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## [ ₹ ] S.S. CALIFORNIA

Monday. [late October 1936]

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We have had fine sunny weather all the way, there was a bit of a swell in the bay & we had to have the fiddles up on the dining tables & even then one had to drink up one's soup as quickly as possible for fear it might slop into one's lap. but now all is calm & steady, we passed Gib early this morning & only stopped long enough for the tender to come out with some passengers

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I am having the most gorgeous eats, I started my dinner last night with half a dozen oysters, one evening I had a shrimp pattie<sup>sic</sup>, but it wasnt<sup>sic</sup> as good as my concoction, the sauce had'nt<sup>sic</sup> got the full shrimp flavour. Another thing that I find very good here are the tomato cocktails, they are tomato juice with a lettle piquant sauce added served in a Tall glass

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## Tuesday.

Have just had a strenuous half hour in the gym, I tried the electric horse they have a new one that canters & gallops as well as trots. I also rode the bike for a little over a mile (all in one spot of course) there is a band fixed to the front wheel that one can tighten to make it harder work. then a party of us played with the large leather ball, the instructor joined in with us, it was great fun & we were soon all hot & breathless. This ship has been completely re-decorated since I was last on her, the smoke-room is in the very modern style, the square lounge chairs are in pink & pale green leather & the wall decorations are of fantastic animals jumping about among weird trees & plants.

I am writing for some Safety First Road plans that I saw mentioned in a motoring journal I gave our home address as I do not know how large they are, so will you put them in my

chest <in the studio> when they arrive, to await my return

We are due at Marseilles tomorrow & shall probably spend half a day there, I may go ashore for a little walk, lots of people are expecting to be able to get great bargains there owing to the de-valuation of the franc but I think they are too optimistic.

I will post another letter when we reach Port Said in the  $25^{\frac{th}{.}}$ .

Hope you had a comfortable journey home on Thursday & that Father has not felt any further effects of his chill.

Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

I do not approve of the ships<sup>sic</sup> pens they are like needles –