

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia

Jan'y 28th 1933.

Dear Sisters Emma & Sadie Neal.

Kind Friends:

To-day I wish to inform you, that I have booked my return journey on the "Leviathan", the same ship I came with, for March 17th, which will bring me home near the end of the month. -

People here do not suffer so much of the depression, because they are used to a lower standard of living, which however, does not mean without comfort. - Rather they live a "simpler" life, convenient enough without conveniencing themselves to death.

The money "unit" is a "crown" worth about 3 cents. I get 33 crowns for a dollar and to show you how far that goes I'll mention a few items. - I had a very good chicken dinner the other day in a restaurant: soup (excellent) a really large portion of chicken with rice & gravy, some cake for desert all for 8 "crowns": - Shaving costs 2 crowns. - But everybody wants a tip for everything. - For this the crown is divided in one hundred "hellers". - I am ashamed to tip "hellers" and a "crown" brings me many thanks and compliments. "Saving" is the art of arts here. - Of course all this means the average "common people" as Mr. Coolidge liked to call them. There are naturally rich people who probably live on a higher standard - but with one exception - I did not come in contact with them. My relatives I am staying with just now have a servant woman who has been with them for near 40 years. - A younger one who counts 10 years and is an excellent cook. - The state gives a pension to the old servant; all woman-workers are entitled to one at 55 years of age. Men, too, at 65 years. -

People here even think that
they are better off than we
in America. - There is
so much new building
going on (for 20 years tax-free)
that it may be true!

Wherever I come they are
building all brick or cement.
Not a frame building to
be seen - except sheds.
Low wages of course helps
and there is not much
unemployment - perhaps
enough in other sections.

Kindly remember me to
Dr. Ferdinand and Benjamin,
and accept my cordial
regards for yourselves.

Sincerely yours

Ernest