

HOTEL TOR APARTMENTS

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Evening -

Monday, Sept. 13, 1937

Dearest:-

Morton wrote this morning a considerable account of the journey, which I did not check. He has a stamp and envelope, with strong encouragement to finish the report tonight or tomorrow. Trip really as decent as could be. M. got some benefit from alternating between independence and companionship.

Mission House full; so came here without difficulty. This morning 9-10:30 to get ticket in slow & crowded office. Third-class, with Mr. Wilson in 4-berth cabin. ¥38 @ missionary rate. Then 1 hr. to wait for & get Wilson's baggage for the sake of Nojiri messages; it had not arrived — until 11:15.

Dairman closed for day. Brands a little tedious, but passable results. Shoes 5.50 rubber 1.50. Shoes black; was shown brown at 1989.50, finer than necessary. Pen 1.50 passable; any point will soon be ruined. Cod-liver pills 500 for

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¥1.80 (I've worked on the "psychology").
Other small items O.K. eventually. Socks
most difficult. Heavy cotton about ¥1.1
in good stores. Got 5 pr. @ 30 sen out

of considerable selection, middle-weight.
Later saw 3 pr. @ for 40 sen in coarser
but perhaps as useful stuff, & got them
also. Tried on first lot, and second closely
similar. Upper fit good. Marked new

purchases when at dormitory this afternoon.
Also listed those that had any permanence.
Lunch at old place. M. much pleased.

After finishing errands, went on bus to
dormitory. Long climb up hopelessly gullied
road with baggage was hard work. Site
great for view far out over Inland Sea,
with city & harbor in foreground. Building
good. Bedrooms, etc. not luxurious,
but well provided with drawer, closet - &
"locker"-space (latter with ventilation, for
sports clothes). Mrs. R. and a few
boys around. Saw her a few moments.
Donald Gillett (a few days at Nojiri) is
one of the 4 in a large bedroom with M.
Closet - hall adjoining, & good bath - wash-
room practically so. Prefect has room
alongside.

Mrs. R. pays about 70 sen a week,

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for private spending money, stationery, bus tickets on Sunday @ 8 sen, and so on, is customary for boys of that age — but she would have to consult her husband for certainty. Practice is to leave very little in boy's possession, preferably not over 10 sen at a time. [But I had already passed over the one yen, and M. had about that much previously. I let things take their course.] I gave Mrs. R. ¥10 for spending money account. If skating is undertaken (which starts October, soon), that requires about 40 sen at a time, including transportation, and makes another story. As to fees, Mrs. R. professed ignorance, merely knowing that some bills were sent though some deposits were made. I paid to inform you frankly what was desired, & you'd better write similarly unless you have your cue from "Calendar". You can get Young to send a draft ~~on~~ for any large amount, charging the U.S. to deposit account. I have no Furuma check with me, and

[M. has ambitions for saving money].
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didn't see that it was necessary or desirable to seek desperate means of paying something today. Mrs. R. said they had wired "O.K." to Nojiri, but too late. I've just been to Mission House to check on any further word from you, by the way; none there, so I'll suppose I've missed nothing.

Walked back to Mrs. Coates' next the main School, trying to get prof-repair for the haversack, which had torn out badly while on extra duty with M's new purchases. They were putting down to early supper, so I ate the extra soup with them.

Distressed that I cannot find the yellow-paper sheets (3) of material from North-China Daily News Aug. 30 etc., which I wanted to copy tonight for distribution to several people here in Japan. If you discover a set, I wish somebody could & would type a series. And send one set to R. S. Spencer, Fukuoka; another to Outerbridge; another to Clarence Gillett at Kyoto; another to Roberts for Nagoya people. In each case a sentence of suggestion that this

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might be thought provoking material for selected Japanese of influence, as well as for western friends. The response from Tokyo people seems to justify considerable effort on that line.

Here's an extra post-card with Corvelli's stamp. You know they offered to arrange groceries or similar business.

If Syrel wants to work more on Japanese, I recommend the Matsumiya books of the Language School which have been available at the market.

The North China will be maintained for you unless you inform them that you have not received the paper after a certain date, and request them to credit me from that date. I will fix up another subscription somehow if it seems practicable in delivery.

Will think of a couple of days in Shanghai unless it seems desirable to vary either way. Hard to foresee changes, of course. Thinks it possible,

I have NCB as reserve in emergency.

though still improbable, that Japan will not push action by the Army to Nanking.

For a while I'll live on our Chinese current accounts. ^{That currency is dubious, anyhow.} So you can draw

up to \$90 a month in U. S. from salary, but will need to ~~but~~ deposit

for anything over that. Do not let your plan to stay in Nojiri be unduly

hardened or prolonged for the sake of economy. You can & should get a

place elsewhere when you want & need it. And make the most of the out-of-doors

in this good season just ahead!

I did my best to get in few but effective suggestions to Morton.

I'd better be starting along to the boat.

With much love to you and Bobby, and thanks to aunts who helped M. & me,

Scarle.

P.S. Here are 5 stamps of 10 sen each. Marion's commission to destroy a letter is carried out. Have not said or done anything about Nojiri house next season. Thought it your field. S.