



PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

On Board S.S. _____

Enroute to San Francisco + Los Angeles

Sunday Afternoon 10th Nov 1925

My dearest Poi

I have really nothing to say but remembering your feeling that I should be stricken with the writing bug about once a day, I will make a start.

The little Canadian boats with their friendly officers and crew rather spoil you for a big boat like this. I suppose there are a couple of hundred passengers - two sittings in the dining room - three people in my cabin including myself and no one to whom I seem to look at all interesting. I have been sitting out on the top deck by myself on the only deck chair that there seems to be on the ship. My hands are rather stiff with cold, hence the cramped writing.

We are running down the ~~east~~ coast with a breeze blowing and a bright sunshiny day but rather too cool for comfort.

I cannot quite see our



way through our expense situation.

I have to pay accounts before Christmas amounting to almost \$3000⁰⁰, including City Taxes, School Taxes, Home Taxes, Repairs to front steps, repayment of Mother's loan of \$1000⁰⁰. In addition I have got to pay up for my mistake by sending Hugh about \$3000⁰⁰ to put my account with them into acceptable condition. Unfortunately I have got to do all this at a time when the sale of my securities will yield only about half what they would have at the time I left Montreal. It does not seem worth bothering to calculate exactly but as far as I can ~~get~~ guess, apart from my CSRB stock I am afraid I owe more than the total amount of my cash and securities. It might be worse but it might be a very great deal better. If I were at home I would drive our car to Sherbrooke and endeavor to rent the other half of our garage for the winter to the same young man who had it last year.

That is the only economy I can suggest.

We cannot interfere with the kids schools.

I think I shall ³resign from the tennis club. I never use it anyway. In a way I am glad to be here. I am not spending a nickel of my own money and don't intend to from Oct 5th to Dec 5th. Please do not make any change in your housekeeping arrangements this winter. It would not look well. Any saving of that kind will have to wait until next summer.

There is a rather heavy ground swell and most of the passengers are either sick or else looking as if they were going to be. A four piece orchestra have just begun to play at my elbow, apparently to raise waning spirits. There is a piano banjo, clarinet and drums.

We travel all tonight, all tomorrow and tomorrow night until eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning. We then spend until three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in San Francisco before going on down to Los Angeles where we arrive at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

I wish I could think of something

pleasant to say. ⁴ Oh yes, I went to
a football game yesterday with our Seattle
manager Mr Selkregg. It was between
Stanford and Washington Universities
and Stanford won 6-0. Afterwards

I went to Mr Selkregg's home for
dinner and a game of bridge. He is
a good man and handled me well
but I am too introspective and could
not escape the consciousness that they
were being nice to me as an official of
the company. I would give a lot to
find someone who would fall for me
for me myself but I am discouraged.
I can see no tangible accomplishment
arising from my trip so far nor from
anything else I have done for months.

I have had no letter from Mr Gilman
since I left Montreal.

I hope the house is running
OK and that it is warm and
comfortable. Best love

Yours affectly

Edward.