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## Letter from Fr. Leonard Amrhein to Tom.

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Dear Tom,

First of all the date on this letter is wrong. Today is Sept. 1. Now for the letter. Your letter arrived yesterday. I was glad to hear from you. Especially because I am getting lonesome down here in Shanghai with nothing to do. So when your letter arrived it sort of perked me up a bit.

Well, our tickets are bought and everything is prepared for the big day. Only five more to go. If everything goes according to schedule, our boat should arrive on the 22nd. And if we can get out of San Francisco that same day, we can easily make home by the 26th by train. Comparing the fares--train and plane--they are about the same. But if we can get a clerical, we'll save about 50 dollars. So we'll see if this can be arranged. I understand an agent comes on the ~~train~~ at Honolulu and arranges trips for the passengers. But if we can't get a clerical, I'm going to consider flying. I'll let you know when we land. I say "we" because Fr. William is with me. He might stop in Pgh. and I invited him to stay at our place. But that depends on his schedule to Jersey. When I telegraph you from the States, I'll also let you know if he is coming. If I don't mention him, he is not coming. If he is going to stop over, I'll just refer to him in the Telegram. The 26th is his mother's birthday. And if he can possibly get home by that day, he will certainly try to get home. So hold everything. Don't come to the coast to meet me. I appreciate the thought very much. But it is just a few days more and I'll be seeing you in Pittsburgh.

'Bye now. Be seeing all of you soon. Until then, pray that I don't get seasick.

Your loving brother,

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