

civilization had reached a state of perversion -  
when women don't keep a home and rear children  
and pleasure means only luxury and soft living.  
then I think some thing happens. Strange  
isn't it that when Japan becomes aggressive,  
they are visited by earth quakes and tidal  
waves.

But every thing here is very comfortable and  
I have had few worries. Unemployment among  
the Filipinos is not really so bad - They are  
always relatives who will give them a roof & share  
the pot of rice. It is against the Filipino to  
kick anyone away from the door. They are very  
kind. They keep the poorest - unfit animals around  
because it is cruel to kick them off.

This letter sounds like a few Kris sends me  
that his insane patients write.

April 3.

Dear folks.

It seems strange to get that letter  
from you - Dad Ream sounded so cozy and  
comfortable - with the fire in the fire place and  
the food cooking. And the next day this  
terrible earth quake. Write and tell us all about it.  
My mother writes for me to write so she can  
read my letters. So here is my best. It is pretty  
slow - You folks all write so well in spite of  
your rheumatism and approaching 70's. My writing  
reveals my erratic disposition.

Well Spring is soon here and with it I  
am sure will come a better time for the  
American people. They have been foolish and in  
thin smugness could not see any one less fortunate.  
It was a great lesson, this depression. I believe



One day last week Helga & Theo, Fabian and I went for a days jaunt to a coral island. We ate and shot and bathed and gathered more sand for the children's sand box. A nice picnic. Fabian & Theo got very sunburned.

Fabian is very well and as usual this word ~~is~~ is that of omission. I just can't mag him into writing. Fabian should really have married a shrew.

Nora is reading all the time. She has about 10 First Readers of Billy Bauwans and carries the lot around with her. Early in the morning she is down <sup>stairs</sup> reading to one of the muchachos. I got a simple geography - which I shall skin over lightly. I think of one of the essentials of teaching is realization of that which is beyond the child's comprehension. To-day Kate started school work -

Thus      ○○○○ balls      ○ | ○ | ○ | stick standing,  
            1111 sticks      -○-○-○ stick lying down

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Kate was thrilled to make these marks but could do nothing without the word for the picture -

next year Helga and I are going to send for Kindergarten things for Evelyn & Katie. tho' I think Evelyn will be too young.

Sally is lovely as ever. I shall have to get her a saraphane. She surprises one so. To see that baby pick up a horn and trot it and imitate so quickly - she is amazing. Being reared with older children I believe makes a difference. When I say "Do you love mamma?" she either bites me or gives me a juicy smack, and a hug. Everyone who sees her wants to carry her off with them. She treats every one like a long lost friend. She has no reserve. That woman

lots of love to you both at sea & the family

Pat

3 April 1933

Ruth to Norad Will

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Lovely  
Letter

right after the  
earthquake

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