

Dear Mama,

I got your letter just before I left Seattle. I am writing on board the steamship Santa Clara. This is our third day out, and we will make our first stop about tonight. That is when I expect to mail this. We left the wharf at Seattle just two minutes late — 9.02. Tuesday nothing special happened — except that I saw three whales spouting. I am on deck in front of the stateroom

deck makes a mile. The first
night - I didn't sleep. But the
second I did. There are 72 on
board ^{and} they have to set 9
tables - We are at the first.

You ~~g~~ would have laughed
if you could see me in the
mate's overcoat. It certainly is
funny. I wore it all last
week, ^{and} am wearing it
again today. Last night
we fast glazg Indian
village Bella Bella - We saw
several Totem poles.

door and it is raining.

yesterday we were particularly fortunate, we saw a 35-ft. whale about 50 yards from the ship. He flopped his tail over twice. We also saw two

gorsaxes.

About all day yesterday I was up on the top deck. A part of the time I was stretched out on the covering of one of the life boats. It had heaps of fur. The night I walked a mile with the first mate. 18 times around the upper

yesterday forenoon we struck a
rough place ^{and} people began
to get sick. Fortunately I
did not ^{and} was able to
eat lunch in safety. Then
again last night we ran
into another rough place. It
was a dandy. The boat
rolled in good style. You
could not walk right. There
are 3 in my stateroom. We
hot footed it for our bunks,
and we had to hold on to stay
in. Then the mate ^{and} one

of the riggers came ^{and}
 pulled two of us out - a
 Miss Wobb who is going to
 get off at Jansen which
 is our second stop ^{and} will
 be made on Sat. There are
 no steamer chairs on board
 that any one can buy. But
 some how I got one. The chief
~~steward~~ steward let me have his.
 Wasn't that fine of him?
 Well - his mate fixed my
 chair ^{and} helped me into his

to see how I was. Last night
before we struck that place
we walked around 19 times.
He walks with an awfully
nice piling, ^{and} he is not much
taller than I am. But oh!
the width of the shoulders of
his coat!

We have a wireless on
the ship ^{and} it's great fun
to watch the Operator send
messages, isn't it odd that
it works better on a rainy

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coat and out I went. I felt
kind of muzzy, but they talked
and jollied us until we felt
better. About 12:15 we returned

in. Breakfast (first table) is at
8 and I was here all right.

The only other rough place on
our way to Spagway was strike
this afternoon. If I get through

that I'll be all right. Lots
of people have been sick. The
mate takes care of me finely.
He came just before breakfast.

day.

It will be fun Panding tonight. We are going to sleep this afternoon. We can't leave ~~the~~ ~~place~~ until light in the morning to go to Methapatta.

I'm getting burned all right, all right. We will stop at one place where we will see none but Indians.

As to the MacArthur I am furious. I did not write a long-letter. I wrote a note from Yellowstone I

think - it may have been
 Salt Lake City! Then
 when I received the soap
 certificate for Walt's
 suit I enclosed it and
 only wrote on one side
 of the sheet.

I will see when I
 get home. No more
 word from me for
 them. Yes I heard
 from the Japs.

Traps
Love

Gladys
7/29/09

I'll see his man
at the Expts. when I
get back.

Wasn't sick have
had two evening
meals.

The lights in
Pitchcan are in
sight.