

we were of the sand banks I could
see them distinctly altho they are
60 miles away they are on the Mich-
igan shore & look from here the
same color of Grouse slide
They are the only land we have
seen today since we left the
point this morn^g The weather is
growing warmer every minute I
wish you were here to see the
lake now It is as smooth & beautiful
as any body can imagine If I could
have my choice in modes of conveyan-
ce I would choose this route in
preference to rail road The boat
is clean & homelike meals regular
& good When we come to the table
we are as sociable as we would be
at home I do not believe you would
be sick on Superior you might be on
Michigan If you encountered such
a storm & fog as we did the Capt
thinks it was a bad day yesterday
on both Lakes We just escaped
because we were on the river He
predicts a fine day to-morrow Our
company is very pleasant Yours A.W.

June 10 Lake Superior 8 hours out
from St Marys River

Dear folks at home

I dropped you a line at
Mackinaw which I hope you will
get We left that place due east
30 miles through Lake Huron Then
we turned north into the Long
St. Marys river It was a delightful
ride all the way only it was too
cold to be out. I stood almost all
the afternoon at my state room
window and gazed until my
eyes were tired About 3 o'clock we
passed through ^{the} locks that raise
the steamers into the canal
that take us past ^{the} rapids
between Lake Superior & the
river. The ~~rapids~~ is 25 feet higher
than Huron The canal is about
one mile long & has three locks
so large that two steam boats
are locked through at once

The clerk & Capt told us at
supper time that they had seen
four boats in the Rocks at
once There is a little settlement
right there called Gowg St Mary
The river along side of the canal
is low & rocky & so rapid that it
is white as foam The wind
blew from the North West all
day The Capt concluded to stop
for the night fearing Lake Superior
would be smother to-day He
had a hard time all the way
from Milwaukee in consequence of
the rain & fog untill we got to
Mackinaw I think he has a new
pilot for he has not left the
bow only for a short time untill
we got in to Superior The chan-
nel of the St Marys river is
narrow all the way It is laid
out with bouys & is so narrow
that all boats pass in the day

or stop for the night The river
runs through Lake George &
Little Lake George Just between
these lakes lies the Island where
the Indians pick so many rasp-
berries We passed the house
owned by Mr Church who buys
& manufactures them into jam
It is quite a nice looking place
The Island is dotted as far as
I could see with little shanties
occupied by Indians. We stiped
for the night at "Point au Pin"
Friday Morn We started on
big waves with cold weather
expecting to have a hard day
but the wind changed to the
west & we have had a very
pleasant sail so far We are
making for Kenewa Point &
shall pass there in the night
I am sorry for the Clerk says
it is worth seeing at noon

Sat June 12^p The Capt was disappointed about a pleasant day. It has rained almost all day but we all planned to see the sun set in the water last night just as it disappeared a cloud obscured it from our sight. We stoped at Copper Harbor about 12 last night. The first stop we made for 20 hours. This morn I got up at 4 to see the sun rise. The East was all a glow I was anticipating a beautiful sight I watched about an hour & just as the rays were about to strike the water a cloud ~~between~~ between me & it. So I went to bed & slept until breakfast hour. We reached Ontonagon about noon today. The rain ceased long enough for us to go ashore & see the place. Here we met ~~Mr~~ Motion from Detroit. We are lying along side now They are taking on freight & we are taking off. I mailed a letter to Geymour on her

After we left Ontario the rain
commenced again & the fog was
so dense that we had to stop.
The Capt did not know where he
was. It happened that we stopped
near Mich Island & drifted in
about one hour onto the rocks
our boat caught between the
rocks we hung there for 2 hours.
The waves rocked the boat from
side to side with a jam each
time. They unloaded the hold &
prepared to scuttle her. The mate
wanted to try once more by thro-
wing the anchor over to assist
the engine. This effort was suc-
cessful & we were released.

It was a strange scene, & I
was so glad that you did not
know where we were. Yesterday
I got to Marys about 11 o'clock.
I should like to describe to you
the scenery but I cannot. It
is beyond my feeble powers. It must
be seen to be appreciated. You will