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I hear from one of the dog owners who sits at our table, that the mastif's sic owner bought the rabbit for his little boy & the dog & the bunny struck up a mutual friendship, when the family were preparing to leave England for India they gave the rabbit away, & from that day the dog refused to eat, & pined so, that they had to get his bunny friend back, & now they are on their way to India together perfectly happy. I wish you could see them. the dog is as big as the great dane^{sic}, & the rabbit is not much larger than one of his paws. There is a spaniel & whippet, a fox terrier, Irish terrier, pointer, salouky^{sic}. (spelling uncertain) & lots of other breeds. & all nice & friendly.

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Monday. [probably 21 October 1935]

Amice & I each saved a lettuce leaf from our salad at lunch to-day & took it along to feed the rabbit, it was nibbling a cabbage leaf. but when it saw the lettuce it came hopping up to the bars & fed from our hands, the great dog, (who by the way is a lady) came & had a sniff & decided it was ntsic dog food but took a great interest in the proceedings. There are some prize cocks & hens, we usually wake in the morning to the sound of their crowing & there was great excitement yesterday when one of the hens laid an egg.

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only long enough for the tender to put on, & take off passengers. So far everything is quite normal, Amice quite expected we should be detained at Gib & only allowed to proceed on our way with a convoy. I do not know where she got the idea from. but she always does exagerate^{sic} & fuss over things. we get the wireless news every day. We have an orchestra that plays at lunch, during the afternoon, & for dinner, in fact every luxury. Our table steward is a real scot^{sic}, we find it a little difficult to understand all he says. he looks after us splendidly & tells us when there is something specially good on the menu. the other day we had crushed pineapple pie & ice cream (two separate items on the menu) together, & they were good. another evening we tried wine jelly with ice cream. what a pity Father is not here as we have ices twice a day.

I have been busy with my embroidery & I find I have not cut a piece of linen to face the front

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Lots of love to you both. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

Amice sends love