

Stapleton, Aug 13th

My dear husband

I received your telegram yesterday, saying you would leave for Martha's Vineyard, so I suppose you have changed your plans and will not be back at Newport as soon as you expected, still I will send a short letter as this is the day in which you said I might write, but I will wait until I am more sure of your whereabouts before sending a very long one. I have two letters for you and will send them as soon as I have a definite address. One is from Randy Hagner, they have both been sent from Watch Hill.

Pa was worse on Sunday and gradually grew still worse till on Monday evening we were quite worried about him, he had a violent head ache [sic] and high fever. Dr. Vanderpoel said it was the usual course of the disease but as it did not come on by the 8th or 9th day he hoped in this case it might be avoided. He said also that he would be in a critical condition for a few days, till about Thursday if he lived over that time then he would probably recover, this was on Monday, he is much better now, but has not got back to where he was when you left. One great trouble is that he is so worried and depressed about himself.

The children are all well and very happy. Amelia is very anxious to go, as she was engaged in some places where she went to [?] certain days in the week. I am doing all I can to get some one in here place.

Col. Thompson sent the article, but Frank is not willing to let it go in and I am not surprised, there is not much but abuse of the Navy and Government Officials. I dont [sic] think it would do as the proprietor is known to have a son in the Navy and that son would naturally be supposed to have a good deal to say about the paper work. I think you can explain this fact if Col. T. has any feeling about it, perhaps he will never know whether it is published or not. I will send it to you when I know positively where you are.

Willie says he hopes you will have a pleasant cruise.

Give my love to Dody and with much for yourself. Believe me your affectionate wife

L. A. H.

