

Panama March 20 1900
My dear family the ship
Sails in about one hour
so I thought I would write
a last word. I am anxious
to hear how Merrill Bristol
is I hope he got over it all
right. in speaking with
Andrew about the new
shop. ~~the he~~ ~~to~~ the evening
I left home he seemed to
favor the removal of
some of the Sweet Machine
or the Motor driven in
order to relieve the
pressure on the third
floor while I don't want
to make any hard and
fast rule. I am not
in favor of taking any
of the Automobile work
but there but instead
as much as possible of

Butch work as the
Lynn's Mill gears work
that is cast turned and
Planned. On the spot. I don't
expect to hear from home
until I reach San Francisco
which will be about the 10th
of April that will be the
longest time I have ever
been with out hearing how
things are progressing from
All appearances we are
going to have about
Six through passengers
One Man & his Wife fine
in Portland, I will be with
them all the way the
Officers are a pleasant
lot of Men. So that I am
expecting a pleasant
journey till Margaret that
they make good coffee
down here love to all
Y^r Gleason