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Dearest Lucia:

Word has reached Paris -
since that you are pinned
up you repairs and I think
the Postman ought to do
some thing about it. I know
you once said that you
sometimes liked to hide away
for a few days and hug
your pillow in peaceful
seclusion, but even then I
think letters keep a bit.

I do hope this is just a
temporary ailment and
that you will soon be in
circulation again. It cheered
me to know that your word
was still being quoted about
the political situation and
that you are backing
Wiskia. We are too, though

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I wish he would mind
his step a bit. One who
aims to be a great leader
shouldn't make remarks
that he has to take back.

We had a wonderful
summer up in the Great
Smokies, a summer full
of sunshine, and moon-
light on the lake, and
youngful excitement. There
two hundred youngsters,
ranging from nine to
seventeen, were apparently
oblivious ^{to the fact} that the world
was on fire. They laughed
and sang, swam, and danced
and let the tragedy work
itself out without their
assistance.

As for us, we read The Times
and listened to the radio
when the static was not
too bad, and I knit a lot,
but between times I too,

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tried to forget the horrors
that had oppressed me
for months and turned my
attention to vivid flowers
and poetry and the com-
panion ships of those happy
carefree girls.

I feel strongly that if Ger-
many is conquering the
physical world, it is no
reason that she should
also conquer our hearts
fine and beautiful in the
world of the spirit. If the
Germans can come through
all this with the magnifi-
cent spirit and courage and
nobility they have shown so
far, then they will not
be conquered no matter
what the outcome.

Every bit of beauty and
idealism that can be
salvaged ~~will be~~ ^{of} invest-
ment value in the deep
of reconstruction.

My new book "The Duty
Way" will be out in No-
vember and a first copy
will be coming to you.
Of course you are in it
and I hope its chapter
about our sojourn in
Europe will bring back
best happy time to you.
It was rash of me to
write an autobiography after
Cole had told so many of
our experiences in "Binding
the Years" but I gathered
up the crumbs that fell
from the rich man's
table and made myself
a nice little dish of fact.
With love and best
Ever yours
Oliver -