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Dear News: Sort of feels as if winter is in the air this morning. We surely have had mild weather so far. I noticed in the paper where it is warm in France and that people were flocking to picnic grounds last Sunday. That was good news. The more good warm weather you have the shorter winter will be and there will be less discomfort.

My I can hardly wait for letters from you. The weather in New York and the New England States has been so bad that I doubt if air mail is getting through so will have to wait longer for letters.

Now that I can think and feel normally I am realizing how wonderful it was to hear your voice. You sounded quite natural. It was so disappointing not to be able to carry on a conversation. I have worried about the one member of the family who did not get to talk at all. Was it little Cecile, or Annette? Bob knew when he talked with Dorothy but was not sure which the other voice belonged to. Love all of them for me, will you?

in case you were not there to receive them - when I send them to Mournmelon I put Lucien Christelles name on and feel sure you will get the packages.

I have learned that we can send up to twenty two pounds now - Dont expect I will send any at that weight but at least I won't have to watch the scales so carefully -

Bobby bought a folding metal stool for you. It folds into a very small and light gadget and he thought you would find use for it when you went sketching. I will enclose it in a package this week -

Just received a letter from Bob and Margaret. They found a room with semi-private bath which they are staying in while they look for an apartment. They think an apartment will show up soon - I hope so as they are so eager to start housekeeping - They said they are so happy and feel a life time will be to short for them to be together - I hope they will have the deepening love that you and Cecile have had and

We received a long letter from Mrs. Crofoot yesterday - she seemed pleased with Bobby and said she felt that he and Margaret were suited to each other and would be happy together - I think so too.

We took pictures of them with our Brownie and they turned out very well as you can see by the enclosure. Wish I could have them fixed into slides so you could show them through your projector - but doubt it as they are too large. The pictures of the children were those I took at the Gretricks last summer. The roll of films was not completed until I took the pictures of Bob and Margaret. Aren't they cute, of the children?

Now I did a foolish thing - Last week I enclosed your insurance notice in your letter and asked if we were to pay it - Even if mail gets back to normal you may not get word back to us in time so Dad is going to attend to it and you can let him know for future information. As to packages to you I have decided to send everything to Mourmelon and you can take things to your room from there. I have been confused as to whose name to put on the tags to receive the packages

they will be as happy together as you  
have been. It is most gratifying to  
Dad and I to feel that our children  
are happy and that they have mates  
whose companionship and love mean more  
than anything else to them.

They said they called Lora and John  
but found they had gone East - They called  
Mrs. Adams and found she is quit ill in  
the sanitarium -

The Bank notified me that your check  
was deposited in said account to be for  
your use on December 30<sup>th</sup> - Hope it  
was handled alright - let us know -

Hub and Gottie were excited over our  
telephone call - however it proved so  
unsatisfactory and so expensive that we  
all agree it was not so good -

Must write Cecile a few lines so  
will close -

All my love

Mother -