

First letter

Montreal

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My dearest Son

I am sorry you have been upset by my failure to write. Please try to be as patient and contented as you can. I am very lonely for you too but I know that it cannot be helped. With plenty of money Montreal by myself would be just passable but without money it is pretty hard.

I have just spoken to Cor + Muriel on the phone. They are ordering some eggs and a barrell of flour and probably some oatmeal and rice. Nevertheless any provisions that you can get at normal or near normal prices

you can not be making a
mistake in buying. The European
nations including England,
France & Russia will be placing
orders for all over this years
crop and we will absolutely
certainly have prices for
flour and other meal raised
50% to 100%. People will then
use more perishable foods
and the increased demand
will raise these prices to a
greater extent than in the
case of the material actually
being shipped abroad.

In any case its better to be
sure than sorry and anything
you buy is an absolutely safe
investment. Let me know
however what you are doing and

what you want ³ me to do for you.

Now Lois dear this is all absolutely as a precaution and may be partly unnecessary but as I say you cannot make a mistake in buying food.

It is possible that the Rand shops, already $\frac{2}{3}$ shut down may close entirely, in which case I would have to go on one month's notice. I want to know therefore just what balances you have in all your accounts and also what bills will have to be paid before May 1st when our lease expires. Just as a precaution I would like to have this information. We cannot sell

any stocks and probably no dividends ^{may} be paid.

So that I may have to get a little money from Dad or someone and I may want to know how much we need.

Now Lois, I am almost sure of getting to Metis next Saturday but if I lose my job of course I cannot go. But you stay there and be patient. I am doing the best I can. I will not ask "Fate" or "Pick" to come down as I really feel that we ought not take any chances but should economise until we hear more news. Do not let anyone know that we are alarmed, but just be careful.

Please darling do not think that I am becoming more "critical".
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