

[From Andrew Lee]

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Dear parents!

I guess it is now a long time since I wrote to you and I apologize much for my neglect. Now finally on my birthday I will write a few lines and send them in the hope that they find you in the best of health.

I for my part have it as usual, almost no change. The one day is exactly as the others. Besides I have nothing to complain about. I have quite nice work and not the worst wage either.

Overall times are very bad here. Thousands and thousands of workers are unemployed in the country. People say, and that with correctness I suppose, that noone can remember such times and conditions.

There are strikes and conditions here which cost the country millions of dollars. Last week a railroad strike broke out [presumably referring to the Pullman Company in Chicago] and hundreds of the the railroad trains are also standing still.

If you take a trip to Levanger some time will you inquire at Norden Fjells Tidendes office as to why the newspaper is not coming here any longer even though we have paid for it. It stopped coming early this winter.

Well, herewith a greeting to all of you.

Andrew Lee

Write back soon and give me some enlightenment about everything which has happend lately.