

Dublin, January 14, 1936.

Dear Sister & Brother,

We duly received your Xmas card by which you reminded me that it had been some months since you had heard from us. I guess you are right for I have written very little to anyone for some six or seven months. I have been doing all the work at the Legation for 7 1/2 months, including the duties of private secretary to the Minister since he arrived June 22nd, last. And all this without a cent increase in salary. In other words, the Government has saved over \$2000 in money during the time I have been doing all the work. The Minister has tried hard enough

to get me more money - without success.

However, there is now the consolation that another clerk is coming here in a month or so, so I hope my work will be lighter after March 1st, I hope so.

I received Xmas cards also from all but Pauline. I don't know where she is. Dad told me some months ago that she had left K. C. for Kentucky, I believe he said. I hear frequently from Dad, seldom from you or Pauline, but every year or so Dad gets an ambition to write me. I guess he is pretty busy with all he is doing out there.

We went to Paris the 1st of December intending to stay a month, but everything is so expensive there that we came back to Dublin after 2 weeks

and glad to get <sup>=3=</sup>back. I think  
Ireland is about the best place in  
Europe these days. Suzanne's father  
and mother came back to live with  
us, so I have considerable more  
expense now.

yes, I have been sending stamps  
to Kathryn Jane with every letter I write  
and am sending you some. We don't  
receive much mail here so there are  
not an awful lot of stamps. The  
Minister's 3 kids are also clamoring  
for them and I try to keep everybody  
happy.

Of course you know I have a  
grand-daughter five months old. We  
had a picture of her a few weeks  
ago and she seems a wide-awake  
kid for her age, or rather youth. I  
feel very proud of Lyle and can't help  
contrasting him with Lloyd. Lyle  
tells me he has his furniture paid for

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all on a salary of less than \$60 per month. He is certainly doing fine for a kid 22 years old. Lloyd had a very serious accident which has ended his army life. I don't know what he is going to do now. I had a letter or two from a girl in Des Moines whom I understand he intends to marry in June. I don't know how he expects to take care of her.

I expect to remain in Dublin indefinitely as I don't know what else to do. I am in my 45th year and jobs are scarce for one that old. So I guess I will stay in the Service and retire after 15 or 20 years on a small pension.

I hope you are both well and happy and that we may have the pleasure of a letter from you before many weeks pass. With all good wishes for the New Year believe us  
your loving brother & sister  
Edmond and Suzanne

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