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Mr.

Everything got here in good shape and is being put away. Ryan has watched everything. I had to be in New York all the time until yesterday afternoon. Today the ~~Bank~~ Banks close at noon in New York and the run is on as it has been since Tuesday morning but of course is only 2 hours from 10 to 12. The Trust Co of America & Lincoln Trust Co both have stood the run all week and no doubt Rockefeller Morgan Stillman & the U.S. Government will furnish enough money to let them pay all demands even up to all its deposits rather than see them close

Politics might keep up the agitation
but Roosevelt is on the same
side of peace that Bryan is
all other agitators are ~~and~~ or
it might create some disturbance
but as it is the Democratic party
can not make an issue unless
they repudiate. The Panic in New
York is they claim the worst
in its history but it does not
seem to extend out much
further. and the danger ought to
be over today with Saturday, Sunday
night to be safe and quieted
down. If the usual start up Monday
on any speech institutions it will
raise hell and possibly extend
out of New York. Another bad
feature is if without really
making runs on banks all over
the Country there will be a
quite withdrawal of funds continually
so much cash will be withdrawn
from circulation

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that the big industrial institutions can get no money and will have to shut down. This is hardly probable or does one big price ~~high~~ high and conditions generally excellent at the worst it will only be temporary and after this is over if successfully withstood bankers & financers will be stronger than ever as this country has never before been able to meet the demands made upon Wall street and the New York Bankers.

It will not be such a difficult matter to get away with the Forepaugh show for the winter if we can dispose of the horses at good prices and it will save us lots of money. It will not be necessary to buy much of anything except canvas for Kinkying Thro & Bx & B.

For instance Ringling Bros are short on Camels Barnum show has 17. Ponsgaugh show has not very many & they can fix up both shows strong
Elephants are a little the most expensive luxury we have & would sell some if Bronx Park or any other Park wants the African Elephants I would let them have them at a good price of course they ~~are~~ will sell best to Porter In dividing them I would sell all we do not need however as they are expensive to feed & according than I would try in case we keep the parade with Ringling Bros to dispose of some that we now have that will not go in parade of course excepting those that are good performers and try to get a bunch with RBs that will nearly all appear in the attach as if it will be

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a strong Cord make a special feature of our immense lot with Ringling Bros & B. & B.

There are some 40 000 capacity flat Cars here that are dangerous we can take the new ones very built and use them here and sell off the light ones. The light here are just like those we sold Sullivan Bros years ago are the old Forepaugh Conference Car Ringling Bros can not use Forepaugh Cars as they are 4 inches lower but are built same height as B & B as we must furnish Buffalo Bill 4 plate we of course will turn them to them from Barnum Cells. The Forepaugh steel car (old lot) are very bad being built to narrow

over

but will do for Buffalo Bill
Forepaugh Farmers is fine and I
should think it advisable to
put it away do not send it
with Barnum & show does not
parade but it matches Ringling and
is always available for that or if
you should put out Forepaugh
some other time. Forepaugh show
has some nice bed animals x
Ringling show one Short Barnum
is long on that Forepaugh Hippo
is a male breeder and there is
room in Barnum same as when
we kept Pete room for Giraffe
also Barnum can use Forepaugh Eland
also Horned horses. only two behind
here can we come. Only two
Tigers here one of them 26 years
old getting very thin and stomach
gone can not eat much
so thin show has only one only
three lions here. This show has
very poor cages and only 21 besides
Giraffe cages

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Barnum Show with good cages
will be a different appearing
proposition in the menagerie
The very best here is not in it
with the poorest one the Forepaugh
show has the worst here one the
old time box cages no carving
bright lumber wagon spindel wheels
and the fronts with wide foot
boards and wide wooden pieces in
where rods are set in which
makes about 9 inches on front
to hide the view before you look
through the rods. All the Barnum
cages are very low having been
cut down for Europe The Barnum
Coal oil ranges are all used up being
5 years old and the coal oil taints
the food instead of refrigerator wagon
they used for which takes tons of

see the Fairbanks Morse has five new ranger steam tables & meat wagons

The rest of 16 this assured seats with Fairbanks can be repaired for Bannister The eighteen this season have one impossible from our stand point takes 4 men to carry the stringer and they twist so much they are dangerous the blue seats here are ~~so~~ heavy ~~so~~ it takes 2 men to carry one and three men if they are lightweight we need new stringers for them plenty of planks and posts we will have to change the pitch of grand stand as the river here is only 6 3/4 while ours are eight. The Horses with Fairbanks & Bellows can be fed up some on feeding farms near Wayne Kaukauna etc There are lots of Rivers there ARE Alle & down

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make contracts there we could do the same after selling off the Ringling Calls you could replace from Pittsburgh for next season the ~~Show~~ Barnum Show can also get the week this Show has not many calls probably 12 but we ought to protect both shows by some extra as we always meet with some loser colic injury etc I believe the big Show of today ought to have a parade the first time you come without it it will not injure much the draft is strong but as the show returns it begins to pull it more & more. For that reason I believe Ringling Bros ought to keep the Parade I think over

as it comes along where B & B showed day the season before. The public has not seen a big parade for two years and I believe it almost seems to them that they have not seen a show for that time. It looks to me as if no parade with B & B makes our attempt. There are so many ways where we can cut expenses here that I believe the name etc will pull it through for a year or two more without parade but it certainly will pull ~~it~~ it off ~~more~~. The investment in putting this show out for parade would be considerable now my idea is to fix it up by making only the most necessary ~~parades~~ repairs and holding the wintering expense down to the very lowest. This show would have an advantage over ours in wintering if they can till ~~Nov.~~ Nov. 15 ~~or~~ about one month

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But they have certainly never considered expense, I am perfectly satisfied if it will be decided to make no parade with Ringling show but it will be a most serious mistake. I would however cut out the dining cars and some of the Parade stuff you look it over and I think you will find it can be shortened some without damage and without reducing the variety may be kept Great Britain & U.S. out out Germany & Russia which hard practically walking now take India - Egypt Persia Spain leave two at home and with a little more trimming you will have two plats & two dining cars 4 cars in all. With B & B. if we have no Parade I think we can cut out one street car (they had one with very few horses)

and several flats and a trunk car holding it down to 68 or 69 cars & 75 with slingling shows. My idea is notwithstanding what all thinks about the Menagerie that a show that does not parade must give them something in the way of a display and when you give them a fine ~~display~~ display of animals in bright and attractive cages it is much better than increasing the already high salary list by putting in something that has been done by B. & B. for 20 years & do not believe it will pay to have extreme musical stuff in the menagerie either they will not stop for that they want to walk along and then get death there is only one place they expect to see a performance & that is the main tent

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I do not know whether you have realized the true financial condition that prevail here at this time in the section where you have been it has probably not affected the event & South yet but it will be a moral of the country get through without a crash The speculators are like wild beasts and thousands who have nothing in Bank help the thing along. Everybody is so well fixed or it surely be here We took up the matter of getting the money for payment with St Louis and while I wrote them we would need a very large sum I foolishly forgot to state how much. Our demand for $36000 was made when the Bankers ~~were~~ of all the big money centers

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like St Louis ~~while~~ were ~~which~~ watching the
private wires for news from New York
and were no doubt badly scared
at demand for such at sum at
such a time when they needed
every penny. J. R. Cook happened
to be on a vacation and on the
day in Washington Railroad
Telegraphed him to go to New York
at ~~Washington~~ once & fix us up
We decided as we wished to get
the money turned over without
the least delay as if it would
have been tied up if we were in
a fine hole to get pinched
Cook took three days to go through
the Matter and says we are protected
all the way through his last bit
of finesse was to get them to
accept $355000 on act instead of
total of $360000 holding out the $5000.00
apparently to protect us from shortage
which it does not in reality to hold
Mrs Bailey estate and all untill we
can get it to liquidate the $5000.00
we can make claim after claim holding
it.

Cook