

Trip to Spokane, and novelty of Air Travel

ONE OF AMERICA'S EXCEPTIONAL HOTELS

# Davenport Hotel

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COVERS AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK

Sunday Afternoon  
14<sup>th</sup> Aug 1937

Spokane, Washington

My dear Lois

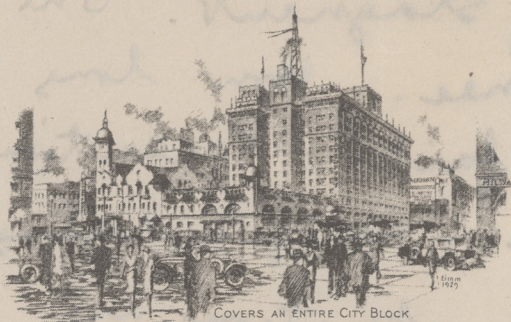
I must tell you of my trip. In a surprisingly short time we were running along Lake Champlain and the Hudson River and landed in a busy airport at Newark N.J. across the river from New York. There I learned that my accomodation to Chicago was OK but beyond that nothing definite. Most of the two hours we were in clear weather - Sun on our right clear view below. Then a few clouds which fogged our windows and our view until we passed above and to the right of them leaving their fleecy tops as a pretty view. While we were still in the rays of the Sun it got dark below and the street lights came on. White at each street corner making a pattern like a mattress - then a main street in each town all red with advertising signs. Newark Airplane [was] brilliantly lighted and smoothly paved - loud speakers announcing departures and paging stray passengers. I should have mentioned a delicious sandwich lunch served by an attractive and efficient hostess who had to wait on 15 hungry people. Sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, cakes, pepper mints, cigarettes, gum all free.

The motion and sound was similar to a Pullman [on the plane] (over)

a little smoother and a little more of a roar.

In half an hour we were off again - this time in a still larger and more luxurious plane. I think it held 24. We kept the Big Dipper on our right and ground along at 190 miles an hour and about 8000 feet elevation. I suppose we stopped two or three times but I was dozing - I remember the river and the lights at Windsor-Detroit. Then in 4 or 5 hours we came to Lake Michigan + Chicago and found another big bright busy airport but no reservation so they paid my way to a good hotel and got me a room for about 5 hours for which I was really not very sorry - then back again half an hour to the air port and away we went - this time North Western Airways board for Billings near Butte Montana where I was again stalled. The trip from Chicago to Billings took from about 8 in the morning till about 3 in the afternoon. Then they drove me to a hotel where I had a bath, - had a "Lime Freeze" in a cooled room then dinner in the same cool room - Then saw Will Rogers in "David Harum" across the street and then away to the airport again. My final trip was from about 8 PM till 10.45 PM when guided by beams we made our way through a low spot in the mountains and landed in the Spokane Airport. And drove to this very excellent Hotel. I would not have missed it for anything.

Best Love Edward.



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I went from Montreal to N.Y. then crossed most of the Continent - lost 5 hours waiting at Chicago and another 5 at Billings. - left you at 6 P.M. and got here at 10.45 P.M. next day.

Would have got here at 10.45 AM if my connections had been arranged in advance.

It is going to be hard to go by rail next time in spite of my promise to you. It was blazing hot across the prairie and a blessing when we left the level of the little prairie towns and got back to 6 or 8 thousand feet where it was cooler but not cool enough and the men removed their coats. Here on the contrary they have had a cold August. I am writing on the mezzanine floor and in front of me at the opposite end on the ground floor a big wood fire is blazing in the grate.

For Arthur has Arterial Sclerosis? - Hardening of the Arteries - Circulation is impaired and fails

first at the extremities. A toe is removed.  
The other leg is dangerously stagnant. One leg  
must go above the ~~thigh~~ knee. How long will  
it be before the other leg fails? - Precautions -  
Careful dosing with insulin - careful dieting -  
Prospect not cheerful. These operations are  
hard on the system, slow to heal and expensive  
on the pocket book.

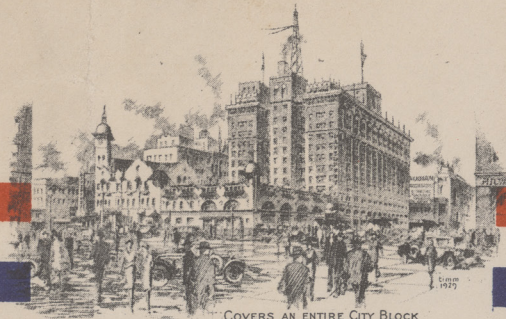
What a blessing is good health.

At Billings - Cow boys, Cow girls, big hats,  
high heeled boots, shirts open at the neck  
with a coloured handkerchief for finery  
many of the girls in overalls blue denim trousers  
some in bright coloured trousers. Streets crowded  
- Rodeo week. like Calgary Stampede.

At Spokane a Hotel full of Mexicans  
Some in military uniforms - most in fancy  
tan coloured leather coats + trousers. HUGE  
hats with spangles striped Navaho blankets  
over their left arm or round them when it  
gets cooler at night - their ladies in  
corresponding rather barbarous finery. There goes  
a lady - salmon sequin dress - long dark striped vertically  
white pink green. a man is stopping the fire. It is blazing  
as high as his chest. - Quite a gay scene below me and plenty of  
chatter

with Navaho shirt made in Spokane + The children on intricate - oh  
so fine dark beautiful  
Indian dress with  
big spangles black hair with dramatic tresses

with maroon coloured lapels; brass buttons  
with the great slightly  
with deep maroon coloured lapels; brass buttons  
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