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Dear Cecile: If you were in Louisiana now you would be experiencing some very cold weather. Last night New Orleans reported  $21^{\circ}$  which is low for down there - We had  $15^{\circ}$  and even with the sun shining today it remains in the low  $20^{\circ}$ 's - We have had two snows in the past week - the first was four and a half inches and two inches remained on the ground when along came an eight inch snow. It was mighty pretty but after a day or two of the slush and ice which follows snow everyone is glad to have mother earth showing again. Yesterday the middle section of Louisiana had four inches of snow and some sections had sleet and ice but we just had clear cold - The weather man predicts more snow Monday - hope he misses it - we need some washing done - Schools were dismissed two days because of the weather - you should have seen the snow men that were made over the city - On one yard there were two snow figures one was George Washington the other Martha - very good to - Martha was sitting down and her full hoop skirt and tight bodice had a trimming of long sprays of ivy - very effective George had his three covered hat and knee britches - all in snow of course - A young sculptor made a very elaborate snow statue of a man (in the nude) kneeling.

Office asked this office to make several thousand address plates for them and then work in this office is so heavy that they have no time for extra orders.

We talked with Margaret and Bobby Wednesday night. They worked so hard trying to clean their apartment that both had taken bad colds. Margaret had cut her hand on the Silex coffee maker - she said it must have been faulty because it broke as she was lifting the top part off after the coffee had run down. She had not been able to use her hand much since but it was getting better - Bobby was having to study hard for exams next week. Both of them were asking Dad and I when we would be down to visit them so I guess we will go to see them soon. It will be strange going to N.C. and not finding you folks there - don't know if I can take it or not.

I mailed a birthday box to Ceile and Helen yesterday - sent it registered mail hoping it will go through quickly and get there in time for the birthdays - Really had a time at the Post Office - the clerks at the window looked in their book of regulations and it was just like trying to find the right answer in the OPA regulations - They would read one section and be referred

On our corner at Line there was a snow lady with her face made up and she had a bright red scarf, mittens and hat - very pretty. One yard had a great Dane dog made of snow another had a Scottie and puppies - another had a small snow horse - I did not get to see all of these but some were pictured in the paper and others were talked about where ever one went. Out on Hilbert street just this side of Piermont where there are two long steep hills sleds were tried out. Of course no cars could make the hills so the children had a wonderful time coasting -

Well so much for the weather report.

You will remember my writing about Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moore and sister - (the girls are from La Havre France) - and that Mrs. Moore was expecting another child - They were here on Sunday night, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - and when they left I asked Mr. Moore and her sister to come over some afternoon - Mrs. Moore said they would come the following week - Well the week went by and I did not hear from them - Monday she called to tell me her baby was born on Friday I was surprised because I did not think it was time yet and she said it was about two weeks early - She was back home on Sunday and has been up and about ever since - I simply don't see how any one can do that regardless of new medical methods -

Dad is working today. The Baton Rouge

to another section and another and the result was a state of confusion and uncertainty - Finally they decided I should fill out a customs slip which was slipped under the outside wrappings and they put tape all around it to seal it and I paid them and it got started - Now the question is whether everything was done correctly and whether the package gets there any quicker and so on - Please let me know how long it is on the way and whether it was necessary to pay the extra postage to try to speed it up a bit.

How I wonder if the many packages I have sent you have arrived or not. It makes Dad and I both feel so bad when the food does not get there regularly.

Went to Hearnes yesterday and bought some material to make a dress. Grace Preston went with me and helped me select the pattern and material and then took me home with her and we cut it out. It is a soft green crepe. I surely hope I can make it nicely - Have about decided my grey wool is not so bad after all and find it very nice to wear these cold days -

All for today - Hope all of you are well and comfortable and happy -

Love  
Mother