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Dear Brother, and all:

We are becoming much concerned about your personal safety; as the papers have been full of the recent Cuban uprisings for the past several days. The morning's paper says that there have been more than 300 killed, and several times as many wounded. For a time it seemed to be mostly in Havana, but today's paper mentions Camaguey, and other points farther east.

Nell wrote me from Camaguey on July 5th that they expected to leave for Fla. about July 15th; and gave me her address there. I wrote her in time to reach her about that time; but have received no answer; so we getting quite concerned as to just how things are going along.

The Press reports that all transportation and communication is tied up now; but does not say how long it has been so; so I am today wondering if they did not get away at all.

It is also high time that the "budget" letter was here; but it has not come yet. I have not heard from any of the family since the last budget, except Nell; and her letter was written the next day after she mailed the last budget. I wrote Fan last week, but there has not been time to get an answer back.

As to the Cuban situation, it would seem from the Press reports that the Roosevelt Government is taking a much more active hand in adjusting things, than did the Wilson Government in --17; but we can never tell how much of this propaganda work--nevertheless I really believe that the major truths have been in this case fairly well outlined. In fact we cannot see how you could be in any very serious danger now; unless it be from wildfire looting or personal prejudice taking advantage of the conditions to do harm.

I really think that the Roosevelt policies for a "new deal" for Cuba will speedily effect an elimination of several of the present thorns; and stimulate business and goodwill for a little time; just as it has done here. Business is very much improved here, and has been steadily gaining for some time; but the Tribune today says that several of the major businesses have not yet signed the new code; and that many of the smaller ones that have done so are not living up to it; and there seems to be a general air of grave apprehension all along the line.

Now I would say this to you most imploringly and emphatically--do not let up for one minute in your determination to leave there at the earliest possible moment. Perhaps you--like myself--will have no choice, but will be compelled to jump out and leave everything. I very apprehensive that you have already missed the proper crossing, and just as I did, and are very likely to have to do this. But God was so very good to me thru it all; and so wonderfully cared for us all the way thru. I left Bartle with \$53. in my pocket; and arrived here with just about the same amount. Had I left just after Lewis was born, as God told me to I believe the trip could have been as well made; and that it would have saved Teresa's and Elizabeth's lives.

But I am much hoping and praying that you may be spared many of the sharper things that I had to suffer; still I am fully assured that you will, have to be very prayerful and careful as to just how you proceed. About all things do not be deceived into remaining there; if you should find that the "new deal for Cuba"

results in an immediate and vast improvement in general conditions. A much darker night than we have yet gone thru is just ahead of us; and we must not be deceived into supposing otherwise. The little temporary respite is especially for "the wise" that they may make preparations for the next things. It is written in Dan. 12:10--"But the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" And also in the Psa. 25:14--"The ~~covenant~~^{presence} of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant" His great outstanding covenant thruout the whole Bible is to Israel--that in the last days He will gather them from all the places into which they have wandered. This is repeated so many times in all the Prophets that you will not have any difficultiy in finding some of them.

To you as an Israelite these promises and Covenants should come with great power and blessing in these terrible times. Search them out with all diligence; and plead them in all earnestness before God and He will hear you.

There are many things that I should like to tell you about the recent developments here; but I cannot now; beyond saying that there is a very marked change for the better in Zion's affairs. Meda and I feel that in spiritual matters--and of course that must preceed all others--that yesterday was by all means the best day that this City has seen since 1905. Voliva is in receivership; and his terrible regime is fast breaking up. His breakup is the very best thing that could happen. But God has arranged things so that Zion in so^llition is forthwith crystalizing out into greater purity, and fuller understanding; and we are greatly rejoicing in it.

I wish you could feel brave enough to brave the climate and come here, and watch with us the unfolding of the "new Day" It is not only a "new day" in this city's history; but in the world's history--that great day that all the prophets of old have desired to see.

About a year ago there was great eclipse of the sun that only occurs every 300 years; and it could be best seen along the New England coast. Men traveled from all over the world with all kinds of special apparatus to see it. How much more should we be eager to see the first rays of this new day--"A Thousand Years" When that day comes we will not be able to use many things that we thot so essential now; because "all things will be made new" I have been thinking and praying much as to how much of our old equipment we could use in the new disation; but I have not learned much about it as yet. One thing I do know, tho, is that we can easily grasp our old stuff so tight that both it and we will perish before the day fully breaks; and I certainly do not want to do that--nor do you.

Well I shall have to close now if this is get into the mail tonight.

We shall contineⁿ to pray for you; but you will more than ever have to "Put on the whole armor of God" and fight your way thru.

Let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Love and prayers,

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