



June 6
leaving Florence

TRANSATLANTICO "ROMA,"

Dear Mother and Father
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angelo are buried - also the famous
de' Medici Chapel - then to St
Michele the earliest church in
Florence - then to the Bargello
Museum where most of the
statuary is - In the afternoon
we went to the Pitti Palace
and saw many of world
most famous pictures including
Raphael's Madonna of the Chair
We climbed up to the tower
where the Brownings were
yesterday we went first to
San Marco where Leonardo
lived - saw his cell and every-
thing - then to the Academy
of Fine Arts to see mostly Michel-
angelo's famous statue of
David - then to the Cathedral
Museum to see Donatello's
Singing Boy - then to the Baptistery

(1) where Dante was baptized -
then shopping in the afternoon. I
bought something for each
and every one. (Can't get
two goblets - Butter plates are
\$4.50 each - if maybe we'll write
what she can get them for
I can get them further north -
I hope you have written
about London -
Everywhere one sees signs
of Mussolini - pictures and
phrases praising him - the
papa but they call the pope
and the king don't seem
to be in it.

- We have just bought a
Chicago Tribune - the first
news for over two weeks -
Nearly all the sporty women
carry cameras - So I may
arrive with one - I have thought
less than anyone in the party but
my bags are bursting -
I have learned to count
and spend Italian money
fine but the language is hard,
because nearly all Italian
speak French or English. -

3) The American Express is
marvelous - they know everything
and do everything for you -
they don't know of Hungarian
money though - so we have
written him to meet us at
the station in Budapest with
money for tips etc
Venice - the wheat fields are
one mass of red poppies -
do not see how France could
have more - Venice is
lovelier than the picture
thousand of little canals -
the taxis are all gondolas -
I read a book saying -
that if you knew only two
words you could get along
in Italy - Muto Bello -
very beautiful - the Italian
will do anything for you if
you think that country
beautiful - We certainly
use it - Muto Bello
hors d'oeuvre salad and everything
- I looked for linen and / -

Love for Mazie for something
this afternoon. It is very
high - Tell Mazie to let me
know what kind of linen
she likes and I will find
it in the north -
Consult the P.O. and allow
more time on mail - No word
yet and I am frantic -
Much love
Dearest -

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Eleanor.

Thurs.

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