3 Hsi-Chiao Hutung Peping, China

February 8, 1930.

My dear Gertrude,

Your cablegram stating that you were on the President McKinley bound for San Francisco was the first new we have had from you since you left. When the message arrived I noted that it was marked as having come from Shanghai. This puzzled me at first until I bethought myself that you had probably asked the Purser of the ship to forward the message for you through the Dollar Office in Shanghai. We were hoping for a letter from Japan telling us of you experiences in Tientsin, in Korea and on the railway, but now we shall be obliged to wait until our letter from the ship arrives telling us all about what you have done. It seems only a short time since you and Mrs. Perkins arrived in Peking and now, as I am writing, you are homeward across the Pacific.

I have enquired from the American Express Company concerning your things in Tientsin and they have informed me that there has been no trouble. I have asked them to enquire the date of sailing and the name of the steamer on which they were shipped to Portland. I hope that they will all reach you in good order.

We all join in much love to you and in kind regards to Mrs. Perkins,

Yours as ever, John

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