

Did you  
get my letter  
asking you to send some  
in letters, some razor blades  
for the unders Razor? Thanks!

Belgrade, Jug. ~~Slovia~~.  
April first - 1922

Dearest Family of Brooklyn -

I have been much out of touch with my mail of late, so that I have undoubtedly missed some of your letters. Perhaps you also have missed mine, and perhaps the time has slipped by so quickly that I may be late in writing.

The past few weeks have been as full of busting about as they have been of interest. We left Vienna - a great city crushing down a small country, like a big head on a snake, undernourished

I was very, very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Ellwood. She was a splendid woman, whom everyone of course loved. Give my warmest sympathies to her body - for Budapest, capital of Hungary.

body - for Budapest, capital of Hungary. Hungary, by the Treaty of Trianon, was made a separate state, but deprived of two thirds of its territory, divided up between Rumania (which got the rich district of Transylvania), Czechoslovakia, and Jugoslavia. The mountains, containing the timber, coal, and iron of the country, were taken away, and only a great agricultural plain, the rich and fertile valley of the Danube, left. So the Hungarians are possessed of four "Irridenta", four Alsace-Lorrains, according to their claims. They lack unity as a nation, and are very reactionary, but as individuals they are charming.

There, as in all of Europe, the peasant is the wealthiest citizen now, and he is gradually gathering to himself more and more power and potential strength. What change came in to Europe tomorrow, depends largely on the peasant classes, the land owners.

While in Budapest, we accompanied the Prime Minister, Gust. Bettler, on a political trip to Southern Hungary, electing for the coming election. Riding through the country on his special train was very interesting for the "two American journalists". And we met some very interesting people there, and through them had an opportunity to see how sadistic

really are in what is considered the most reactionary country in Europe.

We left Budapest just before the death of King Charles, the Hapsburg ruler <sup>whom</sup> ~~whom~~ the Socialist Party was trying to bring back to the throne. His death threw a bombshell into the political ring at a time when all parties should have been working for national unity instead of against it.

We have just arrived in Belgrade, capital of Jugoslavia, our first Balkan ~~state~~ state. The difference from Western Europe is quite marked. From here we probably will go to the Conference at Genoa - but I shall write more about that later.

I pray that you are all well and happy, and I am anxious to know of your future plans. My most affectionate love to you all - my most  
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