks about an hour every day we have made good time.

Fri – Everybody is getting excited about Gibraltar. We may have to get up in the night to see it.

Ask Mazie to please look in my trunk and send about 10 each of visiting and [illegible] cards if they are there.

I wonder how you are celebrating fathers birthday?

Have just caught my first glimpse of the old world. The tip end of Portugal . Tomorrow we will be in the [illegible] [illegible] all day.

Sat – We got up at 4. The sun was rising behind high mountains on the Spanish coast and we could see Africa on the other side. At five it was all bright and we came to Gibraltar. It is far grander than its picture.

At 8,30 they had drill letting down all the life boats and getting out the whole crew.

Sunday – I am over at first class and have a good chance to mail this. We are [illegible] off at Naples for an [illegible] drive to [illegible] and [illegible].

Be sure and write.