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July 4<sup>th</sup> Munich

Dear Sir,

We received your telegram

and we of course terribly  
disappointed that you had  
decided not to come over this  
summer. Why did you change  
your mind? I hope indeed  
it was not because of my  
writing our plans which must  
always be a little bit off, but  
we did not begin to arrange  
early enough for and this  
year, we must begin to plan  
about Christmas next year

and get the matter all straight  
even out As for Know Freds  
idea was to go to Constantinople  
Greece etc; in the spring but  
we couldnt bear to break the  
Children up, from their studies  
to take them off this year, so  
we just waited till the first of  
July - Now I dont want any  
one to know it as we may be  
disappointed, but we expect  
and hope to take that trip next  
spring - It always seems that  
when one places the most one  
is the least apt to do these  
things, but we only have 60  
days in a year, leave and we  
want next spring, if all goes  
well to go to Constantinople

Egypt and Greece which we can at once do  
in the two months leave. We have had before  
a lovely trip have brought as little baggage as  
possible take the guide book start out even  
morning and have really made a work of heavy  
travel. We only take 2 persons except where  
have not tried carriages except when necessary  
and are altogether not having the best fun from  
the. We went all through the palace, Seraglio  
Museum, which is really most interesting  
got through just in time to see the square  
morning and hear the band play over all  
of which our boy is most fond. We go this  
afternoon to see the horses fine carriages etc  
and spent all day yesterday in the galleries  
and I could not help wishing for more  
here to see some of these beautiful modern  
paintings which are for sale here. We are  
again to see a gallery, but of old masters today  
I always think of J. and B. who have  
been here. The children travel splendidly  
are very much interested and keep  
journals (brother's in German). They are as  
enterprising and as careful about the money



5<sup>th</sup> -  
arrangements as we are, all  
of which is fast drilling  
for them - Julia is old enough  
to derive greatest benefit from  
all, and her brother has  
certainly taken remarkable  
interest in everything so far.

When we get through  
here we shall go to Bremen  
or Stuttgart. We are now  
doubtful about the "Oberam-  
mergau", as there are such crowds  
of Americans and English go-  
ing that it is almost im-  
possible to obtain seats -  
There is now at this hotel, a party

Of 25 Americans, who engaged  
seats for the "Passion Play" May  
in May, and have now just  
had their money returned  
to them, with the assurance  
that there is not a place for  
them to creep into, if they want  
there, and there is much  
talk of their giving extra per-  
formances on account of  
the great crowds coming. We  
think it better to leave this  
to decide, until Sept, as the  
performances will be given  
until the 28<sup>th</sup> of that month.  
The expense of just the trip  
here and back is immense  
as great as spending two or three

Weeks some where else in Germany. We all  
together feel like learning that and trying to  
get as far north as Norway and Sweden and  
perhaps Russia. Before going to Sweden we  
are to stop at Kissingen to call upon Kantor and  
Mrs. Hanger & who are there and having been  
waiting us ever since the early spring  
that they hoped in the course of their trip to  
come to Vienna, because we were there; and  
now we are to be away just at the time they ex-  
pected to find us. We left home however with  
their knowledge, having telegraphed them  
about visiting us earlier. I am so very, very  
sorry for Mr. Palmer and the days are not  
coming. I thought from my trip through  
the British Isles while we did up Germany &  
then about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August we would arrange  
to meet, travel together, go to Oberammergau  
and from there to Vienna, where we would  
join to stay with us for a real nice long visit  
together, and it would have been so much fun  
for me. You could have done up some fall  
shopping too - though of course not as well as  
in Paris - Now well I am just however really  
in school this year or will he stay at home

and what have<sup>you</sup> found out  
about those boys schools - It is  
really very hard to decide and let  
a boy leave for just at that age,  
but it may be better for them -  
I am always wondering what  
I shall do with mine.

You must come over in the  
early spring, next season -  
You see having really so little  
time to travel, (only six months  
of leave if we are in this position for  
4 years) we have to be business-like  
and travel rather fast, as I would  
like to see all the cities of the last  
historical importance, and also  
have the children see them.  
I cannot tell you how glad  
I am for Julia to have these  
opportunities - It is quite worth

While, even if Fred and I had not liked the position  
as much as we do. And she and her brother are both  
very earnest, and Julia is most energetic in keeping  
her journal etc. For who have always these chances  
and advantages; cannot realize how we regard  
such opportunities. I had really given up all idea  
of coming abroad or bringing the children -  
We are going to try, to get into the really foreign  
hotels, after this not among all the Americans  
as this one is quite like the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in  
N.Y. I wonder if you were here at the  
Baravian Hotel - I think there has been a  
great deal of fraudulence, and building up  
Lutwight, since you were here - The palace,  
kitchens, etc. of the King, are much more properly

and sherry<sup>94</sup> than "throat of the  
Austrian Emperor.

I hope I shall hear from you  
very soon, and that you have  
decided to do this summer.

Some time when you go East  
and stop at Richfield Spring,  
I wish you would see "Coopers  
Town" and write me all about  
it - I have seen much in  
the N. Y. papers about it, as a  
resort of late. I have always  
thought I would like it -  
so much and it is not only  
a place where elegant people  
go, but is not expensive -  
When do you go this summer?  
I am most anxious to



hear all about Aunt Abby  
and her illness - I hope she  
is better, as I have heard nothing  
further. I suppose they did  
not receive my letter <sup>from</sup> <sup>at Vienna</sup>  
direct always & the <sup>negatives</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
letters are always forwarded.

I did not write for that our  
Secretary's wife, telegraphed her  
husband to come for her, as  
as we were leaving Vienna, she  
will return there and will  
probably not be contented  
long, as those places near  
the city are so quiet, and her  
great object in life seems to  
be society. She is very glib  
and changeable. As soon  
as Colonel Grant told Mrs. C.

11.5  
Now he would take the best  
Summer months, she immediately  
said she could not possibly remain  
even through June, and her  
father (whose whole object in life  
seems to be to please her) wrote  
Mr. Chew that he and Mrs. Coffey  
would go to "Homburg" where Mrs.  
Chew was invited to go, and would  
take some for her and children.  
She was very proud of the apartments  
paid 110 fls. for her baggage there  
(with guide) and after a month, is  
disgusted with the place, which  
means to me that she did not meet  
the society which she and Mr. C.  
talked so much of her meeting. They  
hate Vienna, and at the last,  
visited Count Kolusky and  
three Ambassadors to dine with  
them (though were told that was



not ~~stingy~~ for a Secretary &c  
so, then. We knew nothing of it  
until two of the Ambassadors &  
wives, made great point of apologizing  
to Fred and me, and explaining  
what the engagements were, that  
prevented their dining that  
evening with our Secretary. Now  
and Kaluoky <sup>in Minister of Affairs</sup> are scrupulous of  
course, in their politeness to a  
Minister representing a Country.  
I let them know, that I knew  
nothing of the Chev's dinner,  
very delicately.

The Chev's rushed in, too, not  
determined that their money  
would do just what it might  
in America, though I tell the  
truth, though it seems that  
have a fine house in W. L.  
never saw or heard of them there.  
I don't know why she is so foolish  
as Mr and Mrs Coffey are very sensible.

*I want you to begin now to plan to come over in the large ship*

Mr Coffey is really the power  
a great friend of Sec. Blaine  
The Cheers are so entirely  
out with Victoria and so  
they do not look forward  
to this winter with the slightest  
interest, would much prefer  
to go to Paris or Rome, that I  
would not be at all surprised  
at his resigning anytime to  
please her, though they have  
just gotten a large apart-  
ment handsomely furnished  
with great trouble!

Mrs Chew is very good looking  
& rich but "flighty" I think he  
is her obedient servant, but  
a well trained good Clerk -  
Yours affectionately Geo H Grant