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My Dear Mother

We arrived here last evening after a most pleasant trip across the Gulf the <sup>was</sup> Ocean as smooth as I ever saw Galveston Bay not one on board the least sea sick or complaining as for my own part I felt better than I expected and in pretty good spirits too. The morning I left Galveston I felt so bad that I determined within to go back two or three times but felt ashamed to do so how are the children and has sister got the Baby ok! I do want to see them so much I think of nothing else but then it is so hard to be separated from them and so far too and so long you must take good care of little Jimmy and not let you forget us poor little things I could cry my eyes out when I think of them tell sister not to cut Lou's hair off and kiss them ten million of times for me we go this evening on the Ohio Belle direct your first letter to Frankfort Mr Major is writing to write the New York is about to start you my