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EGYPT EXPLORATION SOCIETY'S CAMP ARABAH EL MADFUNAH BALIANA. UPPER EGYPT.

A.A.C/<H>. Cairo. May 4^{<u>th</u>} [1931]

Dear Mother

When D^r Brown saw me this morning he said it would be quite all right for me to arrange to sail by the end of the week, so I asked Rex to go & see M^r Jackson at Cooks & see what was available. I have just had a phone message from him to say he has booked a passage for me on the Blue Funnel Line, the "Hector" (11198 tons) leaving Port Said May 10, & due London about May $21^{\underline{st}}$ The Blue Funnel steamers carry First Class passengers only, so it ought to be a jolly fine boat & lots of deck space, so I am looking forward to enjoying the journey to say nothing of the joy of coming home.

My face is ever so much better now & except for red patches where the new flesh is forming, is quite normal, but I have to keep the thick grey paste on for some days more, in case the beastly germ is not quite killed, it is a blessing to have a flexible mouth again.

Rex sends me round the local paper every day. Cairo has been having a hectic time lately. a few days ago there was a shocking accident on the line from here to Alex. the train caught fire, (there is no communication cord on these railways)/<as> the natives would pull it out of curiosity) before help could be got over 40 Egyptians were burnt alive & a great many more dreadfully injured. no Europeans were in the burning carreges^{sic} it must have been a ghastly affair. Well. the day following Nahas Pasha & a party of politicians had arranged to go to Tanta (near the scene of the accident) Jo some sat of political meeting. It was suggested to Them that asing to the acadent the affair should be posponed. Mahas stally refused . & with this party arrived at bains station to find it closed against him. It was so ensaged that he & his followers had a free fight in the station enhance & forced there way in & look there seeds in the two Pullman boaches on the Alex thain -Flee was, as you can imagine a tenific fuss . but they would no budge . so the railway officials incompled their Two would no this occupied most of the day until Russell Pashe. the Inglest budge of Bains presented them to go quictly back to their them to be bains presented them to go quictly back to their them to be and presented them to go quictly back to their them to have presented them to go quictly back to their them to be bains presented them to go quictly back to their them to be bains presented them to go quictly back to their them to be bains presented them to go quictly back to their them to bains presented them to go quictly back to their

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for some sort of political meeting. It was suggested to them that owing to the accident the affair should be posponed^{sic}. Nahas flatly refused. & with his party arrived at Cairo station to find it closed against him. he was so enraged that he & his followers had a free fight in the station entrance & forced their way in & took their seats in the two Pullman Coaches on the Alex train. There was, as you can imagine a terriffic^{sic} fuss – but they would'nt^{sic} budge – so the railway officials uncoupled these two coaches put another engine on – & shunted them all round Cairo. this occupied most of the day until Russell Pasha, the English Chief of Police in Cairo persuaded them to go quietly back to their homes.

This mornings^{sic} paper contains the news of a further – & less humorous escapade. Nahas Pasha & Co evaded the vilig vigilance of the police & went to Beni Suef by car. A demonstration was held there – ending in a riot. the police fired on the mob. & there was a deadful^{sic} dust up - 8 people were killed & 50 wounded, & 30 police injured – it is reported that the Goverement^{sic} intend to arrest Nahas. but when the paper went to press he had not returned to Cairo.

I think this is all the news I can think of at present. I do nothing but eat & read & sleep.

> Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter <u>Myrtle</u>