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Bismark to Benton,  
slight mudbank

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My dear Anna,

As we are supposed to reach  
It Stevenson this evening, the first place  
with a name above Bismark, I set down  
to write a few lines to let you know how I  
am getting on. We left Bismark very early  
yesterday (Monday) morning the whole of the  
preceding day having been spent in putting  
cargo on board. Yesterday afternoon we struck  
on mud bank No. 1. in the midst of a  
shower of cold rain with heavy wind, & did  
not get off till after dark, when we tied up  
for the night. Today we have progressed  
without accident so far, but we must  
expect to be on many more before we reach  
Benton. Finding the Steamer Red Cloud by  
which I had intended sailing, had to wait  
an indefinite number of days for the Police,



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who are coming up by steamer to Duluth,  
I took passage in the C.R. Peck. If we  
stick in some bank while the Red Cloud goes  
by it will be provoking enough, though I must  
say it takes a good deal to disturb my  
equilibrium one way or other. I seem to  
lose but all interest of feeling of any kind  
or particular interest in anything. The  
baggage swabbers succeeded in breaking my  
Camera box to pieces on the way to Besimard's,  
but I think the instrument itself can be so  
repaired as to be used, after reaching Benton.  
At St Paul I invested another dollar in light  
literature of the Cheap series, & took now  
from through Sebas Warner, Sam Slick, &  
By the River by Cuthbert Macquoid. The scenery is  
wonderful, the Company odious, & reading ones  
my resource.

Believe me  
Your Affectionate Brother George