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My dear Mother,

You will doubtless

by this time be howe again,
& anxious to hear how I am
getting on. We arrived here

yesterday night, rather late, & I

this morning came down from

the town to the landing, about a

mile distant to see about

steamers. The Red Cloud of

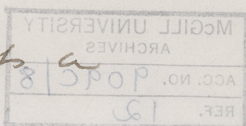
which I intended to go is

here but the police are not

& hardly likely to arrive here

tille Wednesday. This has

least be able to drop a
first card row & then. The
prospect of the voyage is
dreary enough as the passengers
by whom the steamer is crowded
are rough western looking characters
for the most part. The weather
is delightfully fine, not too warm
& perfectly clear. Everything very
dry & parched looking already,
though the young leaves are only partly
out on the poplars along the
river flats. From Toronto
to Chicago & in Chicago
we had excessively hot weather,
quite debilitating to one dressed
more for winter than summer.



Whether we shall in the end get
 up before the Red Cloud or not
 is an uncertain question, but
 being here with this boat on the
 point of starting, it seemed best
 to try. A few days in
 advance will be a considerable
 advantage to me in making
 arrangements. Ask W. if not
 too much trouble to order the
 weekly witness by address at
 Ft. McLeod. Already the
 baggage sweeper has been washed
 by Cameron, but I hope to be able
 to re-construct it at Benton.
 With love to all, a hoping that your
 trip has been a pleasant one
 your son George

determined me to take passage
 in another steamer, the Peck
 which sails either this evening or
 tomorrow morning, as soon as
 you get us all the freight can be
 brought on board. There is
 still a third steamer, the Benton
 which may get off before this, but
 she is so crowded that no berth
 can be had. It may be 12 or 15
 days before we reach Benton,
 much depending on the stage
 of the water & prevalence or
 otherwise of head winds. What
 chance there may be for
 writing on the way, I do not
 yet know, but hope I may at-