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Capt. Mart. G. Foster.

Flat Gap,
Johnson County
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A. M. Ross, Jr.

HARRISON G. FOSTER
LEXINGTON, KY.

12/15/19

My Dear Start -

We tried to get you by phone yesterday but Central told me that they could not raise you. All goes well here except for the temper shown by Addison's wife & Addison informs me that there will a different situation after the holidays. We have had some snow & the thermometer around the zero mark which makes one feel fine - Bob & Bess got off Friday evening & spent the night & Saturday morning at Ashland with Bess's wife. Bob was here only one hour on his return. All of his trains on his trip to Birmingham were delayed & he missed connections. Bess saw a lot of old friends & was very sorry that she could not be longer with us. She was very much taken with Nance and anxious to

do something for her.

The Ky. Gas & Resources Book came
& it is fullsome & interesting. When you
come you must take one of them with
you. It shows Addison's sample oil
57.6 Barre as the highest Dr. Peter has
examined the lowest being 22.3. It
also lists Johnston, Lawrence, Morgan
& Magoffin Counties. There are a nice
bunch of maps which goes with it.
Addison said it has been reported that
Cypress Compressor Station blew up or
has been put out of Commission. Is
it so? I imagine your roads are fierce
for the Ohio & Ky. rivers are nearly out of
their banks. Hope you are getting along
all right & can keep warm. If you
get down here by the morning of
the 22^d I wish you would bring a
quint of moonshine. Leonard Shouse
is going to have a birthday party & they
are anxious to get the moonshine. The
gas today is low showing the consumption
is at the peak load. They will need gas.

HARRISON G. FOSTER

LEXINGTON, KY.

How are you & Fiskel getting along with the Spudding in? I have an idea that it is too cold for your water pipes & if the snow is deep, unless you are all finished, it will be useless to try anything much until a warm spell. Of course it is all guess work on my part.

American sold 2500 lbs of his worst, black tobacco & averaged 50¢. Last week average for our 4000000 pounds was \$66.50 per hundred. Prices seem to be going higher. Leonard Campbell dropped in last night having driven from Louisville. His radiator was frozen & he was cold. We went to the Tobbs to supper last night to meet Mr & Mrs. Morrison, coal people, Judge Denny, Miss Belle Clay, Mr & Mrs. Sam. Wilson were there. Had a very enjoyable time.

I suppose your mail deliveries have been slow for we have not heard from you. Charlie wrote he was coming East & get his family & take them

home for Christmas on account of the
coal conditions & would be unable
to come down here. I am truly sorry.

I am enclosing your letter to Howard
Dykes which was not delivered. Your
address must either be wrong or incomplete.

We all send love & do not fail to give
our kind regards to Robert Ross & son.

Let us hear from you & how you
have adjusted matters.

Affectionately
Dad.

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Capt. Hart. G. Foster.

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Street 231

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June 4th

Tacoma Wa

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1110 Rust Bldg

Jacoma, Wⁿ 1/12/23.

Dear Gibson— Hope you received my letter with
draft enclosed and wish the where with you can
work out from under for I have no confidence
in the Eastern Ry proposition even if we had money
to operate with oil at the present price, + I can't
see where it will be up very high for some
time. Not having heard from you I suppose
you never even got an offer on the wells + gas
fields. You of course having been on the ground
can judge best for yourself but I have written
off every thing I put in there as a total loss.
Do not worry close out and get at something
with a future. I hope to get out from
under Basutt before long then I can start
something myself till every thing is still high
+ something must back before long because
municipalities + people are living beyond their
means + borrowing. The only people who can
keep up are the people with large means
who buy tax exempt bonds + when the municipality
go broke + repudiate them they will go broke.

Read the article by Garret Garrett in the Saturday
Evening Post of Jan 13th He has it sized up.

This country must get down to earth & the water
transportation for me. We have lots of ships now
& they can beat the Rys in rates to the Atlantic.

Addison is in the right game to my mind & it
will get good. The Rys are labor ridden & will not
stand a cut. This coast is doing well & most of

the lumber is going by water. The St. Paul Co will
declare a 10% dividend & no comp kitchens here.

Local shipyard has an order for a million
dollar ship for the Alaska run & are finishing
3 coast Cruisers. The Albatross is about finished

is 550 ft long & develops 105,000 horsepower. Some
boat, cost \$5,000,000. We have had a deluge

of rain & Tom Muncys Camp up West Fork
was knocked out & drowned & he will have
a loss of about \$25,000 - Only had two months
more to cut. If you see Benson better tell

him that we are taking our loss & give your
time also. Ymrs Grandmas for the last few
days has picked up & brighten but sleeps most
of the time. She has fooled the doctors, but eats
almost nothing. She is a wonder, does not get

irritated + does not complain. I have been
constantly with her + she seems happy when
one of us is around. She was mighty pleased
to get your mother's letter. I read it to her and
it was beautiful. Aunt Jan has rid herself of her
coat + I also. Tell your mother that Beese

+ Bob are going east. If they get to New York
Beese says she will go down to Washington + stay
over a day. They will leave on the 14th stopping
in Spokane, St Paul + Chicago. Use your best
judgement + all will be well. I don't see

how mother can last long + I must stay

so long as your mother is getting along
all right. She must not over do though for
we want no out backs. I think of you all

constantly + only wish we could be together +
occupied. Addison writes a postal to

Jane ever now + then so I know he is
alive in that way. Hope he will hit it

off in the reorganization. The mine Charlie

is interested in in California looks good. Hope

it turns out good. They have struck a good

vein of rich ore, (Silver). Did you see Prescott?

Love to the family + keep your spirits up all will be well
Affectionately your father

Frank Kelley told me his brother George
died (Daisy Winston's husband) kidney trouble + 57 years



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Capt. Hart. G. Foster -

Lexington -

Kentucky -
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P.O. Box 445





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WIRES: GORING HOTEL, LONDON.

THE GORING HOTEL,
BELGRAVIA,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

July 4th 1923.

My dear Hart:

Here we are and I must say that this hotel is the quietest + most comfortable I have been. It is a pleasure to be in it. Bath for each room but it is necessary to go outside to the toilet. Our room faces on the rear which is a beautiful lawn with hedge white ornaments + green fence Buckingham Palace + the street.

They went out to see the changing of the Grenadier Guard around the Palace yesterday + saw the King. Addison is well weighs 170 + is sitting

pretty I think. All like him. He was
over to a conference at the Stagne
when we arrived but there were three
representatives to meet us & we
got through pronto. The ride up through
Devon was very like Kentucky but
the fields smaller & all fenced with
hedge. We have about rested, although
we talk until the late hours.

Addison is very busy & they go
from 9 am until six & six thirty.
Today there is a lot doing at
the Embassy & a tablet dedicated to
Ambassador Page in Westminster Abbey
will present my letter to Mr Sykes
friend Mr. Lander tomorrow. Tomorrow
night Addison & a bunch are going to
take me to a prize fight. Week
ends we will get out to the



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country in the old unfrequented
places. Your mother has rested since
arrival + will be glad to get out
a bit. Hope you worked out what
you wanted + got the apartment
turned over to Mrs. Darwin + things
stored. Received a letter from
Charlie, + will communicate with
you. Just Bassett wont get fresh.
Huntington is mighty busy but holding
down the job. Addison does not
see much of him because he
does not want to have it said
he is the fair haired boy who is
carrying tales etc. Huntington is
his friend + Addison stands on

his feet squarely. The Englishmen like
him as well as the Americans & he
is growing with the competitor lines
who look to him. This Conference
work is the best job here to get
every angle of the business. Mr.

McNary the N.Y. manager came
over on the G. W. with me & I think
he will make some changes.

Addison has friends in the heads
& will stick & come out. Of this

Company was out of pocket it
would be a money maker. All is
coming fine & Addison is getting
a wonderful experience - I am
going down to see Addison & have
lunch to day with the Canadian
Pacific people & get a hat. I am
one of the few with a straw



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LONDON, S.W. 1.

hat + am conspicuous. All spot
me for an American at once +
pick me for faint. Nothing doing.
Love to household from us all.
Hope to hear from you soon
I wired you without using
code because codes get 20
word cable cheap—

Affectionately yours
father
Harison Foster



To.
Capt. Hart. G. Foster,
Lexington -
Kentucky
U. S. A.

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AMSTERDAM



POSTREKENING
No. 1419

Amsterdam, 9 Sept 1923

My dear Hart:-

Here we are -

They are celebrating for the 25th Anniversary of Wilhelmina and the whole country is in gala attire. We motored from Brussels to Gent, Brera, Brugge & stayed at Antwerp all night then to Rotterdam, Delft, Scadan & all night at the Hague - The latter place is wonderful - Today we saw Scavringem, the Depart Town of Hague & then north to Haarlem & over here.

It is beautiful. Wonderful flowers & Holstein cattle. The people contented happy & all riding bicycles. They are rich and all white & blonde - Cigars but cov. Prices high for everything except tobacco. This is a place I would like to stop a while. Tomorrow we go to Edam Volendam, the Island of Marken & along the Canals returning here for the night - Then on to Doorn to see the Kaiser & back to Brussels via Antwerp - then Paris on Wednesday - Your mother stands it first rate - Her roosting from Addison but guess he is busy - We have a Benz limousine & rides well. A good chauffeur

Hope to get some letters
at Paris. Have not heard
from anyone for a month.

Will go to London on the 18th

All send love -

Wm. your father



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To. Capt. Hart. G. Foster

Hotel Ventura
Ashland,
Ky.

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BRENTANO'S MAYERS

SEP 10
11:30 AM
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Have run into a lot of people yesterday
Fred Bigelow who tells me of Sam
Frich's sudden death in Ottawa -
Odu Shepherd lives near here -
has been here two years - goes home
for good with his family soon -
Our chauffeur is from Long Prairie
Minnesota - Have been out after dark
once + then drove over the white
light district + views from the outside -
Parisians all out of the city at
seashore - City filled with American
+ prices are going up. Germany +
France both are spending money



30 Aug '23

My dear Matt -

Here we are - Food fine -
some good - weather cool at night + warm
in the day. Have taken a great deal -
we are motoring to Davos China factory
+ Gobbling, tapestry works to day -
Blanch McDonald will go with us -
My French is bum but I can make
myself understood. Bobbet is here -
Called last evening. Jean Tyler-McDonald
is here + her husband Col. Donald McDonald
assistant to Bentley - now at the Embassy

for preparation - We have motored to
Versailles, Fontainebleau + other places -
The more I see of France the more
I like England except for food.
We go Tuesday to Brussels, Antwerp,
Amsterdam + the Hague then return
here for a week returning to
London on the 16th or 17th after which
we will spend a week in Scotland
+ sail on Oct 4th - The Leviathan sailed
yesterday with the largest crowd of
the season - The Madams people are
up to their ears in work. Adeline
will not be able to come over

Are feeling fine - Ellen +
Dorothy have a French woman
come every day for an hour
for conversation. Shops are
wonderful. Wish Duncan
could be here he would
enjoy it + I would enjoy
some of the situations. Your
mother is funny. We had
lunch at Fontainebleau + when
the waiter asked her if she wanted
her chicken cooked (they had both fried
+ cold chicken) she said you don't
suppose I want it raw? We all
had a good laugh. Gr. Lindette

has been here but I did not
have an opportunity to see him.

Preston Gibson sent your mother
some flowers + invited us for
dinner at the Ritz for Sunday

but she declined because she
does not go out at night + rests
after sight seeing - We invited

him to join us in a trip Saturday
motoring to Chantilly + that is the

Taxi cabs are the cheapest things

here. We drove for an hour +

a half all over town for \$1.25 -

Wish you could have been with us. She

would be glad to get home - Your mother

is doing first rate but needs to get
down to regular hours.

All send love - will write later -
affectionately, your father
William H. H. H.