

2nd July '91.

My dearest Mother,

Very many
thanks - The box is not here
yet but we will have it in
a week & will be very glad
to get it. I think I remember
seeing - a long time ago - the
two papers you mention
but I am sure they were
not in my possession
although I do remember
once saying I would take
them. but afterwards I
thought better of it because
I had no keeping place

for such things - The other
correspondence I received
safely. I can't remember
either giving them to Bing
to put in his strong box,
or depositing them in the
Bank of Victoria. I can't
think that I took them
from you after all. I don't
think they were the actual
scrips because I am sure
that is in the Bank of V.
in London. They must
have been duplicated.

Many thanks for the bank
draft for £54 - 2 - 6. I will
write to Bing at the same

time to thank her for her
present of £10, which she
was very generous to give
us I think. We are going
to the Bank on Tuesday to ^{see}
what sort of authority I
must send to the Bank
of Victoria for you to draw
my money, & then I will
send it at once by this mail.
I was very sorry too about
Mr. Slowe's death. I believe
she suffered very much.
I have written to Elsa. it
will probably go by this mail.
Yes Lief & I are very contented
& perfectly happy I am

glad to say. I certainly
think Leip's photo should
be kept on view in the
dining room. I enclose a
photo of the Artillery firing
a royal salute on coronation
day. Leip is on the last gun.
you can only see his helmet.
He has now a gunlayer's
badge as well as the marksmen's
badge. The new one is a large
L surrounded by a wreath in
gold on dark blue - it is
on the right sleeve near the
shoulder. At the Artillery's
annual shoot Leip won
another spoon & has now 3.

You did not enclose Aunt
Blanche's letter, after all - so
I did not quite understand
what you meant about it -
however, you will probably
send it on next time you
are writing & then I can
see ~~that~~ what it is. In
any case I never had the
least unfriendly feeling
towards her. Your letter
must have come on board
before the Empress, for
she is not due for a week.
There is not much news.
I played Bridge with Mr

Haas one day. Mr Junginger
was there & all the rest
were Germans. I had
the Bridge club playing
here one day this week.
I am getting rather tired
of it & would not join
the same crowd again -
some of them are nice &
others hopelessly fussy.
We have not had any tennis
yet, though we were asked
to play once or twice -
but there has been such
constant rain for the last

weeks that the ground has
has not been fit for it.
We have had boxes put along
the drawingroom balcony
for growing flowers. It is
nice to have some there.
Thanks for the Punch. I
saw the paragraph about
the woman member of
the Norwegian Parliament.
In the Icelandic Parliament
I believe they have 19 just
now. I would like very
much to hear of Vida

Goldstein getting in - she
has had such bitter opposition
from other women, who
had not even acquainted
themselves with her views -

Leif says will you occasionally
send us an agricultural
paper. he likes to read them.
He told you ~~his~~ idea he has
for the future, if he should
leave Arnold Karberg. but
he must see first how
things go. With love from
both your affectionate daughters
Blanche



Mrs J. M. Smith

Pident

Myora

South Gippsland

Victoria

Australia

