

Thursday, June 8th

Dear Folks,

The Morrises, + Cornelia + Miriam pull out tonight + I'd be horribly low in my mind if I were not too scandalous busy to think about it. Specially as I was about to hitch up my special wagon to the next train at Samara, having gotten the party off to Moscow one week ago today + spent another 24 hrs on business with ARA, the govt office, the special police (over a theft from our car of Dr. Elliott's brief case) etc - I found the Moscow train just in + our three new people including Dorothy North were on it. I whooped + fell upon them + did not travel home in lonely state after all you see + oh what a refreshing trio they were after the tragically weary + broken ones whom I was seeing out to Samara.

Food business is a bit slack just now since corn shipments are in till August (warehouse full) + for 6 weeks Moscow + Samara have been playing tag with each other to see which ships us food hereafter + meantime we get none at all + we've only half enough to fill July orders which we begin to shoot out June 24th.

Moscow office is having great times + is far too hard pressed - even wired me to come along up with the others for important conference on reorganization but with 4 new folk working on the jobs just left by Morrises, Cornelia Miriam + Korosky, I'm worse needed here I believe + will go up after our June 17th conf. if I am still needed or Coroline cannot come down.

It is ages since I've had a line from you - over a

week is all when I count up but it seems so much longer somehow due to my living on the railroad so much of the time. Got back here Sunday evening & am now full-fledged Field Director in Howers place & it's a far bigger business than when I was on it before. Being really busy & needed once more though I'm far happier than I've been for the past 2 months & that means a lot.

The days are heavenly & crops growing their hardest - cool & rain enough to be lovely too & our Ford touring car expected this week so we'll be emancipated at last & can get busy on seeing our territory & watching it grow. Everyone living almost solely on our food now & the villainy is that despite a banner yield there is so little planted - thanks to scarcity of seed, poor quality & lack of man & horse power - consider it impossible with out aid to pull through next year. It will take far less help than this year however so our job now is to do out reconstruction plans of supplementary feeding for children, medical & sanitary aid, demonstration farm & agricultural school, etc & industries. Once more I seem to be digging in for keeps but this time the new chief is already on the ocean coming this way so before many moons I'll be turning homeward - want a month in England, Scotland & Ireland on my way home, but I'll be there before you know it. Now I want to hug you both hard this minute.

Heaps of love
yours
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