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2.30 P.M.

Dearest Anna,

We should see the south  
Coast of Ireland some time this after-  
noon and reach Liverpool to-morrow  
afternoon. Our voyage thus far has  
been most uneventful and smooth.  
Indeed we have had only one day  
with anything like a heavy sea.  
Bernard was on the verge of being  
ill, but did not go beyond. I, of course,  
had a bad head and spent most of  
the day in my cabin which is always  
airy and fresh as we keep the window  
open day and night. [The first four  
days were exceedingly cold, but since  
then it has been getting gradually warmer  
and one no longer requires an overcoat.  
The sky has been almost constantly  
overcast and we have had very few  
peeps at the sun since we left, nor  
have we seen a single star. This is a

very steady and comfortable ship and our cabin is roomy and bright.

It has a fine wide couch or sofa on which I have spent a good deal of my time, resting and reading. I have also walked many miles on deck and one day played shuffle-board for three or four hours, so that I have had plenty of exercise. There are some very nice people on board but I have not made as many acquaintances as Bernard. Sir Walter Thorburn is a pleasant Scotchman from Peebles, not very far from Edinburgh. He represented one of the Scottish counties in parliament for twenty years or more. To-day he gave me his card and asked me to look him up if we went to Scotland. Then we have a Capt. Scott-Harden, a military man who has been all over the world and who acted as correspondent for the "Graphic" in the Russo-Japanese war. He went through the South African war and was wounded near Ladysmith. Quite

near me at table is a naval man who has just come from Hong Kong. He is an inveterate talker, but, of course, talks intelligently.

I thought of you much on Wednesday and wondered whether you were getting off comfortably for duties. Once there I hope you will be able to get some rest and quiet. You should I think try to get Sucky to put some time into the garden, even if he has to be well paid for it. Otherwise it will be difficult to get the place into good order next spring. Before leaving I sent Sucky a cheque for \$20. to cover the \$13.00 which he was to get for painting the roof and some of the dring to the station. He will, no doubt, give you an account of what he has done. Perhaps, on the whole it may be best not to anchor out the big boat as it would be difficult to get it properly attended to. If you use the Boney boat it should first be scraped and varnished and if it requires a new pair of oars (and rowlocks)

Conrad could send you some from Montreal. However, arrange as you think best or get Mr. Fleus to advise you in the matter.

Yesterday a Mrs. Chisholm from Montreal informed me that she knew my eldest daughter's father and that she saw her often at the Kohls'. She seems a pleasant woman and though her face seems familiar to me I do not remember having heard of her before. Bernard is enjoying himself thoroughly. He plays endless games of whist and "checkers" and will no doubt have his wits sharpened thereby.

Sunday, 5. P.M.

We got to the dock at 4 o'clock and are now at the Ind. & N. Western Hotel - with numbers of other passengers from our ship. I am glad that no one met us as one feels very stupid after coming off the ship and we shall feel much more like visiting tomorrow. We have had a wonderfully good passage and find that the Empress has not so much ahead of us. She got in last evening and we took a much more southerly course than she did.

Love to all including Mrs. Motion.

Bernard