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HAMBURG

At Sea,  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1926

Dear "Uncle Walter:"—

After a long  
two-weeks' voyage, I am  
at length a few hours' sail  
from Southampton, and want  
to send you a word to thank  
you for the good letter I re-  
ceived from you in Monrovia  
just as I was leaving. The  
same mail brought also  
two letters from my good wife  
telling of Mrs. Toppan's serious  
condition and then of her death.  
It was not perhaps altogether

1/4 it would be possible for a single person to  
land unknown in Liberia, and do very  
much without some sort of introduction  
such as we had — but on the whole there  
was nothing very dangerous or exciting.  
I fortunately kept well during the trip  
and was I may soon be back to tell  
you about it. I shall mail this in England  
tomorrow and follow after it as fast as  
I can.

With my love to you as always

Glenn H. Allen

unexpected for she had been  
frail for so long, but the  
break is always hard when  
it comes. I am sorry I  
was away at such a time.

It was a delight to know  
that your summer at Shel-  
burne was a good one. There  
is no place like the mountains  
for those who love them. How  
good of you, too, to have stopped  
in on Elizabeth's birthday!

I have been gone longer  
away than I had expected, but  
on this expedition almost every-  
thing turned out differently  
from what we expected and  
plans had to be constantly  
altered. I am bringing

back with me our collections. I don't  
imagine I have any new birds or  
mammals, for a new bird is hard  
to find these days after so many keen  
collectors have ransacked every quarter  
of the globe. Then too, the West African  
forest fauna is fairly homogeneous  
and is well known in adjacent countries,  
yet I hope we have added something to  
scientific knowledge and at all events  
shall have almost the only considerable  
collections of African vertebrates in  
America. We had a hard and difficult  
trip in many ways — I don't see how



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