



LEAVING ALGIERS

Dear W:

You've probably heard that it's the thing to do to get up and "see the sun rise over the Rock of Gibraltar!" It sounds romantic, but don't ever try anon! it. We did. With our constantly changing time we miscalculated the hour of sunrise and stumbled heroically up onto the boat deck in what might have been the middle of the night. I believe it was. It was at least two hours before the slightest tinge of gray showed us which way the east was. We stood around shivering, the men gallantly making repeated trips below for steamer rugs all of us keeping our eyes fixed on what we supposed might sometime turn out to be the Rock. We tried to pretend we were glad we'd come until all at once it struck us funny and from being very solemn and purposeful we became hysterical. Before the sun rose we had to go down to breakfast.

We had an interesting morning in Gilbraltar, riding around the town, going through the English fortifications, and buying duty-free Egyptian cigarettes and French perfumes.

The next night out we had a young people's or "infant's" dinner. It was great fun. The orchestra, unrestrained, let loose its best jazz and as the boat was rolling a bit, dancing was exciting.

Yesterday we were at Algiers. As the "Columbus" was the largest boat that had ever docked there it was very difficult and took two hours. Cables began breaking, Frenchmen shrieking, and in the midst of it all China to poverty and famine. our calm and reassuring captain and cruise staff moved about spreading oil on the waters figuratively speaking. Though we were two hours late plete ruin and bankruptcy, or she in landing the cruise staff, by good management, changed all of our ar- the foreign powers step in, and, in seeing was lost.

to the things that it hasn't and make you overlook the things which it has vented male American clothes any- ing people.

way? We ended a big day with a wonderful dinner at the St. George whose onion soup-formerly considered by me a plebian dish-is famous over the world! More of Algiers

> THE CHINESE DILEMMA "TORTURED CHINA" By Hallet Abend. Ives Washburn

"To the people of China, inarticulate victims of the world's neglect." This dedication of Hallet Abend's book "Tortured China" gives its keynote. Mr. Abend was for a number of years correspondent for the "N. Y. Times" in China, and so fearlessly did he fulfill his position that the Nanking Government last year asked that he be removed. The American Government investigating the charges brought against him could find no grounds for them, and the "Times" removed their other representative, putting Mr. Abend in sole charge.

I feel certain that Americans and English people living right in Peking do not know even a small fraction of the facts that Mr. Abend brings forward. So quiet is the old city of Peking, with the thin sunlight filtering down through that clear air onto the shining tiles of the Forbidden City, it is hard to believe that so close to it civil wars on an unprecedented scale, bandistry practiced ruthlessly against foreigner and native alike, extortion on the part of the government or the war-lord who calls himself the government, that these and other evils are reducing

The dilemma that Mr. Abend poses is, if China goes on in the way she is going she will arrive either at comwill "Go Red"; if on the other hand rangements so that none of the sight- spite of the hostility which such a move would meet with among the Algiers is an interesting place. A Chinese, help China to put her house "little Paris" it is often called, but in order, the population of China will that seems to me to call attention increase so rapidly that she will be a menace to the rest of the world. In spite of this dilemma Mr. Abend -the interesting Eastern or Arabian feels that the world must step in. flavor. While flowing robes-who in- His book is a challenge to all think-

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