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Theodor Metz Erben
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Köln Domplatz, July 27. 1904

Dear Miss Tarbell.

I had hoped to find a letter here from you but shall keep on hoping till Monday now when we reach Lucerne — doesn't that make you homesick? when I look over our prospective Switzerland & Italian trip I keep getting pictures of you dogging the General pursuing some one (or two) of his beautiful ladies. We shan't be able to do nearly all of Switzerland that the General outlined & we've cut out Venice entirely — but not the Italian lakes. Evidently the General doesn't realize that when I travel I'm a loafer.

I wrote you as I left London — it was a more or less office letter but it told I think what we had been doing. You can't know how I hated to leave that place — but Holland coming right after was so good that I soon stopped regretting.

We had a miserable night crossing to Antwerp — beautiful sea but we were tucked into a little 2×4 cabin with two other men — but arriving in Antwerp at an early hour, we bathed etc & felt quite fit again

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and then we met the Bradley's with whom we stayed
it this morning - doing Antwerp, The Hague, Delft
and Amsterdam. Mary Bradley was great as a
guide through art galleries which were really
wonderfully fine - of course they're that but I to my
surprise had a beautiful time in them.

I saw the Jesse Carters of Princeton in
Antwerp.

But Mrs Bradley had a letter from Will telling
of J.D. being likely to sue - thats what I'm par-
ticularly anxious to hear of - Do write me about
it if you haven't already, I hope so much for your
sake they won't make a fuss as I know how on edge
you are on this whole thing.

And your awful hot weather - I don't know how
you're standing it. I wish it could have been cool
this summer & save the hot ones for me for I don't
mind them.

The General Telegraphing you to breakfast with
him makes me tired - can't he know that you'll
be nice to him but that you can't jeopardize yourself
for him - No of course he can't know anything but what
he wants.

Miss Bisland & I didn't talk at all on the
affair after the first day or so - I assured her
she needn't worry about Miss W. getting her hooks
into the business - that you & J.S.P. were firm etc.
She had no news to offer & I had none except assurance

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that we would prevent anything serious. She was relieved that you & J.P. felt the way you do. I read her the part of your letter about the General putting you on the pedestal again & then she told me of her affair with him etc — (evidently with much enjoyment! — she's really most delightful isn't she?). I told her she needn't worry about his blinding you — that you knew all his cards & seen them played into too many hands.

We go up the Rhine tomorrow then to Heidelberg & the Black Forest, then Zurich — then by train & boat to Lucerne, St. Gotthard, Lugano, Bellagio et all & back through Simplon to Viege, Zermatt, Martigny, Chamonix, Geneva, Lausanne & Paris getting there about the 10th — we've cut out the Engadine with much regret but the guide said one should have 3 weeks to do that decently — you must know how I'm looking forward to bring in these places you know so well & then talking about them — (I'll get that Henry James work by the way to read returning)

Write me if you can so I'll get a letter on the boat "Hamburg" at Cherbourg sailing, Aug 18th —

With greatest love, as always. Bert

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