

Ubel, Danieli, Venice

Dec. 13th /91

Dearest Annie

Night before last when I was feeling miserably blue & depressed after having spent the whole day in bed in profound discouragement (wh. the addressing of Klaus cards only seemed to deepen) because of a suddenly developed attack of rheumatism, came your letter within a Sunday eve 8^{PM} which made me very unhappy and gave me a nervous chill, with which I was still shaking in spite of rugs & pills when the Dr. appeared - Yesterday morn'g at about 10 o'cl. the letter for quartet & 29th & the envelope of melancues for quartet 30th came together, & after hesitating a good deal, I concluded to send yr. the cable as on the whole you seemed to regret the letter on second thoughts & second thoughts are just, so I feel that generally unhappily for late I hope in the benefit of them if you wished it. So in the afternoon I got

② up I went out & sent the cable & this
morning at 8.30 came the answer, wh. must
have reached Venice last night but in
case of delivery, I suppose — although I felt
almost sure that the word was "unread",
it was just possible that it might be "and
read" so I got it to the man at the
tel. office & asking him to have it repeated
to the office with the result you see —

The letter apparently reached Brown Shipley
& Co. open, as you see they have sealed
it before forwarding, but I suppose it
is unlikely that any one had read it en
route — It must have come open before the forwarding
office & their office, as otherwise
it wd have been marked "open when read" by
the P.O. people — but please be very careful
and you see the envelope also was
beginning to heat —

I am so sorry you are so discouraged &
so desperate about all the trouble —
I am discouraged about everything —
The Whains & the Tributes & the trials of
Venice I can not let you see much of you
see —

The days & the weeks go by & almost nothing
of the things I want to do & hope to do is accom-
plished & there is no pain & discomfort —
This week I have seen Sae Giotto & had the
same aff. went to the Lido with the nurse & an
Cane in Ven. Sandomo, spent nearly 2 hrs.
one day at the Musée Correr, went over
the Hospital one afternoon, hunted for boxes
cards one aft., & spent Wed. morn & Thurs.
day in bed. Friday do. until dinner time,
and rest. until 3 o'cl. — To-day I got up at
11 & spent about an hour in Sae Marco
but came back very tired & have been
able to do nothing since, but lie back in an
easy chair reading & sleeping —

I enclose a calculation I made some
time ago ^{after you had left} ~~wh. you have~~ ^{partially} ~~could also~~.
I hope Bessie is better & I wish this
was such a dreary letter for you & Helen
hear news — I hope the next steamer will
take a brighter one for you — This at any
rate carries much love — With a good
night kiss
 Lovingly yours,
Mary Es.