

Leola, So. Dak  
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Dear Bro. Joe.

I received your most welcome letter yesterday, and also rude one. It ain't fair for you to kid me that way. I am not ashamed of being a school teacher. It is a honor in this country, teachers are very scare that is the good ones. Every one out here in the west looks up to a teacher as being higher than ordinary people. They are lords and dukes to them especially the Russians and Dutch. They are treated polite etc. Now you may think I am bragging but I am not. It is true. You know yourself

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It takes a smart person to teach other people. Why the Russians let a teacher board free if they would only come and teach them to read and write and figure but the Russian people are very ignorant and filthy, a white man cannot live amongst them.

20 sheep on a plate

20 more top of that

Five and two are (7) seven  
You tho' you'd catch me eh? Kaka  
So you are all well, I am also  
and glad of it, altho' this school-  
ing is working on my brain,  
I now why we have had three  
snow falls already and had  
0% weather too but now for the  
last three days we've had Indian  
summer, Halloween we had warm  
weather just like summer, why don't  
father get a job with the government

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He is mechanic enough to get a good job, theres where I would be if I was not teaching, but I guess I'll get to serve Uncle soon enough anyhow, I see the American boys is getting the dickens now and then.

Yes you bet I am a regular society put up here, you see being and I. O. F. and school marm I am right up in it and being that I belong to the Ambulance Corps too all females are stuck on soldiers I get invitations to all their blow-outs but I refuse some of them and the shemales, say kid if you saw some of them, you'd never look at the girls around our home

All the pretty girls are out west  
anyhow and they ain't stuck up  
but are sociable. The rich mingle  
with the poor, and that is the  
way I like to see it. I'm done  
with your city girls forever. Don't  
want them. I've found out that  
they know nothing whatsoever of  
the important and vital points in  
life, while these western girls do.  
I wouldn't give one of these girls  
for 1000 of your eastern girls. That  
is saying it pretty strong, but it  
is true. Good-luck to you Nov  
10<sup>th</sup> don't do anything that I would  
do, for I'm a terror

Go. take my advice, leave the  
women alone, they are the ruinators  
of men, that is some of them, they  
are deceitful, twofaced and very  
low downed, quick tempered etc. I  
know from experience, If you take

a girl, cut off the rest of them  
and take one that is the oldest  
girl, If there is a girl older she'll  
do more harm to you any anything  
she'll find some fault with you  
while a boy would push you on.  
Mrs Ebner Thor of Sperry, has a  
sister older than she who made  
things lively for me down there  
I we had some romance, but our  
love grew stronger all along. Think  
about this Joe, you are young yet  
too young to know a good girl  
I ain't here looks but her moral  
intellect and disposition, you're  
bound to get into Shoegrens relation  
aint you. Good Luck to you Joe,  
and Dave also, How does Grace

take it since Dave left, the boys  
will see some stiff fighting yet.  
some will never return, while  
some will. God hasten the day  
when "democracy" will be estab-  
lished, and autocracy defeated  
we must win for humanity's sake  
we must be safe from tyrants such  
as the Kaiser etc.

Where are you working now,  
or do you just imagine you're  
working are you down at Dave's  
place?

I was down to see the "Fall  
of a Nation" and it sure was great  
If it ever gets to Chicago again, go  
and see it.

With Love and regards to you  
all.

Elmer