Simons Personal

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Dear Etoile:

I am mighty glad that the situation at the bank is so much more satisfactory than we feared for a short while. I am glad to see your cheerful outlook and I think that is fine. It is so much better to be hopeful than sorrowful. I often recall Mamma's expression that it did no good "to cry over spilt milk".

Just as we try to settle down for a moment of repose some cussed organization reminds us of the frightful increases that are to be made this year in taxation of our incomes. Think what a lucky girl you are that you don't have to make out an income tax statement and then pay the bill. An income tax in many ways is a fair tax in that a person does not pay a tax unless he has received something. On the otherhand it has a tendency to stifle initiative and energy as many persons think, "What's the use of trying to do anything for the government will take it away from us anyhow".

I am expecting to go to Chicago Sunday afternoon, as a member of a committee which will call upon vice president Hastings of the Santa Fe. I think I shall come back Monday night and in that case will probably see Charlie in his office but possibly will not go out to the house. I understand that they expect to be here the last of the month for Vera Stough's birthday.

Dolph had made arrangements with Rardin to put the boat in our garage and to have it chained to the foundation of the garage with the chain and lock which is now at Don's. I bought quite a long chain a year ago last summer of a very highly tempered steel which could not be cut with a file. The garbage can should be placed in the attic over the room where our maids stayed. There is where we have put things of that sort.

Dolph and Marie had a very fine party Saturday night honoring Frances Nordlund and her husband to be, and members of our several families. Saturday of this week they are to be married and we are planning to attend, in which case Gertie and I will return to Lawrence Sunday morning and I will leave about one o'clock for Chicago.