

Pop's question
1925

Sunday the 25th

[1924-1928?]

Dearest Margaret:

Just last night I received a Mr. Sleeth's letter & a copy of the cable. The cable ^(2 Apr. 1925) ~~has~~ reached me and tomorrow I go to the telegraph office to inquire why.

I sent the pessaries (4 boxes) to the first address sent me by Mr. Sleeth - G. Murray Agency, etc. As I told you, the German authorities showed us the Canadian regulations regarding the prohibition of the import of contraceptive methods. I have two more larger boxes of pessaries packed & waiting to ship the minute I hear from you that the ones I have sent have reached you. Please, as soon as you receive word that they have reached your Canadian address, please

cable message as follows:

Agnes Smedley

(They got the American Express
Amesco Co. cable name from
their office & use it)

Articles arrived safely.

Then I shall ship off the others. By that
time all the others will have arrived
from Leipzig and I'll be shipping about
6 or 7 boxes. I don't know how many
boxes there'll be, as I have to unpack
and repack them all here again to comply
with the packet postal regulations.

I'm heartily sorry about the
delay. But I could do nothing. Of course

I should have written Brother last day and
 awaited the arrival of that particular
Dr. Das has just sent me a copy
 of his paper before your conference. Dr.
Das is a very dear friend of mine but
 I simply can't agree with his viewpoint
 in this paper, and I'm surprised that
 you have accepted it. Of course my
 own viewpoint on this subject
 coincides to most nationalists of India.
For all articles appearing in May in Die
"Die Frau" here on this subject and I
 know many Indians will brand me as a
 betrayer of their cause. I agree that
 poverty is great in India and 90% of
 it is caused by exploitation by England.
 But the population is too thick even if
 India could support 4 times as
 many. The Rabbit habits of human beings

accept as utterly unnecessary. Then always
 seem to think human beings should be treated
 like lice so long as they can feel
 themselves. So what purpose - why -
 wherefore - where are they going
to? I mean - where apart from
the danger of war? What's the big idea?
 I understand if they work on a Christian
hypothesis of filling heaven with souls; but
 many don't even believe that ascendancy
 and I don't understand them. India
produces droves of weak slaves which is
pulling the nation to the earth. I'm
sick of this viewpoint of Mr B. K. Roy & Dr.
Das there were far stronger in meeting our
opponents if we agree to all India's evils
and merely prove that we are the ones who
recognize them and are willing to change them;
we don't need the British fort or Christian
missionaries to do it. It irritates me to see
people talk in terms of percentages and competitive
populations; I don't find any value in talking that way.
 Love. Agnes