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Dear Mother,

I have only a few minutes to write you, as I am taking a train at 8:20 p.m., and I still have to pack. The train goes to Perpignan and from there I am going to be driven to Barcelona tomorrow, which should be a beautiful ride. Ernest Hemingway is going with me.

While it is in a way my vacation, I am pretty well fixed up with things to do. I am the accredited correspondent of the Copenhagen "Politiken," the International News Service and the Herald Tribune. If things get any more exciting in Catalonia, the HT will undoubtedly want direct coverage and since I will be there they will probably have me take care of it. This is what Mr. Hills thinks, and he is nominally in charge. If the paper doesn't come through, then I will do some pieces for the ~~Herald Tribune~~ I.N.S. There are a couple of other angles, too, which I haven't time to explain. One of them may be for Newsweek.

The trip down is not costing me anything, as a result of my friend in the loyalist propaganda machine, but don't say anything about this, because if the vacation from the Herald Tribune turns retroactively into an assignment, all my expenses will be paid by the paper.

I shall be staying at the Majestic Hotel, but owing to the censorship do not think I shall be able to send any personal letters out.

Love,

Jim

J. P. Lardner

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