





and a card with the words of  
which one never wears, "Everywhere  
everywhere Christmas tonight," and  
then not long ago came your letter  
of December 29. It is good to know  
that you are well and that  
you can keep busy in such con-  
fidential ways. You apparently are  
not to be released from duties  
in the Shakespeare club, I see.  
All that you write of yourself and  
of Cambridge is of constant interest  
to us. The transformation of Cam-  
bridge is hard for us to envisage

of this distance, even with your drawings and  
reassuring photographs in the Standard. I  
could do more. And yet I sit lost within from un-  
bridge lets me that a business is to be  
not advised in Church Street! Well, well, but  
would do more. I have been back!  
for us, when we have left him to put up & see  
how is small lunch waiting for me. I should  
for any part of present. But only I should  
in that last day has been the business. That  
a thing of splendid business, becoming in these  
days when so much has to be done is in it! business is but



produced a <sup>2</sup> problem that looked  
 insoluble. But the French attacked it,  
 and the traffic now, though enormous,  
 really formidable, is admirably regulated.  
 When the French tackle a problem, they  
 keep at it until they solve it. And  
 therefore I have faith to believe that  
 they will find a way out of this  
 overwhelming present financial troubles.  
 You ask how we feel about America's  
 retaining France's enormous debt. We have  
 absolutely no sympathy with our govern-  
 ment's attitude in regard to all the  
 war debts. We feel that all war  
 debts ~~should~~ to the U. S. should be  
 annulled, and post war debts, <sup>of France</sup> collected



on the easiest possible terms for our  
old friend and helper, France, to  
whom our debt can now be paid.  
I do not see how France could have  
been true to her responsibilities and  
not <sup>have</sup> carried on the war in Morocco  
and Syria, tho' in the latter the  
conduct of General Sarrail, the ap-  
pointee of the Hurriot ministry, who did  
all in its power to ruin France, has  
been severely censured here except by  
the adherents of Hurriot's party. I feel  
a great deal more concerned about  
what we ought to do <sup>than</sup> that about what  
France ought to do, and I can't see  
any thing but a downward course  
unavoidably in the government of the U.S. since  
1919. But these are n't pleasant thoughts!



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