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I have just flown five thousand miles to enter the B. A. A. Marathon and while I make no prediction as to ~~where~~ where I will finish, I can say that I will give my best. // Next to the ~~Olympic~~ International Olympic games the Boston Marathon is and has been for fifty years the most important event to the Greeks in Greece. // Seven million people there eagerly wait for the results of this race. This year they will, of course want to know where I finish. It is worth flying ~~the~~ five thousand miles to know they are so deeply interested. If I should win it would make me happy to carry home to show my people the winged Mercury that goes to the winner. // Running in the Marathon here is really easier than in my country. Here you do have some stiff hills over the Marathon course, but at home it is all hills and mountains. // I am glad I flew the Atlantic rather than taking passage by boat, because I have <sup>not</sup> hardly interrupted my training. Had I taken passage on a steamer there would have been no opportunity to train. I was training last Tuesday in Athens. // I know I have some good men to beat and I regard the Canadian Cote and your own local boy Johnny Kelley as the men to watch, if they are both in good condition. // I have permission to ~~stay~~ stay in the United States for a while and intend to enter other long distance races in New York and elsewhere. // I hope that I shall be the lucky one to be crowned with the laurel wreath by my good friend, your former state Representative George Demeter.

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