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My dear Sweetheart -

Actually I am working so hard that I don't have time to write to you - I hardly have time to sleep. As I wrote you from Tosari, we visited the mountain Bromo + stood on the edge of the crater + looked down into the smoke + steam + saw an occasional flash of flame + heard very distinctly the boiling + bubbling of the molten water - Returned 18 1/2 miles on horse back to Tosari, which place we had left at 4<sup>30</sup> a.m. in the moon light - we saw many Tengayan (the original inhabitants) on our return - In the afternoon returned by motor to Soerbaia - (the correct spelling) magnificent scenery down the <sup>east</sup> mountain to sea level - passed through a lot of monkeys jumping around + chattering in the trees - I discussed

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that they can jump a long way from  
tree to tree - Every train & way body  
in Java start early so as to go in  
the cool of the day - So at 5:54 am.  
Tuesday we left for Soerakarta, the  
seat of a native ruler - a Sultan -  
we ~~we~~ obtained as a guide the  
official interpreter who took us to  
call on the native Prime Minister,  
the real ruler of the Residency,  
under the Dutch Resident - Here  
Alabaster got some fine views  
of the house - Reception Room -  
Music Room - Amusement  
Room - Bed room &c - also  
of various servants - man making  
UKriss - Chamber men - The  
Minister is known as the second  
Bismarck - & he looks the part -  
all the natives ~~gathered~~ <sup>gathered</sup> into his  
presence - He entertained us with  
Whisky & soda & cigars - all good

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Yesterday morning we motored here -  
 This is the capital of a Residency of  
 the same name as the town -  
~~From~~ pronounced Jogja or Yogyakarta,  
 as you prefer - This & Soerakarta  
 are the only residencies governed by  
 a native ruler, & in them you  
 see true Javanese life - This is  
 a beautiful city of about 90000  
 pop. only 1500 of which are European -  
 Great wide streets with magnificent  
 trees - I never saw ~~any~~ they are  
 largely Karawari (and not sure  
 of the spelling) trees - This is certainly  
 a great place to visit -  
 This morning we motored out 16  
 miles to the old temple of ~~Boe roe~~  
 Boe roe badoer (pronounced Boo roe ba  
 daer) said to be the largest Buddhist  
 temple known - I can't describe it  
 but we have some magnificent  
 pictures of it - on our way down

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yesterday we stopped at the ruins of the Pawanbanan temples -  
To morrow at 8<sup>30</sup> am. we visit the walled town of the Sultan, in the city, known as the Kraton - 15000 people live inside of it & their job is to take care of the Sultan -

I have been writing this while it has rained very hard & prevented my going to Mrs Van Horst's collection of native handicraft, where I am going to buy some things which I know you will like -

I have discovered a number of fine Javanese things of which I never heard before - & I today made a draft as a step toward getting some, or rather my Banker checks - as the rain shows signs of letting up I must go out & prospect  
yours - Charles