

Thus. 9.30 p.m.

Darling daughter,

Train on time - 6.40 - + the hospitable Mrs White alighted from it too - + took me home with her in her motor - also a nice Captain Dawson whom she had "picked up", didn't even know her name - but we all got quite chummy (continued next day) and he told us his name + about his work. I've been dictating a letter to Mother telling her about it.

Dec. 28. 5 p.m.

I've been busy all the morning - dictated to a very indif. man stenog. + did some other things but haven't accomplished much.

I saw Dr Shaw last night at her our lair - the first time I have gone there - I can't keep on letting her come to me at the hotel, somehow I remember her 10 years too much, insistent going to her: tho' I daresay I shall feel mad all over again when I am in our own headquarters + she will not come to me. She wouldn't mind herself, but she thinks I imagine that people would think she had succumbed to the W.N.P. + that would "harm the cause."

I wonder who has my [spur?] - Robert? I am not inconvenienced, quite the contrary for I have discover the nicest piece yet - such are the blessings of adversity!

A. P. spent last night w. me + we made plans. I'll prob. go to Portland for a meeting after the N.Y. meeting - New York in Jan 4 - Portland [~~5~~] 5 [~~6th~~] 6th I think. E.

Elicott will come next time - + I shall have her, if she'll stay, in possession of my room at the Bellevue. It [was] [~~was~~] nice to get back to the same one yesterday + I was glad I had it as a permanently (for 2 months). Mrs. White asked me last night if I wouldn't spend the winter with her - so nice of her - but I wouldn't want to - very ungrate. of me

I've asked Mother to ask Mrs Shoemaker to let me return the p. pudding (12) + the 12 tins of sauce. Will you ask E.W.K.B. to have them put in one of those tinder boxes they came in and to have them all ready. I hope Mother will take them to Clarke's in her motor. I asked her to do this in my letter just now. It is so much nicer than to

ask Mrs Shoemaker to send for them.

I've had a grand time dictating + could have dicted this to you, but am specially writing it because you are my dear daughter - probably you'll wish you weren't - it really is better for me to dictate than to send you these fierce scratches.

I'm very well - as usual and Wash. is lovely - so [much] [~~much~~] sky + no snow at all. Gladys Wattkins came up to me in a store this a.m. - very well - living here with her Ma this winter - "Billy" at Camp Meade. She is going to take me to see him - 30 miles motor.

Very loving darling, and loving to hear that you are well - no cough at all -

Mother.

Such a lovely xmas. I'll always think of it as a very especially nice one. Esther + Robert are sending gifts + so are you.