

A Bord L'Espagne

le Saturday 1/9, 1917

Dear Lara! — This is the first sign of returning life! You know the way it comes. Just about the moment you leave concluded you'll never again know a certain confidence on your feet — something disappears and you go gaily to dinner.

Sunday —

I went that far yesterday with my pen and I also

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revived sufficiently to read the yarns in the Saturday Evening Post. For the sake of appearances I drew a book from the library the days ago but it still remains untouched. I have been very low in body and not at all in mind unless disinclination to using my mind for any purpose whatever is being "low". I suppose it is Lalie:- I've been sitting in the salon watching an hour of Guignol. It is the only amusement on the boat and though supposed to be for the children alone it draws a good audience. It seems to be about the capacity of this boat load. I had an

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idea that there might be something in-
teresting on board something connected with
the war but so far we are dull as they
get them. There's a painted princess with
her retinue and a dull looking baroness
and a picturesque Station Officer
and a dozen Y.M.C.A.'s - pretty noisy -
the orchestra of the Paris ~~Opera~~ Conservatoire - all
sea sick & quiet and a lot of French
families and American women buyers
and dressmakers. I don't know what
I should have done if I had not found
Mrs Max Foster on board. She with
a girl Chona knows - Miss Cassara

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who was at their house in Washington and
who is going over as secretary to Major Shiny -
are at my table and we have very pleasant
times. There's a fourth - Mrs Rogers - the wife
of Mr Crane's secretary - very able man
whose been with the government since
beginning of war in charge of foreign
cable service - Mrs R. has been terribly
ill - real case. I've not had anything
more than morning nausea and thrills
I'm over that now though we roll so
incessantly one can't be sure.
Mothersill's work care of me for two days
I might to have had three times as
much & thrice. Remember that -

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