

# Murphy House

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My dearest Lois

Things feel depressed here today and I am one of the "things." The fires seem pretty well over, relief parties have been out for a couple of days and we have a fair idea of the probable loss of life.

The total number of bodies found so far is about 60, about 30 of which are from one mine - the "West Dome" probably 10 from the "Dome" mine and probably 10 from the town and the lake and 10 more from the bush. There are probably from 20 to 40 more in the bush. I think 40 is the extreme limit although other people think there are more.

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We have got a tent up but it is not much fun camping on the ashes of our house.

Personally, I suppose I have lost \$60<sup>00</sup> or \$70<sup>00</sup> but am thankful to have got off without being hurt.

Twenty or thirty coffins on the station platform is a strong reminder that the rest of us are very fortunate.

I hope you are enjoying yourself at Cap a l'Aigle. I believe I would like to spend my holidays there too. Just now however things are more mixed up than usual and the time for my holidays has not been decided.

I never got this off but will send it anyway.

St. James  
MAY 15/1911  
MANAGER

Respectfully

11/12/11

We have had a very good time  
and are very much pleased  
to hear from you and  
hope you are all well  
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