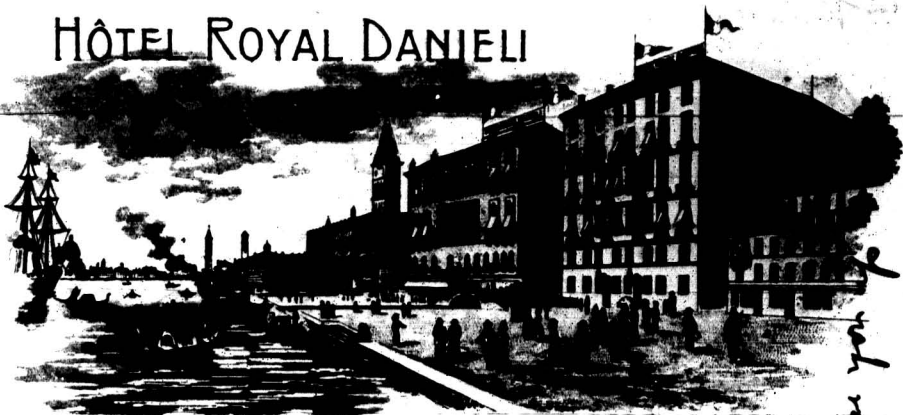


HÔTEL ROYAL DANIELI



Venise, le Aug 3. 1906

Dear Miss Tarbell -

You'll be surprised to see this address - we had given it up entirely but at Lucerne we struck a man who had just been here & who had only a limited time too & he was so enthusiastic that we changed our plans so as to include this. That we made no mistake is an undebatable point.

We met a Salem man in the

of not even properly understood - I was very much interested in what he was saying

station at Verona and we then
are here together - however to
stay two weeks while we only
two days - we expected totally
just once but it's too good!
You know all about the sensation
of arriving here at sunset of a
perfect summer day - of sitting
in the square having ice & coffee
and then of going out on the
Grand Canal & listening to the
singing & lying back in those
gondolas and knowing that Heaven
has nothing better to offer!

We just risen from a siesta -
for it is hot here - and in a few
minutes I join the other fellows at
Flona's and we go down some

place on the steamer for a dinner -
and tonight will do what we
did last night - and after wine
done it will sit up in our rooms
in our pyjamas & look out of our
windows which open on this big
river with two churches on the
opposite banks; ^{and lights, stars & water everywhere!} Nothing has been
like this - I knew Italy had ~~up~~
as soon as we struck the first valley
across the St. Gotthard and when
we came to Lugano I knew it was
all over! But instead of stopping
then we went right through to
Milan & the next afternoon here.
We did the gallery this morn -
women will do the palace -
have another look inside St. Mark
on gondolas - which you'll be glad

12 with cap every man with him with newspaper looking him down river with

Whom we suggest for tonight
again at 10 - is named Antonio -
and he has two children Romeo
& Juliette! We gather this by
means of our Italian friend who
feels Italian fully - hence likes
to try it on every one.

The Rhine, Wiesbaden (the
sweetest thing you ever saw)
Hildesheim (when we strolled -
trident first day - five weeks
at it, Rhine Falls, Rigi, Lucern
& Milan were each badly over-
indeed there was no comparing
them.

I've every intention of a letter
from you in Lucern - I've not had one
since I left London two weeks ago
Today has hope for me at Zermatt when
we should get to by Sunday or Wednesday.
I must do the worst! Unhappily
P.S.