

New York, March 8, 1922.

Dear Colonel Locke:

I owe you and Colonel Heintzelman an apology for I am going to have to give up my trip to Europe. I shall try to explain my change of plans and to show that it was no fault of mine.

I seem to have had the unhappy faculty of getting into the hands of the wrong doctors during my sickness. To begin with the first doctor I had treated me for two weeks for the grippe; whereupon I called in another one who found a severe case of pleurisy with my left side full of water and the heart pushed to the right side. This man did everything he could for me while I was in bed but after I was able to get up he made the mistake of giving me a clean bill of health after having me X-rayed.

I was satisfied that I was all right until a throat doctor who is a friend of mine insisted that I be examined by Dr. Evan Evans who is considered the best there is in the East.

Dr. Evans examined me this morning and absolutely refuses to let me go to Europe and has ordered me to go at once either to the Bermudas or to Arizona for 6 weeks. (I shall probably go to the latter place). He tells me that there is nothing to get excited about provided I stop work and get into a respectable climate for a while and build myself up. He says that my resistance is high inasmuch as I got rid of the water without having it drained off but that my heart is now too far to the left due to the fact that the left lung is smaller and not doing the work that it should.

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With your permission I shall either go to Arizona or to Bermuda this week. You can of course reach me any time through this office.

Will you kindly keep the foregoing confidential and show this only to Colonel Heintzelman and Major Moorman, as one does not like to have one's health discussed. I have no cough and the doctor assures me that I will be restored to complete health provided I do the right thing.

I want to add that I am sorry I have put you to the trouble of arranging a trip abroad for me and that I sincerely appreciate your willingness to do what you could. My only excuse for having made my premature plans and asking you to see about transportation is that my doctor had given me a clean bill of health after looking at the X-rays.

Very sincerely yours,


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