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April 7, 1917

Dear Rachel:-

A couple days ago I received 3 letters from you two of which contained letters to me from the Oil Company. I would like to answer the Oil Company's letters direct to them in Houston, Texas U.S.A. but all letters sent to the United States must bear an English stamp and it is impossible to get such stamps here. Therefore I am writing a letter to Mr. Jackson, the former manager of the Great Southern Oil Association, and am enclosing^{it} in this letter to you. When you get this letter I would like to have you put the enclosed letter to him in an envelope address it and stamp it and send it off.

I am writing the letter to Mr. Jackson as though I were writing it from home in Vancouver and you should address the envelope as follows: Mr. Edwin S. Jackson

Former Manager
Great Southern Oil Association
Carter Bldg
Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

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As I said before, the only reason I have in sending this letter all the way to Vancouver and for you to send it on from there is simply because I am unable to get any stamps which must be placed on letters for the United States which are sent by those on active service in France. When you get this letter I would also like to have you to date the Art Company's letter before you send it off.

Now Rachel, with reference to France in general I may say that France is not that "Sunny France" you may sometimes hear of in Canada. It snows, rains, hails, freezes - the wind blows and sun shines alternately even in the month of April.

Chances of peace do not, according to latest English papers, look as rosy as I thought. The Hunns made a raid on Russia and took some munition dumps. The papers say that General Sir Wm. Robertson says we lost the mastery of the air. He also, according to the papers, asks for 50000 more men by July. So I guess the war will last for a few more years yet but the Hunns will be def

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ated ultimately. The United States declared war on the Hun now and so I suppose we will see some of our relatives from Minneapolis, Minn enlisting in the American Army.

There is also the possibility that Germany may unexpectedly collapse as suddenly as she started the war. The moral effect of the action of the U.S., in addition to a great army of men, a strong navy, and all-powerful financial support may weigh heavily on the Government of the Hun.

Well, Rachel

All love in

for the present

Joseph

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