

# DIARY

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Around the World  
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113<sup>th</sup> Day

Thursday, October 1, 1936

At Sea  
Alexandria

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,912
Auto	1,441
Train	3,923
Misc	295

Sailed from Port Said, Egypt, on the S.S. President Monroe at 2:30 A.M. Looked out of window about 2:45 A.M. and saw light house by American Consulate. Beautiful morning. Glimpses of Egyptian coast line. Breakfast sure tasted good after the Egyptian food. Bob and I got our hair cut which made quite a difference in our appearance. Sea appeared to be quite muddy probably from the Nile River. Political conversation with Vice Council Barry and Purser. Alexandria Egypt in sight at 1:00 P.M. Our ship was opposite it at 2:00 P.M. Took on pilot at 2:20 P.M.; entered breakwater at 2:40 P.M. and anchored at 2:55 P.M. (152 Mi) Two boatloads of police came aboard. They had guns, clubs, etc. We got on tender at 3:35 P.M. and it left the boat at 3:50 P.M. A little ways out the tender ran out of gasoline. A launch came alongside to tow us. The tow rope broke. They retied it and then the steering deck on the launch gave way. Finally got a tramp steamer tug and it towed the tender about 5 minutes when the tender was able to go its own power and got to the dock at 4:25 P.M. Engaged an auto (Victrix) 106A at 4:30 P.M. from Aly Osman, and a guide went along. Drove past native shops and then along seashore. Man asleep on bench. Statue of Ibrahim Pasha ready for unvailing. Wedding furniture, pillows, etc being transported along street. Bride shows up in 3 days. Post Office and got stamps. Catholic church. Home of Chief Commander for Alexandria. Italian Schools (2); Large cemetery. Women visit on Friday. Big crowd visiting today. Tried to take picture but sun was against me. Went to Fouilles de la Colonne. Ruins of old Roman church. Pompey's Pillar 88 feet tall, erected in 200 B.C. Largest single piece of granite in the world. Went to catacombs underneath column. When directly under column we were 51 feet down below the column. Left 3:20 P.M. The above had Roman catacombs and Egyptian catacombs. Children threw stones at us as our car passed thru the streets. Mosques. Large catacombs were closed. New bakery having an opening and band playing in front. Thru native quarters and along canal which flows into the Nile. Fancy prows on boats. Little places along river for prayer, made

of tin cans, etc. Turned back thru native quarter, into better section, past Fort Napoleon, in Gate 14 and back to pier at 5:50 P.M. (1 ½ hr - 7 miles) Left on 6:05 tender and arrived on Monroe at 6:20 P.M. Sailed at 11:15 P.M. for Naples. Alexandria was dusty and dirty like Cairo.

114<sup>th</sup> Day

Friday, October 2, 1936

Mediterranean

Position at Noon

32° - 42' N  
27° - 07' E  
163 miles from  
Alex.  
837 miles to Naples.  
Days run (12 3/4  
hrs) - 163 miles  
Air 76°; sea 78°  
Bar. 29.97

Very pretty day on the Mediterranean Sea. The sea was calm and the air was clear and fine. We rested and readjusted the things in our trunks. Played a game of shuffleboard with Mr. Barry the Vice Council at Port Said. The Purser posted a notice as follows:

Arrive Naples 10:00 P.M. Sunday  
Leave " 6:00 A.M. Monday  
Arrive Genoa 7:00 A.M. Tuesday  
Leave Genoa 10:00 P.M. Tuesday  
Arrive Marseilles 12:00 Noon Wednesday  
Leave " 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

Travel to Date

Boat 20,075  
Auto 1,441  
Train 3,923  
Misc 295

This makes it almost impossible to go overland from Naples to Genoa and rejoin the ship as it would give only 1/2 day in Naples and 1/2 day in Rome. We thought

it better to stay on ship as we are all very tired and need rest. Horse Races. Clocks set back 30 Min. Now 5 1/2 hrs ahead Wash.

115<sup>th</sup> Day

Saturday, October 3, 1936

Mediterranean

Position at Noon

35° - 33' N  
21° - 13' E  
502 mi. from  
Alex  
498 mi. to Naples  
Day run 339 mi.  
Air 69°; Sea 72°  
Bar. 29.83

Travel to date

Boat	20,414
Auto	1,441
Train	3,923
Misc	295

*Hazy and much cooler. Ships officers came out in blue. Rained a little about 10:15 A.M. The water is vert blue. Spent most of the day repacking and trying to decide what to take with us in Europe and what to send back to New York. Had movies at night. A comedy and "King Solomon of Broadway". It was quite cool out on the veranda where they showed the picturers. We all wore our top coats. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night to Standard Italian Time which is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.*

116<sup>th</sup> Day

Sunday, October 4, 1936

Tyrrhenian Sea

Position at Noon

38° - 14' N  
15° - 37'.E  
Days run 324  
Miles  
826 from Alex.  
174 to Naples

Travel to date

Boat 20,738  
Auto 1,441  
Train 3,923  
Misc. 295

Rough sea last night. Still a little rough this morning. Sea was very beautiful blue color. Italy in sight at 7:00 A.M. We sailed close to the shore. Saw Mt. Aetna at 10:30 A.M. Very strong wind in Straits of Messina. Large towns on coast. Passed Messina, Sicily. From 2:00 P.M. could see Stromboli; an active volcano. Opposite it at 3:30 P.M. Black smoke coming out of top. Speed of ship retarded by strong head wind making it impossible to get to Naples before 1:30 A.M. As passengers were busy watching coast line in morning they had church at night. Rev. Larson spoke on the Life of Moses. No collection. Much colder

at night and steam heat was turned on in cabins.

117<sup>th</sup> Day

Monday, October 5, 1936

Naples, Italy  
Tyrrhenian Sea

Position at Noon

Not posted.

Naples to

Genoa is

335 miles

Were probably

about 50 mi

from Naples

Travel to date

Boat 20,962

Auto 1,457

Train 3,920

Misc. 295

Awakened about 12:30 A.M. by passengers outside of window talking about Vesuvius. Between 12:30 A.M. and 1:30 A.M. Vesuvius gave off 3 sets of sparks.

Docked at Naples at 1:30 A.M. at the Molo Beverollo. I went down and talked with the Purser regarding disembarking. Finally decided to stay on. Captain and Agent had a row over sailing time. Captain wanted 7:00 A.M. and Agent said 9:00 A.M. was earliest the officials would permit sailing. Got up and went ashore at 5:45 A.M. Hired Taxi at 5:55 A.M. for a tour of the city. Could see San Martino Monastery and St. Elmo on hill. Drove out of docks past Town Hall and Castle Nuovo to the Royal Palace, Royal Gardens

and San Carlo Opera House. Past arcade, Royal church of San Francesco da Paola to Royal Palace where the Prince lives now. Royal Palace was built in 1600 and restored in 1837. On past an old Fort to the Saint Luica quarter consisting of first class hotels and palaces overlooking the sea. The old fort is called Castel dell'Ovo and is an old Norman fortress where Couradin of Suabia and Beatrice the daughter of Manfred were imprisoned. Drove on to Piazza della Vittoria with Public Gardens and the world famous aquarium. On to statue of Diaz and stopped to watch the sunrise over Vesuvius. It was red and very beautiful. Went on a short ways in high class residential district and driver got gasoline. 2.24 and 2.44 per liter which would make it approximately 15 lira per gallon. Could see island of Capri in the distance. Went back on other side of Piazza dell Vittaria. Beautiful statues and fountains in parks. Natives beginning to get on streets. When they use two horses to pull a cart or wagon they hitch one in front of the other. Passed office of American Express Co, banks, and bassness section to Public Square. Drove along Via Roma and saw some very beautiful arcades. Narrow side streets. Thru Piazza Dante, which has a statue of Dante, to National Museum (Museo Nazionale) and on past beautiful statues and fountains to Cathedral of



San Gennaro. Drove through old section of city. Narrow street with arches between buildings on each side of street. Court House. Drove past Porta Capuana, beautiful gate of the city of the Renaissance period with two massive cylindrical towers called Honor and Virtue on either side, past Central or Rome Station to University. Saw many carts loaded with vegetables. Past Bourse, large fountain, and stopped at the new Post Office. The post office is a fine building but too large for the site. Passed statue of Victor Emmanuel II, grandfather of the King and returned to dock. (1 hr. 16 miles). Went aboard boat and had breakfast. After breakfast went ashore and took a couple pictures and talked with men on docks. Customs men wear hats with a feather in them. Policeman grumbled about prices being too high. He said most of the people were dissatisfied with Mussolini but afraid to do anything about it. Difficult to get anyone to talk. Blackshirts around watching boat. 5 submarines and 4 gun boats in harbor. Pulled gang plank and sailed at 8:15 A.M. Vesuvius not very distinct. Passed many beautiful islands, some with castles. Saw Island of Capri. Looks a little like Inland Sea of Japan. Worked on itinerary for European trip. Coast line and small towns in sight all day. Some rock islands. Beautiful sunset. Much cooler.

118<sup>th</sup> Day      Tuesday, October 6, 1936

Genoa, Italy

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,247
Auto	1,513
Train	3,920
Misc.	295

Cloudy and somewhat warmer this morning. Sighted Genoa through the haze about 8:00 A.M. Many battleships in harbor. Took pilot at 8:38 A.M. Turned ship around and backed in to dock. Started raining at 9:40 A.M. Roma was tied up along side of us.

Gangplank put down at 9:45 A.M. and we were allowed to go off at 10:05 A.M. We docked at Stazione Maritima. Went to get Tourist Lira and found that this morning the Lira was devalued and dropped from 12 for a \$1.00 to 19 for a dollar. Tourist lira which I had purchased at 6.05 cents each went down to less than 5 cents each. I cashed the full letter to salvage what I could. Crew of Dollar Line had been paid in Port Said in Italian Lira at 12 to the dollar. Rain stopped. Met Miss Bumgardner from the ship in front of Cooks and we went together and made a deal with Giulio Dante Cilento (Tel. 582440) to take us on a trip for the balance of the day. Left at 11:10 in a Fiat Limousine. Drove past Royal Palace, University to White Palace and Red Palace both of which are now picture galleries. Saw Town Hall which contains a priceless stradivarius violin. Drove past a street of palaces, opera house, Goriboldis Monument, Bronze fountain made of a single bronze casting weighing 35 tons. Stopped at Old City Gate - Gate Supreme and home of Christopher Columbus. Home is open only on October 12<sup>th</sup> of each year. Drove thru a tunnel, passed War Memorial and went along River Pisernio to the cemetery at Staglieno. There is a Jewish Section, Protestant Section, and Roman Catholic Section. The Roman Catholic Section contains about 60 acres and has over 6000 monuments. Most of the monuments are marble and very beautiful. Dust is allowed to collect on them giving them a satin appearance. The statues are in three large arcades with a kind of catacomb arrangement. Often there are porcelain photos of the deceased. Tombs are in the floor and quite deep. Some of the statues which impressed us most were Christ leaving his tomb; Monk reading a book; and Hazel nut woman. The latter was made of the woman while she was living and used at her funeral which she arranged before she died. Her statue, funeral, etc was financed from sale of Hazel nuts which she gathered in the

mountains. Between the arcades people are buried in the open and monuments erected over their graves. In one section bodies are left 5 to 7 years. At the end of that time the relatives must purchase a small tomb for the bones or have them put in the general tomb. In another section the bodies remain 30 years before entombment, etc. The arcades are perpetual and bodies are never moved. From the cemetery we could see an old Roman Aqueduct of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. We left the cemetery at 12:15 and drove past a statue of Victor Emanuel, beautiful flower beds, Messina statue and church of the Annunziata of the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the ship arriving at 12:30 P.M. (11.5 KM = 7.2 MI) for lunch. Left ship at 1:10 P.M. and drove thru the principle shopping street. Arcades or coverings over sidewalks which were mosaics. Through modern Genoa and along coast Lido to see Italian Riviera. Bronze statue on spot where Garibaldi left to conquer Sicily. Thri Nervi (14.8 KM) with a municipal park of beautiful tropical trees. Eden Palace is leading hotel. Olive trees all along road and high up on hillsides. Customs men along road Passed thru Recco (25.7 KM) a very pretty little town. Designs painted on houses. Often windows painted on side of houses. View of Saint Marherita from hill. Drove down into village and saw Marconis yacht, the Electra, anchored in the harbor (37.0 Km). Drove on around the bay and back to the center of town (38.2 Km). Women making lace. Treaty of Rappalo signed in village. Sun out and fairly good visibility. Thru village of Saint Michele (39.6 Km). Gulf of Rapallo: Gambling is no longer permitted. Arrived at Rapallo (41.7 Km) and stopped for a while. Old Roman bridge. Old Castle of Rapallo. Left at 4:00 P.M. (Car showed 42.6 Km). Took a different road back for about 5 Km. Sanctuary on top of hill where Hazel nut woman sold her wares. Trains in this section run by electricity generated by water power. Passed Portofino (50.1 Km) and on back same road to War Memorial (74. Km). Drove past Ducal Palace to the Cathedral. Outside very interesting. Partly black marble. Inside beautiful. Went past St. George's Palace. Stopped at Old Cross of Malta Hotel (76.9 Km). Arrived back at ship at 5:30 P.M. (78.3 Km) [Total for day 11.5 + 78.3 Km or 56.+ Mi] Driver took us to a filigree shop but couldn't see girls work as they quit at 5:00 P.M. Made a few purchases and went back to ship for dinner. After dinner Eva Jane and I went back to town. I got a hat and she got some

purses. We then went to several hotels for baggage stickers and visited the railway station. It was misting rain which delayed loading the ship. I tried to sell some Lira to the Purser. He only offered a rate of 25 to a dollar. It appears that the Purser speculates in exchange. He was allowing only 15 francs for a dollar whereas I got 21.45 in Genoa.

119<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday, October 7, 1936

Genoa  
Mediterranean Sea

Position at Noon

Not Posted  
Genoa to  
Marseilles is  
197 miles  
We were  
probably about  
50 miles from  
Genoa

We were supposed to sail from Genoa at 11:00 P.M. last night but rain delayed the loading. Considered getting off and going to Paris from Genoa but finally decided to stay on as Pursuer was not sure that he could get passport and customs officials to clear us. Finally sailed at 10:30 A.M. for Marseilles. The Mediterranean Sea was quite rough. Followed coast line and could see french Riviera Section although it was cloudy. Rained about 3:00 P.M. for a little while. Left coast line about 3:45 P.M. Worked on European trip plans. It got quite cold in the evening and night. Clocks were set back 1 hour to French Standard Time which is Greenwich Time and 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Travel to date

Boat	21,297
Auto	1,513
Train	3,920
Misc.	275

120<sup>th</sup> Day

Thursday, October 8, 1936

Marseilles  
Paris

Travel to date	
Boat	21,444
Auto	1,516
Train	4,455
Misc.	295

We arrived at Marseilles harbor at 1:00 A.M. and anchored until morning. Very cold and windy. Started toward the dock and entered the breakwater at 6:30 A.M. Ate breakfast on board and weighed as follows: Eva Jane 110; Mary Jane 96; Robert V. 67; C.V. 136 (Tweed suit & vest). Left ship at 8:30 A.M. and went to customs shed. Waited 10 or 15 minutes for officials. Shed was cold and had holes in sides and roof. Made us open black bag, as all others had done. Took Bus #51 to American Express office and purchased tickets for Paris. All children over 7 must pay full fare. Walked up Canebiere Street and went in church of Saint Vincent de Paul. Back to American Express and took taxi to Gare St. Charles. Left at 11:35 A.M. for Paris. Most of the box cars on the freight trains were marked "40 Hommes - 8 chevous", a grim reminder of the war days. The train follows the Rhone Valley. Fields of vegetables. Trees were use extensively for windbreaks. Many olive trees. Passed thru Arles with its old Roman Theatre and Tarascon with many historic buildings and arrived at Aringnon about 1:15 P.M. This was formerly the home of the Pope and has the old Palace of the Popes and many other interesting places. Left Aringnon at 1:23 P.M. Passed high mountains with old castles and ruins on them. Portland cement factory. Stopped at Lyons at 4:30 P.M. and left at 4:39 P.M. It is a large industrial city located at the junction of the Rhone and Saone Rivers. Arrived at Paris at 11:00 P.M. (535 Miles) and took a taxi to Hotel Metropolitan (3 mi). Secured room 90.

121<sup>st</sup> Day

Friday, October 9, 1936

Paris  
English Channel  
London

Travel to date	
Boat	21,508
Auto	1,518
Train	4,615
Misc.	295

*Got up early and secured tickets to London & return. Left Paris at 10:19 A.M. for London. Passed through a very nice rural section. Farmers use modern methods, tractors, etc. Apples trees are loaded with fruit. Arrived at Dieppe, France at 12:45 P.M. (104 miles) Baggage examined to see if we were taking any gold out of France. Passports checked and we aboard the Versaille to cross the channel. Sailed at 1:25 P.M. There were sheer cliffs at Dieppe. Had a rather rough crossing and sighted the high white cliffs of New Haven, England about 4:00 P.M. Docked at New Haven at 4:30 P.M. (64 miles) and passed thru immigration and customs. Had to open black bag as usual. Went on train and left at 5:12 P.m. for London. Passed thru many villages in which the English type of architecture was very pronounced. Large cement factory. Had tea on train. Rural Districts were quite similar to northern France. Passed London airport and arrived at London, Victoria Station, at 6:30 P.M. (56 miles). Spent nearly 3 hours trying to find a reasonably priced hotel which had central heating. Registered at the Grosvenor Hotel, one of the largest and finest, and on going up to room found that the only heat was from a fireplace. Left as we did not like to pay 25/6 for such a room. Eccleston Hotel asked 21/0 to 25/9 Ivanhoe wanted 34/0; rooming houses such as Albion & Eaton asked 16/0 to 20/0. Finally took a large room with 3 beds, and an electric heater which we paid for the electricity, at Miss E. Firth, 11 Lower Belgrave Street, Eaton Square, London, S.W. 1 for 18/0.*

122<sup>nd</sup> Day

Saturday, October 10, 1936

London

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,508
Auyo	1,558
Train	4,615
Misc.	295

Quite cold last night. Foggy this morning. Took a walk before breakfast. Went to Cook's office and purchased an all day sightseeing trip of London. Autos drive on the left. (They drive on the right in Paris). Very efficient system of double deck busses. Took bus to Cook's Head office on Berkeley Street and left at 9:45 A.M. on sight seeing bus. Passed Green Park of 53 acres which is along Piccadilly Street and drove up Bond Street to Piccadilly Circus. Out Regent Street to Oxford Circus and Oxford Street and over to Manchester Square. Got out and visited the Wallace Collection of paintings, porcelain, furniture, arms, jewelry, etc. Nearly all old clocks were running. Left at 10:40 A.M., Selfridges store, Marble arch to Hyde Park. Drove in past Dog and Cat cemetery, powder magazine, Serpentine (an artificial lake of 4 acres), Rotten row, Prince Albert Memorial, Albert hall seating 10,000; Royal Geographic Society, Royal College of Organists, Royal College of Music, Imperial College of Science, Science Museum, Imperial Institute, Queens Gate to Residential Section, National History Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, Brompton Catholic church, Woolworth 5 & 10; Hyde Park Hotel, French Embassy, to Hyde Park Corner, This is the fashionable end of Hyde Park and does not have soapbox orators. Duke of Wellington and Duke of York live in row houses here. Across street from Hyde Park Corner is Buckingham Palace Gardens and Palace. Drove along Constitution Hill past Buckingham Palace. Spikes on the fence. Queen Victoria memorial in front. Along the Mall past London museum, St. James Palace, Marlborough House where Queen Mary lives, thru Admiralty Arch, past Admiralty House, around Trafalgar Square (the center of London), Nelsons column, and down Whitehall past government buildings such as war office, Royal Horse Guards, Downing Street, Cenotaph (memorial to soldiers), to Parliament Square. Got out and saw St. Margarets church which was founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century as a parish church of Westminister. Went in Westminister Abby and saw it all including poets corner, tombs of Kings, Knights of the Bath; Coronation chair with stone under it which legend says that Jacob used for a pillow when he dreamed of the ladder of angles, boys have cut initials on chair; Stained glass windows with



American Eagle, Musicians chapel; slab over THO: PARR who died at 152 and who was married at 80 and again at 120; grave of unknown soldier. Heard 12 o'clock noon struck on "Big Ben" a bell weighing 13½ tons and a part of the large clock on the House of Parliament. Left Abbey and went over to House of Parliament. Outside stone walls are bad and are being repaired at a cost of £ 1,000,000. Went in door to House of Lords which is more like a church with frescoes and stained glass. Saw Woolsack on which the Lord Chancellor sits as president of the House of Lord. Behind it are thrones of the King and Queen. Passed thru the central hall to the House of Commons. It is very plain and small. Leaving it we went to St. Stephens Hall which was originally built in 1097 and a beautiful oak roof added in 1399. It is said to be the finest carpentry in the world. Left and went to the Criterion Restaurant, at Piccadilly circus for lunch from 1:20 - 2:00 P.M. After lunch drove past Piccadilly Circus and Queen Park to Leicester Square, National Portrait Gallery, Edith Cavell Statue, Church of St. Martins in the field for the down and out, Channing Cross, Strand Theatre district, Shell-Mex building, Savoy Hotel, Gladstone Monument, Palace of Justice and Entered Old London by the way of Fleet Street (2:30 P.M.). Newspaper offices. River Fleet flows under the street. Stopped at St. Paul's Cathedral, the largest and most famous church in London. It is 515 long which is 2' longer than Westminster Abby. Dome is 102' in diameter and 355 ½ feet high. The crypts are the largest in Europe. Left church at 3:05 P.M. and drove out Cannon Street and along the River Thames past the London Bridge. Went thru the fish market section and passed all Hallows Church arriving at the Tower of London at 3:15 A.M. Entered by the Middle Tower. Moat has been drained and is now used for a recreation field. Portcullis, Bloody tower and Wakefield Tower. Short section of an old Roman wall. Went in White Tower and saw instruments of torture, Chapel of St. John - the oldest church in London, armor and weapons and the crown jewels, including the largest cut diamond in the world. Many salt containers. Outside of the tower is the site of the scaffold and beheading block. Left the tower at 4:20 P.M. and drove past Bank of England, Royal Exchange, Residence of the Lord Mayor of London, Bow Bells, Post Office, Smithfield Meat Market, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, St. Bartholomew Church, Criminal Court, St.

Sepulcher's church where Captain John Smith of Virginia is buried. Holborn Viaduct, Prudential Assurance Company, Grays Inn, Bloomsbury Area to British Museum (4:40 P.M.) Saw Magna Charter, Codex Sinaiticus, Rosetta Stone, tomb of Mausolus and the Elgin Marbles. Left at 5:15 and arrived back at Cooks at 5:25 P.m. (6 3/4 hrs - 40 miles). After supper walked thru theatre district. Big crowds in front of theatres standing in line to get in. Children are charged full rate at the shows. We went to a News Reel Theatre and then went to our hotel. It is extremely foggy in London. The sun breaks thru only for a few minutes at a time. It is almost impossible to take kodak pictures.

123<sup>rd</sup> Day

Sunday, October 11, 1936

London

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,508
Auto	1,558
Train	4,615
Misc.	316

Nice and bright for about an hour in the early morning. Then it got gray and the sun was not visible until late afternoon.

Crisp weather and a topcoat was necessary. Watched changing the guards at St. James Palace. Walked up Pall Mall to Whitehall. Bells on churches were ringing as it was Sunday.

Walked down Whitehall past Government offices, horse guards, Downing Street, Westminster Abby, Parliament Building. Walked across Westminster Bridge. Came back across and took motor launch "Vero" for trip to lower pool of London. Went past St. Thomas Hospital, Scotland Yard, Royal Air Force Memorial, Headquarters of National Labor Party, Cleopatras' Needle, Shell Mex House Building, Hotel Savoy, Waterloo bridge being rebuilt, Somerset House, King's College, Reuters' Agency, London tower, Tower Bridge. Came back along the shore of Thames past Site of Globe Playhouse of Shakespear's time, City of London Power Station, London Bridge (widest?), hit a log and had to stop and take it off, old shot tower which has been running continuously for a great many years. Had lunch and took subway to South Kensington to Science Museum. It is a collection of machine and other models and apparatus of evert description. Childrens room in basement gives an introduction to scientific principles and development of transportation, etc. Most of the models here and on the upper floors operate by pushing buttons. Saw Wrights first plane. Went on to the India Branch of the Victoria and Albert Museum and saw textiles, etc. Next visited the Imperial Institute and saw products of India, Ceylon, and other British territories. Went from there to the Natural history Museum. Got hair from tail of an African Elephant. Saw whales. Saw whale and Penguin exhibit. Next visited the Victoria and Albert Museum and inspected the exhibits of furniture, rugs, doll houses, textiles, printing, etc. Took subway back to Piccadilly Circus. Elevator down to subway level. At Piccadilly Circus we went up 2 levels by escalators to a level of shops and then walked on up to street. After supper we went to a News Reel Theatre and then went to our rooms. It is still quite cold. London people say that it is colder than usual for this time of year. In the bath room they had stones in the soap dish at the wash stand.

124<sup>th</sup> Day

Monday, October 12, 1936

London

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,508
Auto	1,558
Train	4,615
Misc.	316

Very heavy fog in the morning. Did not get a glimpse of the sun until about 2:30 P.M. Sold Lira to Cooks. Visited Royal Academy of Art and saw painting by Michael Angelo, Leonardo de Vinci, Gainsborough etc. Spent most of the day shopping at Swan & Edgar (pajamas); Libertys (upholstery material); Frederick Gorrings (sox); Harrod's (coat for Mary Jane); Barkers. After supper we walked around a little and C.V. went down to Piccadilly Circus to try and get some pictures of London. While we have not seen all of London we feel that we have seen enough to justify the trip and plan to go back to Paris tomorrow. London has cheap and efficient bus and subway systems.

125<sup>th</sup> Day

Tuesday, October 13, 1936

London  
English Channel  
Paris

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,560
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

Packed up, purchased snapshots of London and took 10:05 A.M. train at Victoria Station for Paris. Sun came out for about 30 minutes between 8:15 and 8:45 and then it became foggy again. London is filled with row houses. Chimneys nearly all have many pipes at top, some having 20. This is due to the fact that they do not have central heating and each fireplace has an outlet. Arrived at New Haven at 11:25 A.M. (56 Miles) and transferred to S.S. Brighton which left at 11:43 A.M. Channel was very quite and smooth. Sun came out occasionally. It was warm enough to be out on deck without top coat. The Brighton is a nicer boat than the Versailles which we went over on. About 2:00 P.M. we passed the S.S. Versailles. Docked at Dieppe (64 miles) at 2:55 P.M. Customs officials did not ask us to open any of our bags. Passport man seemed quite interested in our passport. Left at 3:25 P.M. for Paris. Fields were very green and pretty. Sunset was beautiful and colors lasted a long while in the sky. Arrived at Paris at 5:55 P.M. (104 miles). There was a light rain. Took taxi to Hotel Metropolitan and secured Room 14 on first floor (our second floor). Very nice, large room. Doors to street had unusual hardware. Many mirrors and electric lights. Ate dinner at hotel and took a little walk. Sidewalk cafes are numerous and all seemed crowded. Sidewalk comfort stations for men were busy. People are not as well dressed as we expected. Shops displayed signs promising not to raise prices because of devaluation.

126<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday, October 14, 1936

Paris

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,560
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

Spent morning walk around getting acquainted with streets and customs of people. Visited the Louvre in the afternoon. Saw statue of Venus di Milo, mosaics, Roman bath tubs and toilets, Winged victory, Regent diamond, and many wonderful paintings including Dance of the Nymphs, The Gleaners, Mona Lisa painted on wood. Left about 4:20 P.M. and walked along the Seine River and thru gardens in the rear of the Louvre. Did a little shopping. Ate dinner. French people eat snails. Get 6 or so on a plate. Window shopped and discussed sightseeing trips with various agencies. Most of the agencies dropped the bus trip to the battlefields. Arranged for trips to Versailles, Battlefields and City of Paris.

127<sup>th</sup> Day

Thursday, October 15, 1936

Versailles  
Paris

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,576
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

Engaged auto (Renault #7691 - RJ5) from Continental Travel Service 1, Rue de Castiglione, Paris (1er) for trip to Versailles. Left at 9:45 A.M. Past Louvre Gardens, Madeleine church, American Embassy, Chamber of Deputies, Champs - Elysees, Grand Palais where auto show has just been held, arc de Triomphe.

Largest arch of its kind in the world. 12 avenues come into arch. Grave of unknown soldier with fire burning at grave. Out Ave Foch thru millionaire section. Bridle path along street. Boulogne Park. Trees in park turning and very beautiful. Cascades Race Track where they have racing every Sunday. Crossed River Seine (8.3 KM = 5.2 mi). Town of Suresnes (Gasoline 1.90 and 2.25 a liter plus tax of 1.56 per liter). Passed thru town of St. Cloud. Many kennel ads of dogs and hospitals for dogs. Town of Ville d' Array which was home town of Caret, the artist. Reached Versailles at 10:30 A.M. (21.1 KM - 13.2 miles). Chapel built by Mansard under Louis XIV is almost unchanged. Reception Rooms. Private rooms richly decorated with tapestries. View of gardens. Louis XV table with inlaid marble top. View of Fountain of Neptune. Mirror Gallery (Galerie des Glaces) in which Peace Treaty was signed on June 28, 1919. View of Fountain of Apollo with canals in distance. Interesting clocks, most all still running. Bedroom of Louis XIV in which he died August 1, 1715. Wax figure of Louis XIV and has a wig on. Crystal chandelier. Large pictures. Picturers of prominent people. Column of Liberty made of porcelain. Festival Gallery, now battlefield gallery, containing pictures of Battles of Napoleon. Walked out thru gardens and fountain of Apollo and fountain of Neptune. Trees very very pretty and arched over the walks. Collected buckeyes. Left at 12:30 P.M. and drove down Avenue de Paris past artillery barracks, City Hall, church to town of Viro Flay and town of Chaville. Drove on to town of Sevres and stopped a few minutes in front of porcelain factory which was closed. Drove back into Paris. Passed Renault factory part of which appeared to be in an island in the Seine. Past Fox Studio, Citroen Factory, Paris Studio (movies), Natural Bridge, Original of Statue of Liberty,

Eiffel Tower (1:15 P.M. - 38.2 KM - 23.9 mi), Column of Luxor at Place de la Concorde. Reached starting point at 1:25 P.M. (41.3 K = 25.8 mi; 3½ hrs)  
Spent afternoon shopping at Lafayette Galleries. Many dogs in stores. Cooks & Chicago Tribune Information Office.



128<sup>th</sup> Day

Friday, October 16, 1936

Paris  
Battle Fields  
Reims

Travel to date	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,801
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

Left Metropolitan Hotel at 7:30 A.M. in same car that we had yesterday. Nice bright morning. Cool enough for top coat. Drove past Opera House. Had a fire about 2 weeks ago and they are now repairing the Opera House. Went out Rue de Lafayette past Gare du Nord (2.7 Km) and left Paris by Pantin section along route taken by the taxi-cab-army. (At bus stops have tickets which people take and then get on bus according to their number. Bus fare is 70¢ per section). Market place with tents and sheds. Autos drive on right in Paris. Passed thru town of Lirry. Harvesting sugar beets which appear to be the principle crop in this section. Large piles of sugar beets waiting trucks. Town of Claye (30 Km) Ourcq Canal runs along road. It was to transport war materials. Sugar beet factory. The Germans were in Claye two days. This was their farthest point. Turned back by reinforcements sent out in taxi-cab-army by General Gallieni. Monument to Marechal Gallieni. Good brick roads. At 8:35 A.M. reached town of Meau (45.3 Km) which Germans occupied 1 week in Sept. 1914. 14<sup>th</sup> Century cathedral. French revolutionist broke heads off statues on front of Cathedral. Trees arch over roadway. Crossed River Marne (50.2 Km) on a new bridge replacing one destroyed in 1914. Trilport. Germans stopped here 3 months. 12,000 French and 16,000 Germans killed in 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Marne. Village restored new trees planted to replace those killed by gas and shells. Town of La Ferte-sous-Jouarre which was a British sector during the war. Town has been rebuilt. Monument (64.4 Km) to 4,000 British soldiers killed in 3 years at this point. Good view of the Marne Valley. Beginning of the American Sector (74.5 Km). Town of Montreuil-aux-Lions (75.2) Km) and a small British Cemetery. Oxen ploughing in the fields. Sugar beets. 80.8 Km. Threshing (Broke a spring). American hospital 9:30 A.M. Lucy-le-Bocage which was occupied the Americans (84.9 Km). Second division, Americans, June 1, 1918 Stone Monument. First town captured by the American Army after the Germans had occupied it for 3 years. Town has been rebuilt. Belleau Wood (86.7 Km).

American property in memory of 7000 killed. Shallow trenches. Old machine guns and cannons left rusting in the woods. Arsne Marne American Cemetery (88.8 Km). 8000 buried here at first. 4000 still buried. White marble markers. Jewish soldiers have a star instead of a cross. Beautiful chapel. Town not rebuilt and only 5 or 6 houses left. Church built by American soldiers in memory of those killed. On one cross in the cemetery it reads "Known only to God". Women work in the fields. Drove to Hill 204 (9.1 Km) and saw finest war memorial in France. Chateau-Tkierry (101.8 Km) 10:30 A.M. River Marne and Curcq canal which was used to transport war materials. Memorial to 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. Market day and streets were crowded. Hotel Bonne Homine which was General Pershings Headquarters. Passed thru Chierry (103.8 Km); Blesmes 106.7 (Km) with fruit trees along the road; Tossay (108.5 Km) with fields of champagne grapes; Moulins (113.4 Km) Chapel du Marine; Dormans which was destroyed and has been rebuilt; French Cemetery with white crosses and German Cemetery with black wooden crosses. Verneuit (129.4 Km); Romigny (142.5 Km); which was occupied by the Italians; rolling hills; Ville-en-Tardenois (145.2 Km) which was in the Italian Sector; Small British Cemetery with about 2150 graves (146.9 Km); Italian Cemetery (148.5 Km) with 14000 graves near Bligny. Champagne grapes. Men working along the road. Get 35 to 40 francs per day. French Cemetery (152.1 Km) with 11,000 graves. Arrived at Rheims (Reims) at 11:35 A.M.. (165.6 Km). Put car in garage to fix broken spring and walked to restaurant. On entering city passed gate of Louis XV. Ate lunch at Hotel de Champagne. Driver brought car to restaurant (167.3 Km) and left at 1:20 P.M. Drove down Main Street. Memorial to four rivers which meet in Reims - Veste - Marne - Aisne - Suine (?). Visited Reims Cathedral. Very much damaged during war and partly restored by gifts of John D. Rockefeller. Statues broken off. New library a gift from Rockefeller. Old Roman Gate of 4<sup>th</sup> Century. War memorial. Shell holes on buildings. Visited Champagne Cellars of Charles Heidsieck. Juice is stored 2 years in bottles after at least 2 years in kegs. Left at 2:30 P.M. (170.4 Km) Military airport with airplanes flying overhead. Ruins of town of La Neuville which was completely destroyed and not rebuilt. Beginning of Hindenberg Line (180 Km) Inspected zig zag trenches which extended for 5 kilometers.

Dugouts for officers and for hospital. Canal of L. Arsine. French Cemetery with 18000 graves (186 Km) Berry-au-Bac (189.3 Km) which was destroyed and has been restored. Hill 108 with tremendous mine craters and on to River Arsine (191.5 Km). Stopped at Cholera farm (191.5 Km) and inspected block house of Hindenberg line and saw crucifix and Memorial of the Tankers. On past French Cemetery with 14,000 graves (197.4 Km); Fort captured by black troops (207.9 Km); Canal of L O'ise (211.1 Km) and along the chemin des Dames to Soissons. On the way drove past French Cemetery (214.6 Km) with 28,000 graves; German Cemetery with 10,000 graves; Italian Cemetery (215.5 Km) Town of Chavonne i Vailly (220.7 Km); French Cemetery with 7,000 graves and British Cemetery with 1,200 graves. St. Marguerite (229.5 Km) has been partly rebuilt. Chocolate factory (233.9 Km). Sugar beets. Reached Soissons (238.3 Km) which has been rebuilt and visited reconstructed cathedral which was almost entirely destroyed by shells. River Arsine Memorial to soldiers. French Cemetery (248 Km) with 24,000 graves. Entered forest of Compiègne (265.6 Km) and drove thru it and off on a side road to Armistice Glade (272.2 Km) where we inspected the car in which the Armistice was signed. Two railroad tracks built for the occasion. Big slab between the two tracks. At entrance to glade is monument erected by Le Matin, a French Newspaper, with a dead eagle on it. Left at 5:00 P.M. Town of Compiègne (277.9 Km) and passed the Palace which was a favorite residence of both Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup> & III<sup>rd</sup>. Military barracks. On thru forest which is very well kept. Sun was setting and sky was very pretty. Verberie (293.1 Km). Farmers ploughing with large tractors. Reached Senlis (314.5 Km) at 5:30 P.M. and it was almost dark. Passed Barracks with Black Turks from Morocco. They come over each year for training. Forest of Chantilly. Sugar factory. Town of Louvres (331.8 Km). Le Bourget Field (340 Km). Drove in and saw Lindberg Memorial (6:07 P.M.). Got gasoline at town of Le Bourget. Used about 20 liters each 75 miles. Passed perfume factory and reached City Limits of Paris (351.8 Km) at 6:30 P.M. Passed Hospital and arrived back at office of Tour Company at 6:55 P.M. (358 Km) - Total - 360 Km = 225 Miles - 11 ½ hours. At night from 9:50 - 10:30 P.M. all lights were put out, except at grave of unknown soldier, in practice for an air raid. First time tried since the war.

*Sirens. Airplanes overhead. Very impressive.*

129<sup>th</sup> Day

Saturday, October 17, 1936

Paris

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,592
Auto	1,801
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

*Saw fire department trucks get held up by a truck and delayed while the truck was being moved. Visited St. Roch church. Spent morning shopping at the Louvre. Got upholstery material for two chairs. Shopped at the Gallaires Lafayette and other shops. Purchased tickets to Switzerland and Marseilles at Cooks. After supper walked out to and past the Place de la Concorde in order to see the Eiffel Tower lighted up but for some reason it was not lighted. Walked around a little and then went back to hotel. The Eiffel Tower was erected in 1887-89 at the time of one of the World's Fairs. It is privately owned or leased by an automobile company. There is a government wireless station at the top.*

130<sup>th</sup> Day

Sunday, October 18, 1936

Paris

Travel to date	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,834
Train	4,775
Misc.	316

Left office of Continental Travel Service at 10:20 A.M. for a sightseeing trip in Paris. Had a different car and driver from the one who took us to Versailles and the Battlefields. First to Tuileries gardens and then to Place de la Concorde, formerly called Place de la Revolution. During the Reign of Terror a guillotine was erected here and many prominent people were beheaded. Big Obelisk was a gift to Louis-Philippe from the Khedive of Egypt. Chamber of Deputies, Navy Department, Auto Club of France, New American Embassy, drove down Avenue des Champs-Elysees. Chairs along street rent for 1/2 franc per day. Shops and auto salesrooms. Arc de Triomphe with twelve avenues radiating from it names after battles, etc of Napoleon. One has since been changed to Foch Avenue. Saw house of Anna Gould made out of pink marble. Drove thru Bois de Boulogne. 700 acres. Lakes and boating. Steeple chase Race Track. Drove down Henri Martin Avenue thru English Quarters. (Paris is divided into 20 districts and each has its own town hall). Passed Town Hall for 16<sup>th</sup> District. Trocadero Palace being torn down to make room for Exposition buildings. Thru Armenian quarter and over to Kaiser Seine which we crossed on the level Pont de Grenelle. Along river to Champ de Mars and inspected Tour Eiffel. 900 feet high and built of steel. Elevator to top in stages. Citroen uses it for advertising. War school in old buildings. Went to Napoleon's Tomb. Not open until 11:00 A.M. so went on. Old Invalids Hospital with windows in \_\_\_\_\_ of statues. Foreign office. Crossed Seine on Pont Alexander III. Passed Grand Palace and Petit Palace des Beaux Arts. Statue of \_\_\_\_\_ on a rock from Fontainebleau. Passed outdoor stamp market which is held every Sunday. Residence of President (Palais de l'Elysee). It was formerly the residence of Madame de Pompadour. Church of St. Augustine, Statue of Joan d'Arc. Expiatory chapel in Cemetery of Madeleine where 800 Swiss guards were beheaded and buried. Opera House now being repaired from fire and is expected to reopen January 1, 1937. Went in Church of the Madeleine. Services in progress. Church was originally built as a Temple and used as a Temple of Glory under Napoleon. No windows and very interesting inside. Boulevard is 3 miles long and

changes name 12 times. Passed French Comedy theatre and Louvre. Louvre was built by various kings over a period of 5 centuries. A good view of Arch of Battle of Rivoli; Egyptian obelisk, and Arch of Triomphe all which are in line. Drove thru old part of Paris (12:05 P.M.). There are 38 bridges over the Seine in Paris. Latin quarter, fine arts school, French Academy. Mint, Island which comprised all of Paris at beginning of the city, Palace of Justice, St. Michael Square and Fountain, Remains of Palace of Justice II. Student section called "Bull Mich" for Boulevard St. Michael. School of Medicine, Odeon Theatre, Luxemburg Palace and Gardens used as a Senate building. University and the park where students meet. Observatory Avenue leading to the National Observatory. School of Mines. Visited the Pantheon, built originally under Louis XV as a church and converted into a Hall of Fame. Napoleon III dedicated it to Sainte Genevieve as a church but it was changed back to a Temple. Pictures around the walls of life of St. Genevieve and Story of Joan of Arc. Visited crypts in which prominent people are buried including Victor Hugo, Emile Zola, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Voltaire, head of Gambetta, etc. 52 graves in Pantheon. Left at 12:55 P.M. Drove past Sorbonne University which is spread around and has 25,000 students. Saint Severin church. Old streets of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Drove onto the island past Police Headquarters, Hospital of 600 beds, to Notre Dame Cathedral. The cathedral is one of the finest in France and was begun in 1163. . Wonderful view. Towers were never finished. Statutes were broken at the time of the French revolution. Beautiful windows. Saw spire of the Holy chapel which was built for tomb of Christ which pilgrims planned to bring back from Jerusalem. Palace of Justice. Flower market in morning and bird market in the afternoon. View of new City Hall across the river. Left the island by Pont D'Arcole. Saw Church of St. Gervais where on Good Friday 1918; a German shell burst killing 92 and wounding 100, mostly women and children. Went thru the Jewish Quarter which is the poorer quarter. It is in the east end. The poorer quarters of London and New York are also in the east end. St. Pauls Church, Column of July, Winter circus. Statue of Bartholdi in Republic Square is a gift of the U.S. to France. Eastern Railway Station. Nord Station. Drove up to Montmartre section, 450 feet above the Seine. Basilica du Sacer-Coeur on top of hill.

Church was erected in 1874 and has beautiful mosaics and stained glass. St. Denis carried his head across the city to bury it at this point. Holy Trinity Church. Wonderful view of Paris. Drove thru old section of Montmartre which is inhabited by artists, writers, etc. Have a dummy town hall, fire dept. etc. Old wind mills. Crossed old Cemetery of Montmartre on an overhead highway bridge. Passed Government controlled movie theatre with 4000 seats. College for girls. Thru the European Quarter where streets are named for cities of Europe. Passed St. Augustine church and drove back to Tomb of Napoleon which was now open. Napoleons body is enclosed in 14 coffins and placed in a block of granite in the center of the building. There is no inscriptions on the granite. Napoleon evidently got the idea of multiple coffins from Egypt. Old faded flags around the building. Left at 2:30 P.M., crossed Concord Bridge, and arrived back at starting point at 2:40 P.M. (4 1/3 hrs - 30 miles). Back to Hotel and then took walk down by Louvre. Visited Palais Royal gardens. Returned to hotel and took a rest. (3mi to sta.) Left Paris at 10:25 P.M. for Lausanne, Switzerland. Took seats in an compartment marked Place Louee and later learned that 4 of the seats were reserved. Moved to another compartment. Before leaving Paris we walked out to see if the Eiffel Tower was lighted but it was not.



131<sup>st</sup> Day

Monday, October 17, 1936

Lausanne  
Switzerland

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,834
Train	5,128
Misc.	325

Arrived at Vallorbe, Switzerland at 5:40 A.M. Swiss Time which is one hour faster than Paris Time. Passport examination. Customs man made me take upholstery material before Customs officer and pay duty which will be refunded when we leave Switzerland.

This delayed train considerably and we did not leave Vallorbe until 6:45 A.M. Swiss Time (26 minutes late). Arrived at Lausanne at 7:25 A.M. ( 316 miles). After breakfast and cleaning up found that there were no sightseeing buses or tours this time of year. Took funicular to Ouchy which is the port town on Lake Geneva (Lac Lemman). Lake is very pretty. Lots of swans on it. Walked along lake and up to Beau Rivage Palace which is a high class hotel built around an ancient episcopal Castle dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. People all seem to have dogs. Walked along the lake. Beautiful evergreen trees with branches resting on the ground. Hazy views of the mountains around the lake. At the end of the promenade is Tower Haldimand, a heavy stone mass. On the way passed Greek Catholic church and Synagogue. Visited Church of Saint Francois an old Franciscan monastery. Walked through the town down hill and up hill and up a covered stairway to the Cathedral. It is the most perfect Gothic edifice in Switzerland and was built between 1160 and 1232. Rose window 9 meters in diameter. Tombs. Painted south door to Porch of Apostles dated from 13<sup>th</sup> Century. Went up to Hill of Cite and saw the Town Hall, Chateau Saint Maire, University, etc. Came down past Fountain of Justice and Hotel De Ville. Had lunch. City stores closed between noon and 2:00 P.M. like those in Paris. City is built on hills and high level bridges carry traffic from peak to peak. Took funicular up to Signal Hill. Beautiful trees on way up. Wonderful view from top of town and mountains. Many mountains were covered with snow, including Mt. Blanc. Boy carrying sticks from forest on his back. Left top of Signal Hill at 4:00 P.M. and went down. (Children playing piano accordions when we went up) Passed hospital and visited Federal Tribunal. Nice new building. It is the Supreme Court of Switzerland. Pretty park across from Tribunal. Went back to center of

city and did some shopping. Watches are very cheap and appear to be about one third the prices in the U.S. Walked thru the streets doing a little window shopping. Streets are narrow and crooked. Went to station and took 7:46 P.M. train for Geneva. It was dark but we could see lights on mountains on one side and out on lake on the other. Electric train. Had moving ads at each end of the coach. Arrived at Geneva at 8:33 P.M. (37 Miles) and took a taxi to Hotel Regina. Hotel was full as International Labor Office was having a Maritime Conference. Fixed us up 2 rooms (31 & 45) for the night. We stayed in and went to bed as we were quite tired. We enjoyed our day in Switzerland very much. The mountains, with caps of snow, are very pretty. Skiing seems to be quite popular as they are on display in most of the stores and people have them around the railroad stations.

132<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, October 20, 1936

Geneva  
Switzerland

Travel to date	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,847
Train	5,128
Misc	325

Geneva is situated at the end of Lake Geneva and is a very pretty city. The Rhone River flows out from the end of the lake and thru the city. There are 7 picturesque bridges over the Rhone between the lake and the point where the Arve River flows into the Rhone. Walked around a little and to Cooks and American Express regarding trains to Marseilles. American

Express was running a sightseeing trip of the city so left on it at 10:00 A.M. Crossed Rhone River by the Pont du Mont-Blanc. Saw Ile Rousseau which contains a bronze statue of Jean Jacques Rousseau surrounded by shade trees. National Monument. Snow on the Jura mountains. Guide said that snow fell last night on the mountains and that it would not last long as it was too early for it. Drove along to Parc La Grunge. Could see new Palace of the League of Nations across the lake. Back and thru old Geneva residential section. Russian church of Greek architecture. Historical Museum and School of Art. Observatory. Calvin College (Started to rain a little). One corner with Calvin Church, Cathedral of St. Peter and a Presbyterian church. Old arsenal. Entrance to old city. Rath Museum. Grand Opera House Conservatory of Music. Got out at Promenade des Bastrions. Saw 3 rows of old walls of the city. Monument of the Reformation with statues of Calvin, Farel, Beza and Knox, Lord's Prayer, Mayflower Pact and other things. Has 1536 cut on it to commemorate compulsory education. Saw original statue of David killing Goliath. University. Elections Palace which is now used by League of Nations and International Labor Office for meetings until their buildings are completed or remodeled. Victoria Hall which is used for classical concerts. City markets. Crossed Arve River. Good view of snow capped mountains in Savoy France. Drove thru woods and got to view place where Arve River and Rhone River meet. Cement factory at the junction point. Water of Arve is cold and of Rhone is warm and the two flow along (one muddy and one clear) for a mile or so before they mix. Good view of Geneva with St. Peter's Cathedral. (Sun out bright). Cemetery. Drove on to Pont de Sous Terre across the Rhone. Stopped and got out for a splendid view of the River. Drove past the new Palace of the

League of Nations. Court of Honor. Museum Ariana on the left. Botanical Gardens are quite small but very nice. Stopped at International Labor Office. Left my cards for Mr Lewis Loewin, Miss Alice Cheyney and Mr G. A. Johnston. A guide showed us around the building. Statues were a gift from Belgium. They show a puddler and a miner. Stained glass window showing Agriculture, Mining, Steel, Building Trades and Trade. Painting showing the dignity of labor with christ as a laborer. Painting on tile, a gift of Portugal, showing fishing, vineyards and labor. Governing room being remodeled with a new ceiling of laurel. Left at 11:32 A.M. and drove past Parc Mon-Repose, Chateau Banquet, Chateau Briand, memorial to Woodrow Wilson, founder of the League of Nations. Drove along lake front past Brunswick Memorial and back to American Express Office (2 hrs - 20 Km - 12 ½ mi). Ate lunch at Restaurant Rousseau. Had civet and liver which was the worst smelling dish ever placed before us. Walked back to Brunswick monument to look it over more carefully. Then came back to center of town. Many people ride bicycles. Lots of dogs nearly all on leashes. Went down to power plant used for pumping water. Have 16 water turbines used for pumping water. Walked through streets and back over to Roth Museum. Old city walls. 3 (?) Churches, City gate, etc. Went down a narrow, winding street with steps similar to those in Jerusalem. Houses over the street in places. Madeleine church. Shopped at stores. Purchased watches for Eva Jane and her mother. Stores in Geneva closed from 12 - 2 like in Lausanne and Paris. Went to hotel, packed and left about 8:15 for railway station. Got refund on customs paid by having man go with me to train and making sure that I was leaving. Left at 9:33 P.M. for Marseilles. Arrived at Bellegarde, France at 10:15 P.M. Passport checked. Custom man asked if anything to declare. Did not examine baggage. Left at 10:35 P.M. Stopped at several small towns and many people got off and on. And tried to get in our compartment

133<sup>rd</sup> Day

Wednesday, October 21, 1936

Marseilles

Travel to date	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,872
Train	5,444
Misc.	325

Arrived at Marseilles at 5:00 A.M. (316 Miles). French time which is 1 hour slower than Swiss time. Went to Hotel de Noailles in Hotel Bus and after some dickering got room 414 with bath. Very nice room. Is said to be the best hotel in the city. Cleaned up and took a rest after which I went to office of agent of Dollar Steamship line and paid Embarkation taxes. A very bright, warm and pretty day. Quite a contrast to the weather we had when we were here before on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Steamship Agents had informed us that S.S. President Van Buren was a day late and would not arrive until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Had lunch at a restaurant where they charged more for lunch if you did not order wine or mineral water. Arranged to go on a sightseeing trip and left at 2:30 P.M. Drove up street quite a ways and stopped at Palais Longchamp. It has a museum, a small zoo and a very beautiful fountain. Back past Church of the Reformation, monument of French-Prussian War and down Camnebiere Street to the Stock Exchange. (King Alexander was killed on a spot across from the Stock Exchange). Drove through old town sector, past Town Hall built by Louis XIV. Sidewalk cafes were numerous and filled with patrons many of whom were women with babies in their arms. Stopped at the Cathedral of Ste Marie Majeure, the largest and most beautiful erected in France since the middle ages. It will seat 12,000. It is not finished and is used as a memorial and not as a church. 210 meters to the dome which is 60 meters in diameter. Echo can be heard for 22 seconds. Women sitting in the sun near the church and knitting. Next to the Cathedral is an old church dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Old residence of the Bishop is now a police station. Statue of Bishop Belsunce. Arrived at Fort Saint Jean at the entrance of the old Port Erected on site of a house built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by the King of Malta as a rest house for pilgrims to the Holy Land. Crossed lower end of Vieux Port on Pont Transbordeur by suspension bridge (264 yards long). 75 meters high 30 cables to hold up platform. Elevator or steps up to top of bridge. Across bridge is Fort Nicolas (3:30 PM). Passed Church of St. Victor which dates from the 11<sup>th</sup> century and whose crypts go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is fortified and is about half church and

half fort. Took funicular railway up to Church of Notre Dame de la Garde. Funicular is more like an elevator and goes almost straight up. It is very creaky and did not seem very safe. Draw bridge at the entrance. Crypt was decorated with boats airplanes, etc. Many swords and armor. Church proper is very nice. A colossal statue of the Virgin, made of galvano-plastic copper, is mounted on the belfry. Wonderful view of the city and harbor from the church grounds. Came down the funicular at 4:17 P.M. and took a 6 miles drive along the French Riviera by way of Corniche Road. Past monument to soldiers of near east army, and Ile du chatead d'If made famous by Alexandre Dumas in Le Comte de Monte-Cristo. Very pretty sunset. Left coast at Park Bore'ly near the race track. Sun touched horizon at 4:45 P.M. Borely Park is the gift to the city of a rich architect who left the park to the poor. It is modeled after the Tuan section of Versailles. It is very beautiful and the avenue we drove on had trees on each side which touched at the top. Drove thru residential section. Trolleys for street cars have been set over so as not to interfere with the trees. Passed Exposition Park. Fountain Cantini made of carara marble. Statue on top represents Marseilles. Got back at starting point at 5:03 P.M. (2 1/2 hrs. - 25 miles) Did a little shopping at markets. Selling real small birds at 11f for 12. People stand in line for street cars between iron rails. Went to Gymnase Theatre to see Choise. Bought tickets in Pourtour de Bakon and learned that they permitted us to stand up in rear of balcony. Moved up to second balcony but did not get a refund. Very few people in theatre when show started at 9:00 P.M. 8 piece orchestra. Flowers to actors. About as bad as a chinese show. We staid until end of first act at 10:00 P.M.

134<sup>th</sup> Day

Thursday, October 22, 1936

Marseilles

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	21,572
Auto	1,875
Train	5,444
Misc.	331

Went shopping in morning at various shoe and clothing stores. Received telephone message from Dollar Line Agents that S.S. President Van Buren would be in about noon and that we could embark between 2 and 3 P.M. Packed up and left Hotel at 3:15 P.M. for boat (1 mi.). Put baggage on boat and left at 3:45 P.M. Took bus to Pont Transbordeux (3 mi) and went across on 4:00 P.M. trip. Walked up to Church of St. Victor. General appearance is of a fortress rather than of a church. Stone from tomb of St. Lazarus at base of statue. Lazarus second tomb. Went down to primitive church or catacombs which dates from second century. Tombs of Lazarus and St. Victor. Cross on which St. Andrew suffered martyrdom. Pieces of Roman sculpture. "Black Virgin" which is attributed to St. Luke. Left church and walked around old port to bus station. People selling fish, etc along water front. Took bus back to boat (3 mi) arriving at 5:52 P.M. Met Mitchells who had been on Wilson. Their son had been operated on in Geneva. Met two ladies who had been on Wilson. They had been in Rome staying at Pensione Meltane Via Port Price\_\_\_\_\_. Sailed at 7:10 P.M. for New York. S.S. President Van Buren is similar to Hayes and Monroe. Life boat are on top deck. Only have 24 passengers of whom 3 are going to San Francisco and 21 to New York. We have rooms 201 and 205, the same as on the Monroe. Before dinner we weighed EJ 106; M.J. 94; Bob 64; CV. 130. We are the only passengers on our deck.

135<sup>th</sup> Day      Friday,    October 23, 1936

Mediterranean  
Sea

Position at Noon

40° - 20' N

2° - 09' E

232 mi from

Marseilles.

3668 mi to

New York

Days run 232 mi

16 hr - 18 min.

steaming time

Av. Speed 14.23 K

Water 65°; Air 63°

Pt. Cloudy-Light

var. to W'ly breeze.

Smooth sea

*A fine sunny morning with a smooth sea. Played shuffleboard and deck golf. At noon we were only 2° - 09' off of Greenwich meridian and reached it sometime during the night, probably about midnight. Made entries in expenses book. About 3:00 P.M. we sighted IBIZA of the Balearic Islands and were opposite the island about 5:00 P.M. Fire drill at 4:30 P.M. They took an interest that all passengers attended. Sunset at 5:05 P.M. was very beautiful. Pretty reds. Saw several large fish and porpoises. Sea is very blue. Could see shore lights at night. Our room boy brings us clean towels several time a day. He is a nuisance as every time we lay anything down he picks it up and puts it in*

Travel to date

Boat    21,804

Auto    1,876

Train    5,444

Misc.    331

*the dresser or closet.*



136<sup>th</sup> Day

Saturday, October 24, 1936

Mediterranean  
St. of Gibralter  
Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

36° - 36' N  
2° - 58' W  
Days run - 338 mi  
Av. Speed 14.08K  
570 mi from Mars.  
3330 mi to N.Y.  
Water 70°; Air 67°

Part cloudy, fine,  
Gentle w'y breeze,  
small w'y sea;  
122 miles to  
Gibralter

Travel to date

Boat	22,142
Auto	1,876
Train	5,444
Misc.	331

Another nice, bright, and warm day. Sailed very near the coast of Spain. Passed quite a large number of ships. Saw many fishing boats. Played shuffle board with Eva Jane and deck golf with Eva Jane and Mr. Mitchell. Porpoises. Sun touched the horizon at 5:27 P.M. Very red and pretty. Freighter Minerra passed us only a few hundred feet over. Cool after sun set. Sighted Gibralter about 8:00 P.M. and was opposite it at 8:50 P.M. Large water shed. Is set with large end near land. A little ways past the rock the land is fairly close on both sides. Spanish Morocco on Africa side. Had movies at night short was "The Bird Man" and the feature was "Captain Blood". We saw Captain Blood on the Hayes on July 5, 1936

**137<sup>th</sup> Day**

**Sunday, October 25, 1936**

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

36° - 59' N

9° - 19' W

Days run - 331

Av. Speed 13.8 K

901 from Mars.

2,999 to N.Y.

Water 65°, Air 61°

Part Cloudy. Var.

To Mod. Nw'ly bre-

eze. Smooth to

rough N.W. Sea

and swell

*Our first day on the Atlantic Ocean was bright and smooth but a little cooler. Saw many boats. The water is darker than in the Mediterranean. Passed the tip end of Portugal at 10:45 A.M. Swells caused the ship to roll and pitch a little to the discomfiture of several passengers. Spent most of day on diary and reading on Palestine and London. Bob had 1° of fever. We did not have church today as there is no minister aboard.*

Travel to date

Boat 22,473

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331

138<sup>th</sup> Day

Monday, October 26, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

37° - 36' N  
16° - 02' W  
Days run - 322  
Av. Speed 13.42 K  
1223 from Mars.  
2677 to N.Y.  
Water 66°; Air 65°

Cloudy, o'cast.  
Fresh NNW'y  
to N'y breeze  
Rough N'y  
sea and swell.

Bright in the morning. Over cast about noon. Quite a bit warmer, probably because we are in a branch of the gulf stream. Eva Jane and I played shuffleboard and deck golf. Nice and bright in the afternoon. Sorted out films and made jackets for them. Movies at night. "Main Street Follies" a two reel short. Feature was the "Voice of Bugle Ann" which we had seen on the Hoover on July 16, 1936. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 4½ hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Travel to date

Boat	22,795
Auto	1,876
Train	5,444
Misc.	331

139<sup>th</sup> Day

Tuesday, October 27, 1936

Atlantic Ocean  
Azor

Position at Noon

38° - 18' N  
23° - 05' W  
Days run - 336  
Av. Speed 13.71 K  
1559 from Mars.  
2341 to N.Y.  
Water 68°, Air 67°

Overcast, Fresh  
E'ly breeze. Med.  
Sea. Heavy N'ly  
Swell

Travel to date

Boat 23,131  
Auto 1,876  
Train 5,444  
Misc. 331

Heat shut off in boat. It had been on for several days but was not needed. Sea smooth. Worked on pictures. About 10:00 A.M. a large whale was seen about 150 feet from the ship. Eva Jane and I played deck golf and shuffleboard. Very warm in afternoon. Full moon at night. It is not practical to have a sport tournament with only 24 passengers (7 men, 13 women and 4 children) so they plan to have movies every other night.

Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 4 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

140<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday, October 28, 1936

Atlantic Ocean  
Azores

Position at Noon

39° - 37' N

30° - 07' W

Days run - 337

Av. Speed 13.76 K

1896 from Mars.

2004 to N.Y.

Water 68°; Air 68°

O'cast, cloudy.

Gentle S'ly breeze  
and sea. Confused  
swell

*In the Azores most of the day. Sighted island San Miguel about 1:30 A.M. About 8:00 A.M. we could see Fayal Island off on the port side, Nice and warm and a smooth sea. Played shuffleboard with Eva Jane. Went up on the bridge in the afternoon for a couple of hours. Saw fins of a shark. Passed opposite and about 2 miles off of Corvo Island at 3:15 P.M. Could see Flores Island about 18 miles off on Port side. Corvo was green and appeared to be cultivated but there were no signs of people. Movies at night. Short was "Little New York" and feature was "Streamline Express." Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 3 ½ hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.*

Travel to date

Boat 23,468

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331

141<sup>st</sup> Day

Thursday, October 29, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

40° - 36' N

37° - 07' W

Days run 327

Av. Speed 13.35 K

2223 from Mars.

1677 to N.Y.

Water 69°; Air 62°

Travel to date

Boat 23,795

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331

Rained a little last night. Overcast and somewhat rough. Waiter told us that waiters had all been called out on a strike. Men on this ship had wired for instructions as to whether to go out in New York or in San Francisco. He is strongly for unions. Thinks Lewis will organize labor and run for president in 1940. Ship pitched from end to end a good deal but did not rock much. Still warm. Full moon at night was very pretty. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 3 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Purser gave out Customs forms. Notices posted of a Ghost Party to be held Saturday night.

142<sup>nd</sup> Day

Friday, October 30, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

41° - 47' N  
44° - 12' W  
Days run 328  
Av. Speed 13.39 K  
2551 from Mars.  
1349 to N.Y.  
Water 72°; Air 67°

Overcast. Fresh  
to strong SSE  
breeze. Rough  
S.E. Sea. Heavy  
confused swell

Travel to date

Boat	24,123
Auto	1,876
Train	5,444
Misc.	331

Still rough this morning but the ship is riding it well. Discussed politics, etc with Mr. Mitchell. Had a 45 mile (40 Knot) wind about noon and ocean became very rough. Water went over front hatches and occasionally wet our deck. Things slid around in the dinning room. Got rougher as afternoon came on. Rained real hard for an hour or so starting about 4:15 P.M. Several of the passengers are not feeling so good. Eva Jane and I worked on Customs Declaration. Movies at night. Pictorial No. 4 for short. Feature was "Hitch Hike Lady". Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 2½ hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Very pretty full moon.

143<sup>rd</sup> Day

Saturday, October 31, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

42° - 45' N

51° - 34' W

Days run 330

Av. Speed 13.47 K

2881 from Mars.

1019 to N.Y.

Current, rain.

Med to whole

S'yly gale. High

rough S'yly

sea and swell

The ocean quieted down some last night but was rougher than ever this morning. Waves went as high as the flying bridge. Rained real hard for a short time. Was warm and comfortable to be out on the enclosed decks. Children were up early dressed as ghosts. Climbed out window and came around to the door. At noon the waiter wet the table cloth to keep the dishes from sliding off the table. Had a Halloween Party at night. Mr Drake read the prophesy of the people on the boat. Played "20 guesses"; "My cat is a \_\_\_ cat"; Coffee Pot; etc. After the party we had an "Old Hen Club Initiation". The wind died down a little but is now front of the boat which cuts our speed. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 2 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Travel to date

Boat 24,453

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331



144<sup>th</sup> Day

Sunday, November 1, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

41° - 55' N  
57° - 20' W  
Days run 258  
Av. Speed 10.53 K  
3139 from Mars.  
761 to N.Y.  
Water 72°; Air 65°

O'cast, cloudy.  
Mod. WNW'y  
gale. High, rough  
WNW'y sea swell

Travel to date

Boat	24,711
Auto	1,876
Train	5,444
Misc.	331

The boat pitched a good deal last night as it was headed in to the wind. This is Mary Jane's birthday and she is 13 years old. We did not have church today. It is still rough but not as rough as yesterday. We had very good squab chicken for lunch and the waiter said that it was because of Mary Jane's birthday. Finished customs declaration and turned it in. Mary Jane had a nice birthday cake with her name, date, name of ship and 13 candles on it. She cut it and gave a piece to each passenger. Had movies at night. The feature was "Love on a bet" which was very good. The short was "Stars of Tomorrow". Looks as if we will not dock until Wednesday A.M. Clocks were set back 60 minutes during the night so that we are now only 1 hour ahead of E.S.T.

145<sup>th</sup> Day

Monday, November 2, 1936

Atlantic Ocean

Position at Noon

41° - 23' N

64° - 21' W

Days run 315

Av. Speed 12.6 K

3454 from Mars.

446 to N.Y.

O'cast cloudy to  
part cloudy. Mod.

Ver to gentle  
WSW'y breeze  
Mod. W'y sea.

A very fine morning. Sun shining brightly and warm. Sea was very smooth. Saw several boats between 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. Did a little packing in the morning. Shortly afternoon it got cooler and by late afternoon it was quite cold. Probable we have passed out of the gulf stream and can expect cold weather. Saw a big group of large porpoises. Played Deck Golf and Shuffleboard with Eva Jane with usual results - she beat me. Captains Farewell Dinner to the New York passengers. Had balloons, horns and snappers. Not a very large crowd but a noisy one. Clocks were set back 60 minutes during the night so that we are now on Eastern Standard Time.

Travel to date

Boat 25,026

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331

146<sup>th</sup> Day

Tuesday, November 3, 1936

Atlantic Ocean  
New York Harbor

Position at Noon

40° - 34' N

71° - 54' W

Days run 345

Av. Speed 13.95 K

3802 from Mars.

98 to New York

Water 57 Air 66

Cloudy. Gentle  
S'y breeze, sea  
and swell

Travel to date

Midnight

Boat 25,472

Auto 1,876

Train 5,444

Misc. 331

Election day. Passed Nantucket Light Ship about 4:15 A.M. Nice morning. Sea smooth and fairly warm. Talked with Captain. Says best time to leave on R/W trip is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Passed Sandy Hook light about 4:00 P.M. Fire and Boat Drill at 4:30 P.M. Weighed before dinner as follows: Eva Jane 111#; Mary Jane 97 ½#; Bob 64 ½#; CV 136. This is a gain of 5# for EJ; 3 ½# for M.J.; ½# for Bob and 6# for CV since getting on this boat. Took on a Pilot about 8:05 P.M. Anchored at Quarantine at 8:23 P.M. Mail "President" boat came alongside about 5 minutes later and mail was transferred by means of a canvas chute. Put up a radio in the social hall and listened to Election returns.

147<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday, November 4, 1936

New York

Travel to date	
Boat	25,472
Auto	1,876
Train	5,672
Misc.	331

Heavy fog fell like a curtain about 4:00 A.M. Lifted anchor about 7:45 and moved slowly in fog at 8:10 A.M. had a close shave with Ferry Boat "American Legion", at 8:20 A.M. the Coast Guard boat Naresink came alongside and the Immigration Officials and Doctor came aboard. Passed Statue of Liberty at 8:25 A.M. Immigration officers checked on passengers and Doctor looked us over. Docked at Pier 9, Erie Terminal, Jersey City, at 9:15 A.M. Discovered that Dollar Line had not brought customs claims checks to Pier as Purser had promised. Cleared trunk and 7 pieces thru customs by 10:15 A.M. Eva Jane and children went on Dollar Line bus to Pennsylvania Hotel. I took tube and then subway to Dollar Line office at 29 Broadway to get claim checks for trunks and box in bond. Left Dollar Line at 10:40 A.M. and went across street to Customs House to get return Oked. Mrs. Sheffield was there waiting to get her return Oked. Mr. Mitchell Oked mine and left at 11:00 A.M. for 201 Varick Street to get the trunks, etc cleared. Found the baggage in good shape and spent an hour or so getting it cleared and turned over to transfer company. Mrs. Sheffield found that her Mandarin coat was ruined. Another lady had tried to bring in an expensive coat without declaring it and it cost her (\$1200 + \$600) 2 or \$3600. She was sure sore. Took the subway to Pennsylvania Hotel and arrived about 1:05 P.M. Met Eva Jane and children and we caught (just made it) the 1:30 P.M. train for Washington. Arrived Washington at 5:45 P.M. Took taxi to house and found everything in good shape.