

4 ELK STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

I Wed. April 17th
Cheering

1912

Dearest Franklin,

I simply hated to leave
you go Saturday & it was so
nice to get your wireless on
Sunday & know you were
having good weather. Mamma
& I had lunch together & then
all over the ^{Public} library in the afternoon.
Forbes & I dined at the Fitz Thumet
& the "Officers 666" which was funny.
I am glad to say - I saw Mrs.
McCurry there & she told me of her
nice Mary Patterson's engagement
& Lowell Morgan seemed very happy.

he went & heard Dr. Smith preach
on Sunday morning & I wish you
could have heard his sermon. It
was splendid & I he promised
to take Sarah & hear him on
the 28th. Sarah Hoppin came
& French & John & Alice & Alice came
at three. Harry came about
3¹⁵ - Took me to the Broad Street
workshops but I don't think
I like them. The air is so awful
mild. He brought the chicks &
set of post cards to me which
have given them much joy.
Mama & I dined with Uncle Walter
& Sara & James Claghorn Phelps.
were there also. It was pleasant

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+ Sarah W. J. I had a nice talk
after dinner. Margaret ^{Post} ~~Post~~
telephoned me Saturday that
Aunt Lizzie died Sat. a. m.
So I went there Sunday after
church. Saw Cousin Christian
Margaret & as the funeral was
Tuesday a. m. at ten I wrote
up here that I couldn't get there
tho & that day I wrote D. J. Carr
to come just the same. Monday
morn. I walked miles to the
Reveries & Mr. Wells lunched
with me. In the p. m. he went
to an exhibition at Sproull's &

paid I'm a long while. In
the evening Harry came &
dine & Mauna sent out to
"Miss Swift." Since the most
harrowing play I've ever seen.
The news of the Titanic
disaster came in the morning
but the reports were that all
were saved until quite late
at night. It is so appalling
& awful & I think almost
worse for the many women who
were saved & who would probably
far rather have gone down
with their husbands & sons. I am
so glad you are at least out of the
thick of it -

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Tuesday morning we went
to the funeral & I saw Alice
there & she was very nice but
looked desperately ill. I came
up on the train with Dr. Culbert
& Dr. Fox & asked them to dine.
Helen & Teddy came over bringing
Dr. Lambert. Dr. Carr left on
the midnight & he thought all
the children were fine. Dr. Shaw
comes tomorrow to examine
James & I hope he will find
real improvement. The boys
came to lunch today & he told
me to tell you that Evans etc. were

froming you free for Louisa
against Mr. Wadsworth. Also
that he had had a long talk with
Mr. Wm. P. Abbott & felt you could
count on help from him next
Autumn. Helen Teddy have
gone to Perkins but I dine
with them Friday then they
go to Hyde Park Saturday in
their new car. I saw Mr. W.
this afternoon & say goodbye
as she is off New York tomorrow
then to Boston. Johnny Butler
came to tea & paid me a long
visit & was so nice. I have
had a quiet dinner & am
off to bed. Mr. Howard comes this
Friday so we are going down next

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Tuesday. the 23^d. The packing
is already under way. I am
so glad it won't be so long here
for I miss you very much & it
is very welcome & queer without
you here. The chicks are all
well & can't understand why
you are so away so long.

Thursday evening. I have sent
to your cable by telegram & I am
so glad the trip continues so
pleasant. I had to buy a
large valise for your things
this a. m. at Mercier's. I think
there was an extra one here. I shall

20. but is very good. I have 2
packing trunks had to be
checked & the packing is
going on nicely but I wish
you could see how much there
is to go by express besides
the trunks it takes my breath
away. I started to call on
the Lages this p. m. but the
road was so bad. So only
called on Mr. Manning & Mr.
Black. I must say a number
of calls before I go. Roger
came to tea & was very nice &
we had a long talk, principally
about the Titanic which I come

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is in everyone's thoughts.

Mr. Brown sent me a letter
which has given me an uncom-
fortable day but I can only
hope that I've done as you
would wish -

Dr. Shaw came this morn.
Dining found James entirely
right down below. After ear.
Cils he still hears a sound but
does not think it is a value
now but outside the heart. He
says no violent exercise but
even play as he likes & he
thinks the general condition of
all the chicks is fine -

Saturday. Yesterday Anne wrote
me of Billy Rogers' engagements
Kenneth Schley May at the marriage
at Hyde Park in June. I paid a
lot of calls in the afternoon. I think
I've been to everyone but Mr. Evans.
I dined with Liddy Melan who had
been working hard at her kitchen.
They had to give up going to Hyde
Park as Percy telegraphed he would
be in New York on account of the other
business. I am going back
all these chicks out today so the
nurses can pack. This express
packages left this morning
& we have ³ trunks & valises
besides 1 more barrel large box
& go by express. Tomorrow I
am going out to lunch with the Sigs.

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I am hoping hourly for a
telegram or telephone from home
sending on yours.

Wednesday morning. I went to the
Cathedral Sunday morning & heard
the poor old Bishop speak on the terrible
disaster & then they had prayers for
the dead & sang "Gloria Patri". They
sang "Amen" & everyone remained standing
while they played the Dead March
from Saul. It was very impressive
& very harrowing & when our English
chorus sang people it meant a
really terrible grief.
I went out & brushed with

the Henry Sagis then walked in
their woods. The children all
came for me in the machine.
I decided in the evening as
we were really ready to move
to do so as the papers said a strike
was imminent. So I telephoned
Mama we all left on Monday
at two.

Yesterday morning Mama
took the chicks walking. We
all worked hard unpacking.
I lunched with Mama & Miss
Fred, Aunt Lily & Mr. Bradley
were there. I took Babs in, for

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As usual he was very quiet &
looked a most miserable child.
Much Fred is coming up this
morning to see the other children.
Mama & I wrote the chicks ^{shopping}
in the afternoon & found Henry
came in late for tea. Louie came
just before luncheon.
We were so glad to get it &
forwarded it to Margaret.
Since the Titanic I think every
one is nervous & I do it think
I shall ever let you go away
again alone. The Powell house
is wrought up & he saw how things

had collided in the Gulf & beach
up at the D. & P. Harry if they
had been so far - I am
I died alone last night.
This morning your letter is
here from Jamaica & post
cards for "Eure". James ^{W. H.}
but I'm not giving the chicks
thurs as I'm sure you sent
also to Anna which will come
later. I am so glad it has all
been so lovely & all must be
enjoying it too. How lovely
it will be if you get in before
I do. I shall wait this night
& be at the Hotel if can you

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get there before I do - how I shall
get to take your letter & read it & thank
them - have Corey doing his hair!
Later. Emma & I walked down
with Anna & James & Gma & so on.
The way they stopped & chose their
flowers as a birthday present.
James chose red tulips & Anna
paulownias. They said Gma a
half hour's visit & were so tired
that talked so low she couldn't
hear a word! Miss Spring
came to lunch & was overcome
by James' improvement.

Anna's postcard came & all the
Chicks were delighted & listened
to parts of your letter with
interest. This p. m. Emma &
I went to look & got my acco.
modations & went to Banbury
& ordered our sofa for Hall &
Margaret & I had some samples
covering & sent her to choose for
Miss Vail. Mr. Manning came
to see & now I am going to dine
with Anna & go with Uncle
Warren & Aunt Sally to see
"The Pigeon". Uncle Fred came
up this morning to see the chicks
& we are to telegraph them as soon

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As we know when he will
reach Chicago - Langdon Quam
just sent me a letter with your
cable & as could not get it
earlier he wired you which was
very kind so I've written to
ask him to lunch on Sunday
Quam's -

The chicks send their love
to me & wish you were home. I
shall be so glad to see you again
& it gives me such an excited
feeling to think I will be getting
so soon. Ever your loving & devoted
Thane

April 24th

Wed. April 17th, evening

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& Sara, [Mr.?] C- & I had a nice talk after dinner. Margaret Roosevelt telephoned me Saturday that Aunt Tizzie died that a.m. So I went there Sunday after Church and saw Cousin [Cleristru?] Margaret [et. Al?]. The funeral was Tuesday a.m. At tea I wrote up here that I couldn't get there till 4 that day & wrote [Dr.?] Carr to come just the same. Monday, Mama & I walked miles in the morning & Mrs. [Luella?] lunched with me. In the p.m. we went to an exhibition at [?] & I paid G'ma a long visit. In the evening Harry came to dine & Mama [took us?] to "Oliver Twist". [Twas?] the most harrowing play I've ever seen. The news of the Titanic disaster came in the morning but the reports were that all were saved until quite late at night. It is too appalling & awful & I think almost worse for the many women who were loved & who would probably far rather have gone down with their husbands & sons. I am so glad you are least out of the track of ice bergs.

4 Elk Street

Albany, New York

Tuesday morning we went to the funeral & I saw Alice there & she was very nice but looked desperately ill. I came up on the train with Dr. Cullers & Dr. [Love?] & asked them to dine & Helen [and Teddy?] came over bringing Dr. [Lambert?]. Dr. Carr left on the midnight & he thought all the children were fine. Dr. Shaw comes tomorrow [illegible]. James & I hope he will find real improvement. The [Howards?] came to lunch today & he told me to tell you that [illegible] were [illegible] you [illegible] against Mr. Wadsworth! Also that he had had a long talk with Dr. Wm. C. [illegible] & felt you could count on help from him next autumn. Helen & Teddy have gone to Herkimer but I dine with them Friday. Then they go to Hyde Park Saturday in their new car. I saw Mrs. [Rice?] this afternoon to say goodbye as she is off to New York tomorrow Then to Boston. Johnny Butler came to tea & paid me a long visit & was so nice. I have had a quiet dinner & am soon off to bed. Mrs. Howard [moves?] this Friday so we are going down next Tuesday, The 23rd. The packing is already under way. I am so glad it won't be so long here for I miss you very much & it is very lonesome & queer without you here. The chicks are all well & can't understand why you are to be away so long. Thursday evening – Mama sent on your cable by telegram & I am so glad the trip continues so pleasant. I had to buy a large valise for your things this a.m. as [illegible] dreamt there was an extra one here! It cost \$20 but is very good & big. Also 2 packing trunks had to be purchased & the packing is going on nicely but I wish you could see how much is to go by [express?] besides the trunks it takes my breath away. I started to call on the [Sage's?] this p.m. but the road was too bad so only called on Mrs. Manning & Mrs. Black. I must pay a number of calls before I go. Roger Poor came to tea & was very nice & we had a long talk, principally about the Titanic which of course is in everyone's thoughts.

Mr. [illegible] sent me a letter which has given me an uncomfortable day but I can only hope that I've done as you would wish –

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The chicks send their best love & wish you were home. I shall be so glad to see you again & it gives me such an excited feeling to think I will be starting so soon. Ever your loving & devoted

April 24th

Eleanor