

July 5

80 rue du Mont-de-Piete,
Pnom Penh, Cambodge,
June 29, 1924.

Dear Jeffrey,

Yours of May 26th and of June 6th came by the hands of the preachers. First, I will get this account business straight.

Heng had a terrible time over money. I think you folks up there ought to all be whipped good and proper for being so easy with him. He has come down here and all he thinks he needs to do is demand and his desire will be forthcoming. He has already learned that it will not here and it has caused a peck of trouble with him. It started with your not giving him enough to get thru on as you did the others. He is terribly insulted over that and thinks that everybody in the mission needs to be converted as he puts it. I wish you could have been here. Robinson gave him six piastres in Saigon and is reclaiming that from me. If I pay that to Robinson, how shall I enter it on my books? Aren't the preachers supposed to be paid from your end? Another thing, how are we to arrange for their salaries? Each one of them lands here broke and needs money to live on for almost a month before they are to touch their salary. I have had to pay them in advance. Encore une autre chose, How do you want Heng to pay back what he owes you? You had better take it while you can get it, for he is apt to explode any day and quit us as he has already threatened to do several times.

Heng gave me the following account which is exceedingly steep but to save further trouble with him I have said nothing.

Collies and meals on board	\$ 4.00
Debarking from boat at Saigon	1.00
2 meals at Saigon	2.00
Embarkment at Cholon	1.70
Tickets to Pnom Penh	10.00
Meals on chaloupe	2.10
Collies at Pnom Penh	.60
Total	\$ 21.40

Thay Te spent a total of \$ 17.00 for the same trip and he came by the most expensive route from Saigon here. Te, however, didn't eat on the boat coming from Tourane as he and his wife both were sea sick.

When does Mr. Irwin expect to carry out the committees appointment, or doesn't the sub-chairman have to do those things. I think under the exceedingly difficult circumstances down here at this time with all that there is to be done he would have left a joy ride go and get to business. When we have things to do we have to stick by the ship, how much more should he! I see where we have a very authoritative committee. In the first place, it doesn't know what it wants and if it does want anything, its wants don't count a snap when others want something different. I'd rather have autocratic government than any such affair as we have here. I can do as I am told a whole lot better than to think that I have something to say and then have people do as they like. I haven't got the time nor the energy to run way up to Tourane for nothing. I trust that can be straightened out at conference, or I shall not care to be on such a committee another year.

Does that sound too Bolsheviki? I don't mean it that way. It is just common sense reasoning as far as my brain goes. Well, conference isn't far away now so I suppose we will hear about it then and thrash it all out.

I will close now, I don't know whether I have said anything yet or not, but good-bye anyway, Yours in Him,