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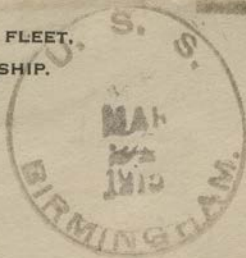
Written aboard — The Times of the
fourteenth brought me the
first news of your dear father's
death. Tears came to my
eyes as I read it. You have
lost your father, and I feel
that I had lost one, who not
only was a friend, but who, in
his life, pointed the way.
I think there never known
a man more loyal, more
lovable, more true. It was
a revelation to know one
who could fight so earnestly
for a cause he believed in,
yet could be so utterly forget-

ful of zeal. He was such a
holier man in the truest sense
of the word. His is a letter
we can say, even to who are
your friends, but you know
better, that from the very inner-
most places, from the sanctuary
of the heart, you have my
depest sympathy. The older
generation is passing, and
upon your shoulders is fall-
ing their obligation. The
younger generation look to
you for their inspiration
and their guidance. You
are for them, your daughter
better, and I know that
his courage, his loyalty,
his nobility of character

on all yours, given you to face this sorrow, or any
other that may cross your life, with eyes of courage
eyes of faith. My heart goes out to you all in the
little red houses.

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