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Monday afternoon

Dear Mother:-

I am going to write a brief note to give you instant developments on the Hanover front. In the first place, let me say that I am sorry if I said anything rash in my letter of last Saturday. I was so mad at the time I even forgot that I could send the telegram collect and save my carefully hoarded pennies. O well, it's all over now anyway. I was glad to get your check, but there are still a few obstacles. You see, the college would be pleased to receive the check in part payment, but they wouldn't even consider giving me any change from it, so that all I can do is put it on my tuition. I interviewed the bank this afternoon, and after consulting charts was informed that they would hold it for collection, and I might expect payment in not less than 13 days, which, you see, would run over to April 1. If Daddy hasn't sent his money yet, it would be a big help to have him send a portion of it in a postal money order so I could use it for current expenses. If worst comes to worst, I might try to prevail upon Brother Norton, the Bursar, personally, to let me have \$25 change from that check, and if it wasn't good he could put it on my next college bill. I hope you will let me know in your next how the banks are in Newark, but as you said the banks were closed on your birthday, and since I have the check for more than 5% of your account, I suppose that they must be open for regular business. Every morning I scan the New York Times for news of the banking situation in Ohio, but outside of general

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Saturday

Well, I got your telegram this morning and I don't think I've been so angry for months. I wrote last Sunday, but of course I suppose you didn't get it or you wouldn't have telegraphed. But how many times do I have to say that if you don't hear anything, I'm all right? I should think you could write and say that you hadn't heard from me and then I could write back. Even a special delivery wouldn't be so bad, but to scare me to death with a telegram and then force me to spend 63¢ to reply is the limit. I have been keeping away from the show, not eating anything outside the eating club - I haven't even tasted candy for a month - saving up on a basis of \$10 a week, and then have to kill a whole weeks savings on a foolish telegram. What good does it do me to save money if I have to throw it away on useless things?

When I saw that telegram in the door I thought that either Aunt Mamie or Grandpa had died or that I was going to have to leave college immediately. If there were anything wrong you would have heard it long ago. I'm not going on any mountain climbing trips, I haven't any money for week ends, the only danger is that I might die from sheer boredom, but I'm too busy for that. I have just as much right to be worried about you as you have about me; here it is well over a week since I have had a letter from you, and the tuition was to be due today. But since I didn't hear anything I just supposed you were all too busy to write, and I am perfectly willing to wait until you do, though I certainly think I need your letters, being up here away from all of you, than you do mine, being all together. You know darn well if I

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were too sick to write the hospital authorities would tell you about it; if it were an accident, police authorities would send you a bill, and anything that goes wrong with a student, there are lots of people just dying to let their parents know about it. And send in a bill. In conclusion, if you ever send a telegram just to find out if I have a headache, I shall refuse to answer it for the simple reason that I am not going to waste any more money to enrich the Western Union. I need it worse than they do.

I my Sunday letter I said that the bursar was accepting checks to hold for collection, even if not immediately payable. It is just a form of credit. The date has been extended, fortunately, to March 24. It must be paid by that time. Don't forget, I still have that money in the Union Trust, and if it opens you can draw that for the tuition. Please let me know how the banks in Newark are, as I have no way of telling. I haven't seen Eddie to talk to for over a month now, so all I know from home is what I hear from you. I also said that I had applied for a library job, and that I might get one next year, not before. The Aegis has suspended publication. The scholarship blanks are not being issued until after vacation. I got an A in the first poly sci hour exam. I have just enough to pay for this week's board and then I will be on credit again; if you could spare \$20 I would be all set until the end of the month. That is all I can think of right now. I will write again Monday, or when I get a letter from you. NO MORE TELEGRAMS.

*William*  
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