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Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.,
June 19, 1914.

My dear Prof. Louderbach:

I have your statement of McMillan's time, and I am only too glad to be able to tell you that I can, and will, pay the whole amount. As this is the end of the fiscal year, he may have to wait a couple of weeks in July for his check.

Rankin and I have been detached from the ship, to look after oysters in Puget Sound, while Johnston goes with the ship to Alaska. The Deputy Commissioner is making a cannery-inspection tour.

The halibut-investigation and the consequent taking of bottom-samples will be resumed after July twenty-fifth. You certainly aroused my interest in bottom-samples; I shall take good care that you get a good series of them. And when I return to Washington, I shall arrange with the Bureau that particular attention be paid to that phase of the ship's operations.

I wish you the best kind of luck, and hope that the Boxers and bandits don't get you; but Uncle Sam has a long arm.

Don't fail to have a good cathartic with you, and don't eat anything uncorked. That is the great danger in China, particularly with respect to vegetables, lettuce, radishes, onions, etc., and salads. The Chinese use human faeces for fertilizer, and are infected to a very great extent with some "nasty" parasites.

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