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Dearest Laura,

Imagine my surprise coming in the other night to find a telephone number and call from Miss Gilpin. I eagerly dialed the number hoping to hear your voice the next instant when I found it was your sister-in-law. However, it was good to have first-hand news of you from her.

We thought we were fortunate enough in finding a temporary place for her as assistant to Lady Mendl's secretary, but a sudden death in their family changed all their plans. However, we are still looking and hopeful.

At present I'm in the midst of the "Miss Susie Slagle's" picture at Paramount Studio. It's the story of Baltimore at the turn of the century. I have a five year contract (optional) there, two pictures a year, with the privilege of doing films at other studios, and stage plays in New York if I so desire.

Dorothy's joined a U.S.O. unit. She's taking Ruth Gordon's play "Over Twenty-one". She's had her shots, and passports are in order, but she doesn't know where she's to be sent. She'll probably take off just as I'm going east to stay with Mother or bring her out here which I will have to do if a picture comes up at once. Otherwise I'll go back east and do a play. Perhaps the one about 'Holmes' called "The Magnificent Yankees" with Arthur Hopkins and Robert Edmund Jones. As usual my plans are very indefinite.

I hope you are liking your work there a little better than when you last wrote. It seems that we may begin now to make plans at the end of these miseries and perplexities, as I do think they will be over at the end of another year. Much will depend of course on the decision the nation makes at the polls in November. If they like the present state of affairs, keep the man who is mainly responsible for them in office which I think would be a great mistake for the country, but one never knows. However, young, fresh viewpoints would bring a much needed hope back to many weary souls.

A note from Edna Chappell tells of her son's marriage on September second. Did you get up to Denver at all this summer?

Here is hoping for an early reunion!

Affectionately,

Lillian :

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