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Dear Mother:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am getting along very well. I hope you are feeling much better. I wonder if you are interested in the work I am teaching my classes? In my Economic History course we have been studying the growth of Socialism. I wonder if you know that Socialism has grown very much since the war. Of course Russia is the great example but other countries have had Socialist parties in power. One thing that the Socialists stand for is international peace, and disarmament. They believe that one workingman should not fight against another, but that all workingmen should unite against all capitalists to enforce a different system of property ownership. Just now the United States is considering building a huge navy to compete with England and petitions are being circulated to stop this. I suppose you and Mary will be signing them. I will not be able to sign such a petition because I am not a citizen just at present, I know a woman born in this country who lived abroad for some time and who lost her citizenship by marrying a foreigner who nearly lost her chance to become naturalized by saying that she would not take up arms. It held up the case but a higher official overruled it to show his authority and she got in.

I suppose you are always interested in the weather. We have some querr paradoxes in temperature conditions. For example I know if it is cold weather my office will be warm because on every day except cold ones the steam heat is turned off at 5 P. M. to keep the bill down. On cold days it is more economical to have the heat on all night than to have such a heavy load in the morning.

Then again on bright , sunny days with no rain we alwas expect to get a touch of frost at night, but cold drizzly days have warm nights. The days this week are the sunny kind and so we have cold nights and warm offices. Isn't that quite a paradoxical string of results?

Well I must stop to get some other work done. I send my my love and best wishes.

Love

*Willie*