July 13, 1918

Mother Darlings -

Just a short letter today. I wrote to Tad this morning in reply to her most welcome letter and expected to write you a nice long letter this afternoon but another rush has started and "Yours Truly" has to be on the job. There isn't a particle of news. The correspondence between Jack and myself has been unfruitful as yet. I had a chance to go to Paris yesterday with Daisy, who left on the coming train, but I turned it down for many reasons. If Tad comes over
I want to be able to see her and so am going to save my leave until that possibility has been settled one way or another. The weather is still very cool although delightfully bright and sunny. It doesn't firm at all like midsummer weather. Just think of it dear, the summer is half gone already. In two days more it will be exactly a year since I left home— that hardly seems possible does it? Of course our being together in Indianapolis made the time pass
much easier for us, and we should be wonderfully thankful that we could be together during that time. I'm sure we both are. There is no indication of an early peace. These matters can't be decided until our own army has had a good life-sized crack at Bissau when it has I imagine he will change his mind about conquering the world. He has a man-sized contract on his hands before he succeeds in accomplishing that, and I know it, for these boys didn't travel so many thousands of miles to be licked. The people at home may rest assured that when our army comes back it will be a victorious army and the world will be safe for 'The Democratic Party.'

Mother dear, one thing worries me and at the same time rather amuses me. That is the attitude you all take about my work. You seem to think I am worked to death; truly
wish you could see for yourself how little cause there is for your worry about that. Of course during a rush we all have to work continuously and very hard but they work last over three or four days and then we have very little to do except routine work until the next one. I am in perfect health and wonderful condition. That is absolutely true dear and so now you must promise never to worry about me again.
Jack's letter to Ted was good. I am so glad he is happy at last and he must be for the tone of his letters to me has entirely changed. I can just imagine what a storytelling time we are all going to have when we get home and how much fun you girls will have discrediting our stories. I am sure savoring up some good ones for you. I pity that Ferris State isn't here for them we would hear some classics. The mail today
brought no letter from you, only
the one from Ted. I was mighty
glad to get it because I think a lot
more of Ted than anyone else
on earth beside you and the
babies. She is my favorite sister.
Tell her to write again.

Well my darling I really
must go as I feel what I have
needed. I have already written
more than I expected to be able
to write. I will write again

tomorrow dear, and every other
day, just to let you know that I
love you and am thinking of
you all the time. Kiss my dear
dear babies and Ted. With loads
of love and millions of kisses to
your own sweet self dear, I am
your homesome

[Signature]
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Turn on the Electric Light.
To-day, 9.10 p.m.; to-morrow, 9.9 p.m.

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COUNT HERTLING

German Chancellor Says This Is His
"Attitude," But Refuses to
Fix "Details."

BALE, Saturday.—A Berlin despatch
of yesterday’s date says:—

With regard to the declarations on the
question of Belgium made to-day by the
Chancellor before the Plenary Commissi­
on of the Reichstag, details have cir­
culated among the public which might
provoke a misunderstanding. The inte­
gral text of this part of Count Hertling’s
speech is therefore made public:­

"As far as concerns the future of Bel­
gium, the occupation and present pos­
session of Belgium signifies simply, as I
said yesterday, that we have therein a
gage for future peace negotiations. The
word 'gage' in itself signifies that it
is not intended to keep what is held as a
gage if negotiations bring about a fa­
vorable result. We have no intention
of keeping Belgium under any form
whatsoever: we wish, exactly as I said
on February 24, that Belgium should be
resuscitated after the war as an inde­
pendent State—the vassal of nobody—
and live on good, friendly terms with
us. This is the point of view I have held
since the beginning in the Belgian ques­
tion and which I hold still to-day. This
part of my policy is in perfect har­
mony with the main general lines which I ex­
posed to you yesterday.

"We are making war as a war of de­
defence, and because we are doing so, be­
cause, since the beginning, we have
shown no imperialist tendency and no
desire to dominate the world—our war
objects correspond to what we desire,
i.e., the integrity of our territory and
the way open for the free development
of our people, notably in the economic
domain.

"The details of this attitude will depend
on future negotiations. I cannot make
any declaration which will bind us for
the future. I must content myself with
having once more clearly fixed the de­
termining general principles."—Havas.