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we get in america that I can not be blamed much for fulling as I do, now their I have had the opportunity to above my alpine stress and relate the whole sines of events of the aummer to several of the friends on board shall probably derafe to go before my sludents ar slukinson, Baldwin Kindly wed me of the expension of one of the young institutions or yole, by way of a warning, suppose, This man had bad a very wondryful summe in Europe and wors several opportunities to belate experiences to his classes the following year. when the annual carrie our the students had added another Vacatros day to the college Calendar - to give the young man a chance to the and the expenses on ou day. It may be a little hard to go to work again. Thank now down a lies on board

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Very sincerely.

Thomas Blakey.

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Miss Jane Persons, 11 Verndale Strus Browding mass

My dear miss Perkins;

Last things are beginning to come along – the last afternoon snooze on the hurricane deck has just ended. There was a chance still upon leaving Bologne that I might have time after landing to run over to Boston for a day for as luck would have it, we had very bad weather, the fog lasted for four days steadily with the fog horn signal every sixty seconds. Many of the passengers did not have a good sleep during the whole time but such things did not bother others and us. This bad weather – rain, wind and fog means that we will not reach New York until tomorrow morning instead of Sunday night or this morning.

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I will now reach Carlisle until late Tuesday night. It will mean missing the first faculty meeting I fear. Well, the voyage home has been quite as delightful as the trip over. We did not find the jolly [Wrigler?] crowd. Baldwin had sailed a week earlier. His grandfather had died and he was called home to look after the estate. But the Potsdam has 65 professors and doctors, a group of Wellesley and Vassar girls and the rest of a not very different type. It was not very long before [Ditlessen?], a Dartmouth – Harvard asst. Prof. of Biology at univ. of Del. and I had met Prof. and Mrs. Kirby Flower Smith, latin of Johns Hopkins and thereafter this old smoking – bar would become as comfortable as the one on the Kaiser Franz Joseph. I miss George, however. Such times here we had.

It may not be nice – nasty, as the English friends say, [not?] want to get back to America but that has been such a remarkable summer – so different from any

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we get in America that I cannot be blamed much for feeling as I do. Now that I have had the opportunity to show my alpine [sticks?] and relate the whole series of events of the summer to several of the friends on board. I shall probably be safe to go before my students at Dickinson. Baldwin kindly told me of the experience of one of the young instructors at Yale, by way of a warning, I suppose. This man had had a very wonderful summer in Europe and took several opportunities to relate experiences to his classes the following year. When the arrival came [over?] the students had added another vacation day to the college calendar – to give the young man a chance to tell all the experiences on one day. It may be a little hard to go to work again. I have not done a lick on board anyway. But there are lots of things to be done upon arriving in Carlisle, and I suppose before the week closes it will seem quite natural to [meet?] classes again. Wonder how things opened up with you. You have had several days now and are used to it. I hope you left your mother much improved in health.

I had intended to tell you about the last two weeks in Europe, but, honestly, it's no place to write on board a boat, with so much going on all the time. I would not have been able to get

this time had [Ditlessen?] not settled down to the same thing. He is going to get over to visit his parents in Cambridge. It's a pity

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Dickinson opens so early. I'd come over with him. But it will be no Boston this time. When I'll be able to make it now I do not know. I hope to hear from you when I reach Carlisle. And now for [harboring?] and the custom office.

Very Sincerely, Leonard Blakey Off Sandy Hook, 3:30 p.m.