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Maria Feodorovna to his son Michael.

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## My dear darling Misha,

I felt so happy, yesterday, when I received your nicest letter and I am hurrying to thank you for it with all my heart. My thoughts are always with you and it seems to me that a whole century has elapsed since you all left and our living here in the city. Timeflies so swiftly and I must soon think about my departure from here. In Gmünde, I plan to stay about 10 days, as I would like to be with you on the 22nd of November.

Apapa has not decided anything yet as to going or not and I am afraid of that journey "dans cette saison avancée pour lui". Aunt Thyra is also afraid to invite him "à cause de la responsabilité" and doesn't write anything about it. Poor Apapa had the unpleasantness of a change of doctors and the first seven days were extremely difficult until the new doctor finally got to manage. He was afraid and his hand trembled, so that it was just a torment for poor Apapa. But thank Heaven, things are now going better and everybody quietened down. Poor little I. had to leave just out of his own stupidity. Why didn't he resist? I also told him that he mustn't care a hoot of anybody and have only Apapa in mind, but he only kept on saying that the others tormented and harrassed him in such a way that he couldn't stay more. Lately, the doctor didn't eat at all, lost weight terribly and experienced such an alteration that it was obvious how much he suffered. This is a disgusting affair and of course everybody is blaming him. May God help so that Apapa's health just keeps on being as good as it was until now ! During the two or three years while Ibsóe treated him, everything went all right and Apapa never felt better, so that we owe him a lot, "il n'a jamais manqué à son devoir, qu'il a admirablement rempli".

You write nothing about how long you will stay in Skernevitz. Of course, comparing with Spala, I understand that Skernevitz is not likely to please you so much, but, anyway, it is a nice place of very good memories to me, especially the first time, in 1876, when we had a tremendously good time in the house of old Prince Bariatinsky (Field Marshal) where we lived. It's a pity that you have bad weather while here it is still extraordinarily good, quite warm and the sun shines. This morning, the weather is rather cool, 4°C, but now it's warmer. We walk a lot with Apapa and Langelinie is my favourite stretch. We reached the end point where the last lighthouse stands and it is an astonishingly beautiful site. But now, the roadstead is so empty without the "Stella Polaris" and the "Standard", it looks completely different without them. The commander and a few officers had lunch here the day before their sailing and our band gave a splendid performance for the last time. The following day, Lomen sailed on the "Standard" at 8 hours in the morning and in spite of a thick fog that covered everything and we could see nothing. At 11 hours, I and Waldemar drove to Toldboden's to have a look more and had again the pleasure to see the Stella Polaris still there, waiting

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"que le brouillard se dissippe". This was a marvellous morning with a sea as oil, quite a summer day in the sun. We stand there and enjoyed the sight for quite a long time, but couldn't stay until the sailing as they left at about 1 p.m. Unfortunately, they had a nasty crossing and arrived with a several hour delay.

Poor Roschtin isn't well - a nervous disease, it seems - and he remained here, at the Kommune Hospital. Several sailors are also staying at various hospitals, which is a pity.

Melle de l'Escaille arrived yesterday, she asked a lot about all of you and sends her greetings to you. It was quite a shock to learn that the "Peresvet" ran aground. She was overloaded with coal and running too slowly, so that "le courrant l'a emporté". As it didn't last long and occurred too far from here, I didn't go there. I sent a telegram to Kyril but received no reply, as they had already left. I learned from a telegram sent by aunt Mixhen that she and uncle W1. are now also in Skernevitz - probably on their way to Paris.

But now, it's time to finish this letter. I hope that it will still reach you in Skernevitz, where my thoughts are with you. Apapa, uncle Hans and uncle Waldemar send their greetings. Georgy already left last Sunday, unfortunately, and arrived to-day with uncle Willy in Trieste. I hope that you are being careful and don't go about too scantily dressed. My tenderest kisses to you, my dear Mishkin, and also to Nicky, Alix and the children.

Good bye ! Christ be with you !

With my warmest love !

Your Mummy !