

Tuesday

To Am. Ex. left note for Dile's
Peter's friends, the Helms, Ruth
Lorenstein's friends - 4 more letters.
To Instituto. Then met a youngish
woman who had just returned from
Pakistan was there 4 months - doing
research in Indian Art. Brought
back prayer scrolls which the
Instituto will try to restore. Beging
To-morrow - & I'm in on this.
Wonderful! My meals are planned
thus: Morning - make coffee in room &
bun that I snatched from dinner. Then
just before going into Instituto a cappuccino
to warm me up. At lunch, alone, cheese
bun & fruit, brought to room & coffee. They have
a regular meal in dining room. In
this way can keep it around 1000 liras or
a little more per day. Had my
hair washed yesterday day at a near
by beauty parlor. Seemed very modern
from first looks but rather shaky
on closer examination. But my
hair is at least clean. I tried not
to be bothered about the fact that
there was only one comb to brush for
all customers, there were two other customers.
But the young girl did a good job &
works very hard at untangling my
hair. It was with the 700 liras including
300 tip!

Wednesday Rain

This morning began the task of softening the scroll ~~over~~ steam with every one concerned gathered around suggesting ways & means.

Pure turpentine was suggested, so that was tried & left for over night. I suggest we look in Plenderhith's book for suggestion & there indeed was something - damp blotter. So that will be tried. In late afternoon went to Iteline lines & cancelled my reservation for Feb. 9. ¹¹ Don't know just when but before April. Now have to notify every one. Means many letters. Invited to Manganello's to-morrow at 5-

Thursday cloudy but warmer

Scroll immersed in water & boiled slowly is swelling & softening. Was asked to restore a book for Prof. Muzioli. Will be good practice because as it is for himself he wants the minimum work done on it. It's not because I'm an expert - but just to keep me busy. Got cleaned up in the P.M. & I was able to wear my knit dress & blue coat with owl sweater. ¹¹ To Manganello's for tea. There was another guest ^{both}. Ceresi from Istituto. Chiara & Guido ⁵ has grown & are darlings & made to show off & recite. They both go to a nursery school.

nearby run by nuns. There are many American children there & they are learning to speak English & say their prayers in English. Very cute. A present from Guido a huge Motta Panatone! I gave him one of Pollock's wooden dolls & Chiara a Japanese towel I had. Card from Am. Ex. That money from Betty is at Post office. Signor Magnarelli is most enthusiastic about the U. S. A. Blames Russia for the development of the bomb into a weapon of war!

Friday

Started work on Prof. Muzzioli's book. It is the same work I had to do in May - June. A Hungarian woman was in showing samples of their restoration. It is done in a different manner the paper or parchment is put thru a bath of liquid plastic or polyentaid (I did not get ~~the~~ the name.) I think it might be the same material used in B.M. for linings.

In afternoon wrote letters & to Am. Ex. for mail. Wam Embassy but closed so will try again Monday. Will try to call Mrs. Bright & I am to see her on Tuesday for supper.

Sat.

Worked on P. Muzzioli's book till 12:30 PM. Wrote letters & ripped him of smoke till 4 - Then to Piazza San Salvatore to main

Post office to type letter to Jeanne telling her of Bobbie Stauffer who may need Paris room. Bought flowers - Raining will get all caught up on letter writing to-morrow. Collected 15.00 at P.O. from Betty & Vernon. Saw a reproduction of a 16 Century manuscript done on parchment selling for 200,000 lire. Wrote to Mother I'm coming on an other ship 1st date mentioned.

Sunday - Rain

Went to Museo Nazionale & to the Apollonare show - put on by French ambassador - showing man - uscripts of his works - picture & drawings of him by all the now famous artists. His friends & relatives. Quite a good show - must read some of his works. Dined at noon then wrote letters - read Tim mag. & turned up hem of my smocks. Showered & bed early.

Monday

Worked on Muzzioli's book - Had asked Pizzardi & Manganelli to let me know when they unrolled the prayer scroll. Sense altro! But I found it done when I walked into the work room yesterday. Perhaps they just forgot! Again decided I'd been here long enough

• applied for berth on Leonardo Da
Vinci Feb. 20 - will get answer to-
morrow. Also bought Morini's
sides & horse on red back ground
for 3500 L. that about 6⁰⁰ in London
it was 10⁰⁰. This I bought from a
push cart. Perhaps I can sell it
for 10⁰⁰. Went to Lion bookshop
& was refunded 1⁰⁰ on books I had
ordered.

Tuesday Cold - sun

Institute morning - find that the
work does not worry me at all, just
go right a head. In evening had
dinner with Mrs Bright - brought
her some flowers - brighter spring colors
Nice dinner - showed me some of
her son's work, is a photographer
in Rome & has made quite a name
for him self. We had a nice
comfortable time. She used to have
an art gallery in S.F. Now very
deaf - bald head living in Rome
with her youngst un-marrried son.

Wednesday

Institute. Cold - little sun.

Picked up ticket this afternoon
had to pay 6⁰⁰ more as there is
a bath room attached to cabin.
am willing to pay! Wonder if I

Should buy nylon black lace stockings
for Bidda. Cost 5⁰⁰ - will wait
to see how much money I have
to - wait the 2nd. No - am just
about broke.

Thursday

Institute in morning - bright COLD
day with Sun. In afternoon ~~for~~
went to Rome - New York Foundation
hoping to see some of Clara's work stored
away, but there it was the whole show
still on! And they are beautiful - I
really liked them for the first time.
Wrote & told her so. Picked up my
mended stockings & then to Am. Ex.
A big fat letter from Bidda and 2 from
Peter - The first asking if I would take
care of her studio while she comes to
Europe with Margaret. And the
second - after receiving my letter
that I was staying longer - not to
batter - But I do want to take
care of her studio very much
it would help me get out of Mother's
clutches. I'm afraid if I stay
with her too long she'll get used to it
and that will be bad. Then
stopped to see the Lehmanns -
they were in and I stayed for
dinner - Nice people - enjoyed it
got in about 12 o'clock.

Awful feeling to realize that the money is almost gone in a strange country!

Friday

Still working on books for Prof. Muzzoli. Hope it turns out all right. There is so much intrigue connected with everything. I'm rather wary! Went to hear Kennedy's inaugural speech at Am. Embassy. Catholic prayer too long - rather much better. Kennedy's speech good. There spotted a large body cake with 3 treats for the meals' & Kitchen. 930 but I must bring them something. I think this will be fun. Suddenly realized I'm almost broke. Must find cheaper place. Will call Sig. Bozzi see if apt. is empty. Feel panicky. Must write Piero I'll need money when I reach N.Y. Write to Peter too.

Sat.

Felt very down. Istituto - The book I'm doing for the Prof. should really be done correctly, but Signorina keeps insisting that he wants just the minimum of work - so the bookbinder - didn't agree & there I was in the middle of this battle. Ye gods, why must I always get in the middle of things. At eleven o'clock a party was held in the main building for Prof. Angelo de Santis who is retired

Tore up letter to boys!

but still has an interest in the Institute.
he was with it since its foundation in 19
The Government gave him a medal on a ribbon
+ so the Institute thought of making
this an occasion + gave him a medal
too. So the whole staff was there including
the gardeners + the chor women. Sanderson
+ white wine + vermuth were served.
It was fun to be in on it. So that
did away with the need for lunch.
Started to pour as I went out. Walked
to Am. Ex. ~~at 2:30~~ Sanderson Christmas
chuck + letter from Hannah. Bought
Daily Am. to look for rooms. Found
one but no answer. So to bed to
keep warm + coffee + wrote letter to
Boys - asking for money. Real Panic.
Then as I went out to buy some
food for supper tried to phone
again - an answer - will go to-
morrow to see room. Hope. So
on that note had a pizza + wine \$5.00
bought apples + oranges for tonight
+ to-morrow.

Sunday cloudy

I came, I saw + I took a room. With
a very youngish Russian lady - widow
of Station navy man. 1⁰⁰ per day.
Had forgotten to mail letter to boys
so added a note of cheer that

I wouldn't need money until I reach N.Y. Its expensive to move & a lot of bother to re-pack again! tips - to die. So arrived at 1:30 with baggage, parked & went out to eat - Long Time & Temp. And again forgot to mail letters to boys - thought of going out but it was raining so didn't. Was just putting things away on new shelves & settling, when I looked in my passport case & there was my last \$\$. checks - still unchecked. If I hadn't been so tired I'd have gone out & done something rash! Isn't that just too wonderful! so tore up letters will write to - morrow on a new note. will take bath & to bed.

Monday

After a good nights rest - wasn't raining when I looked out window but sidewalk was wet so decided to wear boots & carry rain coat. Hardly slipped out of door. When I started & did it pour! Arrive at Institute wet! wet! Started to work on Prof. Muzziole's books now ready to mend binding. Pizzarelli had started to help me but instead did things him self - completely ignoring the fact that Prof M. wanted the minimum work done - tore out end

Papers cut off laced in head bands
+ just said "faste in the boards".
well, just telling me the minimum
+ for it would have been a
poor job if Piero Bozzacchi hadn't
come to my help. He is the
youngest binder there + interested
in modern bindings, painting
etc. and I have been showing
him the pictures I had. All
jealous of each other + just
showing you enough but steering
you wrong. I've just had
enough of Italian rain.
Collected passport from Big Pino
+ went to Am. Ex to cash check
so I could pay here. Still
raining.

Tuesday

Worked on Prof. M. books almost
finished. Signora Magnanelli came
back to-day she has been at home with a
cold. Show her Mr. Barrows letter
+ translated it for her. Then she
asked me to help trans. a letter to
someone else. ~~Had~~ felt as if I were
catching cold. From the institute went
to pick up my suit from Cleaner near
Palazzo Salviati + also had my dinner
there at a Pizzeria. but they only serve