

New York, 23 June, 1913.

My dear Brother Wood:

The second box that you had sent me has just come in good condition; so you need not worry about that further. I wish you would thank the good people, particularly your mother, for the things that they have included, since I shall be unable to write to all of them.

If possible, I wish you would notify the Montreal papers that I shall be able to get mail until July 10th at Sydney, Nova Scotia, c/o the Crocker Land Expedition, for I wish to get all that may come to me.

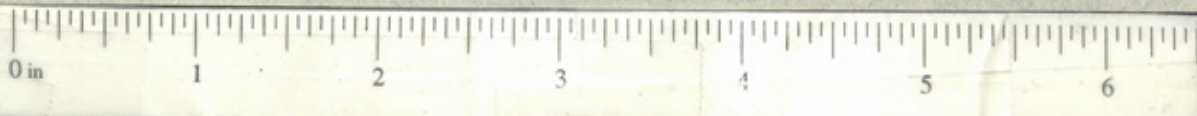
I should be indeed pleased to hear of your engagement to the nurse before I sail; so, if you have come to any decision and she has said the word, let me know.

I shall let you hear again before I sail from New York.

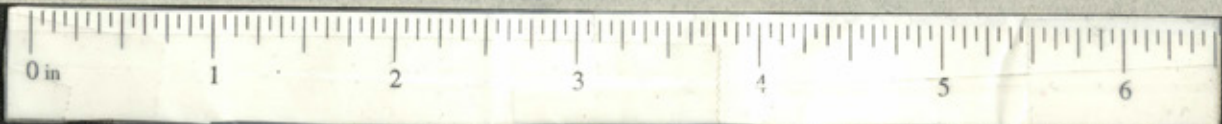
Maternally yours,

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.,
New York City.

Mr. George V. Wood,
GIFFORD, Ill.



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New York, 25 June, 1913.

My dear George:

I have made arrangements with the bursar of the American Museum to have my pay checks made out to the order of George V. Wood, Attorney for W. Elmer Ekblaw, and they will come to you in that tenor. I have already drawn my June and July salaries and may be forced to draw the August salary as well; so don't be alarmed if checks do not come for those months. It is practically determined now that we shall be gone three years, but I feel that you may best consider this matter confidentially for the time being at least.

Now, in regard to news. We shall receive mail at Sydney, Nova Scotia, care of the Crocker Land Expedition, until July 10th. After that time address my mail to my present address, at the American Museum, where Dr. Hovey will forward all the Expedition mail by way of Denmark to the farthestmost Greenland station where it may be possible for us to get it. I was talking to Fred Stone, the comedian of Montgomery & Stone just this morning, and he assures me that he and Rex Beach and Jack London and possibly Mr. W. E. Coffin will take a hunting trip to our headquarters in Ellesmere Land next summer. In that case, you would be able to send any news and other matter - such as files of newspapers - to us by their boat. By communicating with Dr. Hovey this next winter you will be able to learn whether or not such arrangements have been made by Mr. Stone. I think that he intends certainly to go, and I feel pretty confident that some of the others at least will accompany him.

The Museum is arranging for a code message to each of our families for the period of our absence, to be sent each week, and I have about decided to have my message sent to you, and you can transmit it to the folks at home, to Miss Krieger and any others who may be interested enough to care to receive it. I shall write you further regarding this matter as soon as I know more definitely how it



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has been arranged. Everything is going nicely here. We sail next Wednesday, about 3 o'clock, if everything goes well until that time. I wish you could be here to see us off, but in lieu of that I shall send my last message to Illinois to you. I am,

Praternally yours,

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