

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
10th don't do anything that I would
do, for I'm a terror

Go. take my advice, leave the
women alone. they are the ruination
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 shell
do more harm to you any anything
shell 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