

Berlin.

2.30 p.m.

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My dear Papa

I suppose you will be rather surprised to see the heading of this letter, as I have gone in exactly the opposite direction to the one you supposed I was going in. I had a great deal of talk with uncle Jiffy on Sunday and he recommended me not to lose the opportunity ^{of seeing Berlin}. Accordingly on Monday I got my passport, & Russian money from uncle J. and left this morning (Tuesday) at 7.15 a.m. and arrived here at 1.30. I am in the Victoria

Hotel, Unter den Linden and
am now writing this while waiting
for the table d'hôte at 3 o'clock.
I shall be back in Dresden
on Friday at noon - possibly on
Thursday - I have got to see the
Museums, Picture Gallery, Potsdam,
the Theatre and the city itself.
The country between this and Dresden
is very flat and uninteresting
but Berlin itself from what I
have seen out of the cab seems
very fine indeed - this street -
Unter den Linden - is nearly as
wide as Lackville st, and one of
the adjacent ones it more than

two miles long. I do not know
how the expenses will be, but
uncle Jeffry said he thought that
they could not be more than £ 4.
or £ 4.10. If this is the case
I hope ~~to~~ to be in Prague
next Sunday or at all events
in the Saxon Switzerland.

Tell mamma I have brought her
purse with me to give it a
trial. I have got with me

40 thalers = about £ 6, which
uncle J. said I had better take
in case of contingencies.

4.15 p.m. I have just come
from the table d'hôte which
was a very good one, there

were about 40 people and
all - except two - of those I could
hear spoke French and even
the waiters answered in French

I am going out to look about
the place now and shall probably
go to the theatre as the best way
of passing the evening.

I have not seen such a lively
place since I left England
- people seem to be living for
something which is certainly more
than they do in Dresden.

I see omnibusses going about
at a smart rate and apparently
full

full, droshkies here too go
about in a more business
like manner. If I can manage
it I think I shall return to
Dresden on Thursday and be
off to Prague on the S. G.
on Friday or Saturday. I have
had no trouble about my pass-
-port and the first person
who asked for it was the
waiter here. I hear everyone
talking about "Troops" "ordered
to march" "Engländer" "Piemont"
"Turin" but I don't suppose
that there is anything really new.

I wish I had got young S. or
somebody to poke about with
here, but as I have not I shall
have to do without him. I am
still hoping to get him to
Prague with me but nothing
is certain; probably by the
time you get this I shall be
either there or on my way.

Francis E. Prendergast.