

DIARY

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Around the World
June 11 to November 4, 1936

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60th Day

Sunday, August 9, 1936

Pukow, China
Nanking, China

Travel to date	
Boat	11,414
Auto	798
Train	3,101
Misc.	135

Upon looking out of the train window we saw the most beautiful sunrise so far . It was reflected in the water on the rice fields. Some people were in the fields at sunrise and others were eating in front of their poorly constructed mud and straw houses. Big ponds of lotus growing wild. Arrived Pukow at 6:45 A.M. (1154 KM = 721 1/4 mi). Representative of China Travel service met the train and assisted us in ferrying across Yantze River to Nanking. Ferry left at 7:00 A.M. Battle ships and big boats in river. Took rickshaws (2 person to a rickshaw) to railway station (2 mi), checked baggage and went on to Metropolitan Hotel (4 mi). Very modern and new. Still working on it and coolies yell or (sing) while carrying stuff. Cleaned up, had breakfast, got boiled water and went back to station 10.30 A.M. (4 mi) by rickshaw (Boys have shoes tied on to big toe and across ankle. Much poverty in Nanking even worse than Peiping. Passed Government buildings. Shell station. Beggars. Engaged auto (Ford). Had difficult time as no one was available as guide or driver who could speak English. Finally made out a list of places in duplicate, Chinese and English, and started out at 12:00 noon. Went thru South Gate, past government buildings, Metropolitan Hotel to Hu Chia Hwa Yuan Garden. Full of Lotus with boats going around in little paths (5 mi). City Tower, University of Nanking (8 mi). Went in buildings - very nice. Bought pineapple. Grape juice mix 2.50/qt. House boats and washing in river (12 mi). City temple. Out South Gate filled with shops, cannot drive thru but go around. Gave name when going in and out of gates. Drove thru streets with horn going. Went to Ming Tombs. Avenue of stone horses. Tomb built on a stone turtle. Thru archway and up steps to a beautiful view of city. Nicely planted. Very hot. Went on to Dr.Sun Yat Sen's Mausoleum (20 mi). White with a blue roof. On hillside with long approach and beautiful planting. Drove past pretty Pagoda and cemetery to Tan Yen Kai's Tomb (22 mi)

Beautiful vases. Iron deer, stork, etc. Hospital, airport, capital, back thru gate to station (3:22 P.M. - 3 ½ hrs - 34 miles) Walked thru narrow streets for an hour. All kinds of people, produce, manufacturing, printing, etc. Naked children. Very pitiful sights. Altho Sunday everyone was working, begging, or doing what they could. Back to station and left at 5:05 P.M. for Shanghai. Lotus along track. Rice fields and water buffalos. Canals with large boats. Pretty sunset. Family across from us. Man looked like Buddha. Two girls took care of small baby boy and played with his penis. Went thru Wusih a large manufacturing center. Lights were pretty. Left Wusih, passed thru Soochow and arrived at Shanghai at 11:10 P.M. (312 KM = 195 mi) Took taxi to New Asia Hotel (2 mi) Very modern large hotel. Run by Chinese. Took us direct to one of the best rooms. Prices all odd figures and include 10% tips. Very funny rules. Brought up register for us to sign and we made a deposit on room. Cleaned up and went to bed, hot and tired and happy.

61st Day

Monday, August 10, 1936

Shanghai

Travel to date	
Boat	11,414
Auto	798
Train	3,101
Misc.	135

Very hot. Took rickshaw to Eastman and return. Rickshaw boy ran into native. Have large money and small money. Rickshaw to Dollar Line and checked up on tickets. To Customs Jetty and checked up on trunks. Luncheon at hotel in air cooled dinning room. One room for European food and one for

Chinese food. Back to Customs Jetty, got trunks examined by customs and took on Tender to S.S. President Wilson at Shanghai wharf about 20 or 30 minutes. Back on 5:00 P.M. tender. U.S. Navy boat Tulsa in River. River full of boats most of which were propelled by one ore in center of back. Whole families pulling on ore. Sampans with patched sails. Man standing in a narrow boat with pole on shoulders and a large load of tin things on each end. Eva Jane and children shopped in afternoon. After dinner walked around a little looking for shoes for Mary Jane. Police men are mostly large Indian men.

62nd Day

Tuesday, August 11, 1936

Shanghai

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	11,414
Auto	798
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

We were awakened at 5:30 A.M. by a band practicing in the Post Office across the street. It is still very hot. Ate an early breakfast at the hotel and engaged rickshaws for the day. Eva Jane and Bob rode together. Left at 8:30 A.M. and went down Szechuen Street to Chinese City arriving at 8:50 A.M. Looks much like Peiping and Nanking whereas rest of Shanghai is very cosmopolitan. Narrow crooked streets (devils can't walk in crooked streets as they get lost). Bird market with thousands and thousands of birds and small animals such as dogs, rabbits, turtles, fish & chickens. Side show: Visited City Temple, a dark, dirty place built in 650 B.C. and containing the city Gods and all their relatives. Incense and paper money. Natives worshiping. Small shops selling incense and paper money. Visited Mandarin Gardens built by or in honor of Confucius 500 years ago. Went thru dark places and winding walks. Large Dragon on top of wall. Visited Willow Pattern Tea House located out in the water. Many turtles in water. Went thru streets of shops and then streets filled with manufacturing of all kinds. All hand work and fairly crude. Saw logs by hand. Cans of drinking water with public cups. Out of Chinese City. Passed funeral with band. Lungua Pagoda. Man dancing a slow religious dance. Museum map without Manchoukuo. Men only museum of venereal diseases. Went in zoo but Rickshaw boy who was guiding us couldn't come in because he didn't have any shoes on. Out and along Blvd. Des Deux Republiques. Beggar kneeling and kissing door step for money. Turned at Rue Hue to Rue Du Consulate. Stopped at Cathay Optical Corporation, Ltd. and got some glasses for Mary Jane to replace the ones she lost in Nikko. Drove thru streets. Saw Chinese boy who was on Hoover. Back to Hotel at 12:45 (4 1/4 hrs - 15 mi). Packed up, paid hotel bill and went shopping on foot on Szechnen Road and Nanking Road. C.V. went back to Hotel and got baggage and we all took the 5:30 tender from Customs Jetty to the S.S. President Wilson arriving at the

Shanghai Wharf in the Whangpoo River (Pootung District) at 6:00 P.M. Very interesting trip on the river which is filled with small craft of all kinds. The Soochow Creek flows thru Shanghai and past very near to the New Asia Hotel. We crossed it several times by rickshaw. The roadway of the bridge is rounded and boys run out and help the rickshaw boy pull over the humps and then ask the passenger for money. C.V. had a raw with the rickshaw puller who brought him and the baggage down to the Tender. We went aboard the Wilson and to our Rooms - 99 & 100. Found them very satisfactory. Had dinner at 7:00 P.M. and it sure tasted good after the meals we had in China. We sailed from the Shanghai (Pootung) Wharf at 7:55 P.M. for Kowloon and Hong Kong. We went out past the City of Shanghai on the Whangpoo River. It was a very beautiful sight as the buildings and electric signs were all lighted. The Empress of Japan was docked at Shanghai. We were glad that we had visited Japan, Chosen, Manchoukuo and China but also glad to get away from the filth and poverty we had seen in these places, especially the latter three.

63rd Day

Wednesday, August 12, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

30° - 00' N

122° - 56' E

Days run (16 hrs)

from Shan. 120

120 from Shang.

700 to Hong Kong.

Travel to date

Boat 11,534

Auto 798

Train 3,101

Misc. 150

Our rooms on the S.S. President Wilson are very comfortable. Being if front we get a breeze from the forward motion of the ship. All day we were sailing along the coast of China which was barely visible. Occasionally we would pass a rock or small island. Spent most of the day resting and getting our accounts in shape. At night we had movies. One reel was on the Taj Mahal of India and the other was a feature picture entitled "His Night Out". At night it got a little rough and waves splashed in our port holes until we had to shut them. Later we learned that we just missed a typhoon and that all

hands had been busy lashing things down. During the day it had been very calm and smooth.

64th Day

Thursday, August 13, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

24° - 7' N
118° - 34' E
Days run 432
552 from Shang.
268 to Hong Kong

Travel to date

Boat	11,966
Auto	798
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

This has been a nice, bright day with a smooth sea. Off and on we could see land on the China side of the ship. Many fishing boats were busy in the water. C.V. and Bob played a few deck games and Mary Jane and Bob went swimming. We have 129 First and Second class passengers aboard of which 18 are leaving the boat at Hong Kong. At our table we have Mr. Calvin J. Collins of Chicago, Miss Nancy Clancy and Mrs. Rosa M. Pope of Wisconsin. They are leaving the boat at Hong Kong and going back to Wisconsin, We are the only passengers listed

as getting off at Port Said.

65th Day

Friday, August 14, 1936

Kowloon
Hong Kong

Travel to date	
Boat	12,238
Auto	823
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

About 6:00 A.M. we first saw the hills of Hong Kong and Kowloon. By 7:00 A.M. we were in the neighboring islands. The islands are practically treeless on the hills. The sampans have different shaped sails from those in Shanghai. They are more angular. The Empress of Japan and President Grant were both docked. As our ship neared the dock the fish jumped out of the water, many of them landing on the pier where they were picked up by natives. Docked at Kowloon at 8:45 A.M., went ashore and walked around shopping. Most of the heavy work is done by women. Boxes, bales and heavy cargo is carried suspended on a bamboo pole carried by 2 or more natives. The harbor is filled with small boats on which people live. The people carry freight on their boats whenever they can get it. Young girls assist in the heavy work of loading the boats and often the women have children strapped on their backs. Coolies and other wear large straw hats with pointed tops. Walked thru the markets - mostly fish and old eggs. Gasoline was \$1.05 per gal cash. Ate lunch on Wilson at 11:00 A.M. and then took 12:10 Ferry "Meridian Star" to Hong Kong (10 min - 2 mi). Hired Plymouth touring car for trip around island (License 252). Drove thru streets filled with dried fish, odors and humanity. Passed University of Hong Kong up on side of a hill. Peel Engineering Laboratories. Many people on road carrying wood. Very nice homes and estates on hill sides. Queen Mary Hospital under construction. Women on road carrying heavy loads. Many water falls - it rained a little off and on as we drove around. The trees and vegetation were green and very beautiful. Passed Aberdeen (6.3 miles). Women with babies on backs. Straw rain coats. Beautiful Deep Water bay (8.5 miles) with nice beach. Golf club. Stopped at Repulse Bay Hotel (10.1 Mi). Water is different colors somewhat like Bermuda. Flumes down a hill side. Shoukiwan (18 mi). Stone fences and walls have broken glass cemented in top to keep

people from climbing over. Teikeo Sugar Refinery Co.. Row houses and apartments. Boats along the bay on which people existed. Chickens. Terrible living conditions. Kites. Double deck street cars. Stopped at botanical garden. Very nice layout and flowers. Dismissed driver at Hong Kong Hotel. (2 1/4 hrs. 25.0 miles). Took Peak Tram car upside of hill 1305 ft. and walked on up. Beautiful seascapes and view of Hong Kong and Kowloon. Took Ferry back to Kowloon after shopping for an hour or two. Dinner on boat and went shopping in Kowloon. After dark Hong Kong looked like a huge Xmas tree with lights all over it. The city of Hong Kong is known as Victoria. It takes 10 min to go from Hong Kong to Kowloon by ferry. Boys working in chest carving shops were at work at 11:00 P.M.

66th Day

Saturday, August 15, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

21° - 40' N

114° - 36' E

Days run (4 hrs)

From H.K. 46mi
579 to Manila

Travel to date

Boat 12,284

Auto 823

Train 3,101

Misc. 150

A very bright and pretty day. The ocean was like a mill pond. Went ashore before we sailed and watched activity on the pier and in the many small boats tied up near by. Evidently some of the small boats had obtained commissions to take freight to island ports and they were busy loading. Others were eating, etc. A few vendors were down at the pier with flashlights, birds, slippers, idols, etc.

Sailed at 8:00 A.M. for Manila. Many sampans and other small boats out fishing. Some sampans have 3 sails. Passed the last of the islands about 11:00 A.M.

Many flying fish. Sailors put canvas over front hatch which shaded our rooms. C.V. and children went swimming. Had movies at 8:30 P.M. Silly Symphony "The Grasshopper and the Aunt" and a travel picture "South to Zamboanga" description of ports of Cebu, Iloilo, and Zamboanga.

67th Day

Sunday, August 16, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

16° - 58' N

118° - 21' E

Days run 350 mi

396 from H.K.

229 to Manila

Travel to date

Boat 12,634

Auto 823

Train 3,101

Misc. 150

During the night it started to rain and continued during the day. It cooled things off quite a bit. The ocean was rough and very pretty. The foam from the waves looked like drifting snow. Went to church in Social Hall. The Rev. J. A. Ker preached. Rained very hard and had a strong wind in the afternoon as we passed thru the tail end of a typhoon which did a lot of damage and killed several people in Hong Kong. Dinner Adieu to the 31 passengers who are leaving the ship at Manila tomorrow. That will leave us 103 passengers for various ports in addition to those that get on at Manila. It stopped raining about 8:00 P.M.

but the sea continued to be quite rough. The ship stood it very well and did not roll very much.

68th Day

Monday, August 17, 1936

Manila, P.I.

Travel to date	
Boat	12,863
Auto	873
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

Got up at 5:30. Sea was smooth and there was a beautiful sunrise. We were in sight of Manila and moving very slowly killing time until we would get a Doctor. Dr came aboard at 7:30 and Immigration officials at 8:30. Docked at Pier 7, the largest under the U.S. flag, at 9:00 A.M. Colonel Cramer and Mary were on hand to meet us. They came aboard and we all went ashore. Col. Cramer had engaged a car and we went to his home and saw Mrs Cramer. Left their home in a car at 9:50 A.M. and drove past the Aquarium into the walled city by Victoria Gate to Post Exchange of 31st Infantry. The wall was built in 1590. The walled portion of the city is only about 1 mile long and ½ mile wide. The moat has been filled in and is now a public golf course, tennis courts, etc. Went in church of San Augustin, the oldest in Manila. Visited room where Dewey signed terms for American occupation in August 1898. Saw old robes of gold thread cloth and old paintings. Passed the cathedral opposite Plaza McKinley and University of Santo Tomas, founded in 1611, the oldest under the U.S. flag. Passed Dept. of Justice and drove thru Fort Santiago Gate. Visited death cell of Jose Rizol and dungeons under fort where Spaniards suffocated their prisoners and washed them out to sea. Went up on wall for a splendid view of Pasig River. Drove across river on Santa Cruz Bridge and down Escolata street, a crowded, narrow street filled with carrrometa (small 2 wheeled carts pulled by small horses), autos, caribou pulling heavy carts, etc. Went to Yangco Markets and walked thru the hundreds of small shops under one roof selling all kinds of articles. Women wear dresses with sleeves sticking up. Passed railroad station. Woman smoking a cigar and carrying a basket on her head. Past Bilibid Prison, San Sebastian church, San Beda College to Malacanan Palace. Drove in private section and took a picture and Colonel Cramer had to see Military Aid to President since we did not have a permit. Drove over Ayala Bridge past San Jose Hospital on an island. Hospital has a revolving door

where babies are taken and no questions asked. Sterberg (Army) Hospital, Post Office, Bureau of Printing, City Hall, out Taft Avenue to University of Philippines which has largest sundial in the world. Central School, National Museum, many other schools and colleges, Rizol Stadium to old Fort San Antonio Abad. Wrecks of Spanish gun boats still visible in harbor. Back on Dewey Blvd past Elks Club, Army & Navy Club, University Club, Rizol statue to Cramers at 12:30 for lunch. After lunch (2:30) to Post Office and out past Indian Temple to Guadalupe ruins. On way passed many small villages. (Barrios) Homes built up on stilts. Very poor construction of grass, bamboo, etc. Caribou in mud & water. Pigs and chickens live under houses. Inspected ruins of Guadalupe an old church built over 300 years ago by Spanish and burned during 1898-1900. Very large church. Now covered with moss and flowers. On to Fort McKinley and got refreshments at Club House. The Fort is the largest Military Reservation under the American Flag. Drove thru Antipalo a hill village with an ancient church past fields in which natives, dressed in red and other bright colors, were ploughing fields of water with caribou and planting rice. Very colorful. Drove thru Nichols Field (observation planes) to Club House made of swali (woven) material. Passed interesting fishing boats and stopped at Las Pinas to see and hear the famous bamboo organ in the church. The church was built in 1762 and the organ in 1818. It has 950 bamboo "pipes". Back past Polo Club and in on Dewey Ave. I estimated that we drove 50 miles today. Had dinner with the Cramers at Army & Navy Club. Very nice and cool place. Returned to ship about 10:00 P.M., and made a few purchases on the pier.

69th Day

Tuesday, August 18, 1936

Manila, P.I.
At Sea

<u>Trave to date</u>	
Boat	12,866
Auto	878
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

Ordinarily the Dollar line boats sail from Manila at midnight of the day they arrive. The S.S. President Wilson had so much cargo that it staid over last night and was scheduled to sail at 8:00 A.M. today. They were unloading and loading all night making it difficult to sleep. This morning they announced that we would sail at 10:00 A.M. so we got a taxi and went into the city. Got flowers for Mrs Cramer and delivered them. Visited aquarium and saw lots of sea horses and scorpion fish. Did some shopping and returned to ship. (5 mi) Man was hurt and loading not finished so sailing was delayed. Saw crew vote on new man. Sailed at 11:15 A.M. for Singapore. Bay about 30 miles long and well fortified at enterance. Bright sunny day, calm sea, ship very steady, cool breeze. Motion pictures at night. Travel film on Columbo and "The Buick Comes Home". Stars very clear and bright. Set clocks back 20 minutes.

70th Day

Wednesday, August 19, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

12° - 09' N
115° - 14' E
Days run 361 mi
364 mi from Man.
966 to Singapore

Travel to date

Boat	13,227
Auto	878
Train	3,101
Misc.	150

In spite of the fact that we are getting near the equator it was nice and cool last night and necessary to use a sheet for cover. This morning is nice and bright and clear. The sea is very calm and a deep blue. The temperature in our room is about 79° F. C.V. and the children went swimming before lunch and the children went in again in the afternoon. Did not see any boats all day. We saw the travel film on Columbo again in the evening when it was shown for the Tourist class people. Clocks were set back 20 minutes. We are now on Straits Standard Time which is 12 hrs 20 min ahead of Eastern Standard

Time.

In provinces of Philippines the marriageable girls all live together in a crowded hut like place. The boys come and serenade them and take their pick. Men wear only G strings and sometimes a coat. Women wear very colorful clothes.

71st Day

Thursday, August 20, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

9° - 06' N
110° - 48' E
Days run 326 mi.
690 mi. from Manila
640 mi. to Singapore

17th Wedding Anniversary.

A bright, clear morning. The ocean was just a little choppy and we could see white caps making it very pretty. E.J. & children saw a waterspout. There has been a strong cool, head breeze against us for the past 24 hours which has cut down our

Travel to date

Boat 13,553
Auto 878
Train 3,101
Misc. 150

speed considerably. Eva Jane and I played deck golf and I played a couple of sets of deck tennis with the 2nd Steward and a couple passengers. About 3:30 a dark cloud came over and we had a shower. After the shower the children went swimming. We had a second shower about 5:00 and another later in the evening.

There were horse races at night.

72nd Day

Friday, August 21, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

4° - 31' N
106° - 36' E
Days run 373 mi
1063 from Manila
267 to Singapore

Travel to date

Boat 13,926
Auto 878
Train 3,101

This morning it is bright and clear and the ocean is very smooth. There is still a strong head wind but it seems to be getting warmer. Worked on plans for sightseeing in Singapore in morning. Bob and Mary Jane went swimming before lunch. Saw a waterspout. There were several islands off the port side about 4:30 P.M. Continued to see them until dark. About 6:30 P.M. certain islands were close and we could see the trees on them. Flying fish were rather small. Children went swimming again in afternoon. Mary Jane can swim the diagonal length of the tank. Very pretty sunset of pastel colors. Moon came up at sunset. Dance in evening.

73rd Day

Saturday, August 22, 1936

Singapore
Johore Bohru

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	14,193
Auto	954
Train	3,101
Misc	150

This is the mid point of our trip. We are now half way in distance, time and everything. Singapore is 180° from Washington and is only 80 miles north of the equator. Our trip is to take 146 days from New York to New York This and this is the 73rd day.

Early in the morning the sky was somewhat overcast. We took on Pilot at 7:30 A.M., sailed into the Harbor. Old men came alongside in narrow boats smoking cigars. They would reverse the cigar in their mouths and dive for money and again reverse the cigar when they came up. Younger men in narrow boats would knock a tennis ball back and forth with their oars. When water got in boats they would kick it out with their feet. Tied up at Main Wharf opposite Gate 3 at 8:00 A.M. Hindu men wear long hair and knot it on their heads. (Large Combs) Wear skirts of plaid and bright colors so they look very much like women. We went ashore about 8:30 A.M. and took a taxi to the American Express office, about 2 miles. Looked around in the various Department stores and smaller shops. From rear of a dress shop we could look out on hundreds of boats tied up in the Singapore River. Saw a man bathing by pouring water over himself with a bucket. Traffic policemen have a long woven piece across their backs which sticks out on each side like wings. Back to ship for an early lunch and engaged chevrolet #5883 for trip. Left at 12:30 P.M. Drove past ruins of old Fort upon a hill, Sailors Institute, Detective Station, chinese market, to Collyer Quay which has Clifford Pier from which boats go to Java, etc. On past Post Office, across Anderson Bridge, past government offices, Raffles Statue, Church of England (very old and interesting) to Stanford Road. On past Government High School, Raffles Girl's School, to Raffles Museum and Library. A very large and well arranged museum of Malaya things such as boats, fish, spears, cloth, flattening heads of children, birds, etc. Drove on past y.m.c.a. and into Orchard

Road and into Government House grounds. A very beautiful place. Out past new markets, Chinese cemetery. On lots there would be 8 or 10 long clotheslines filled with white clothes. Others put clothes out of window on a stick. Past army officers homes on Napier Road to Botanical Gardens. Very pretty. Walked thru green houses and saw orchids, etc. Large Bougainvillea. Stopped along road and fed monkeys, with an orange. They came down out of trees and pulled at Eva Jane's dress for more orange. Out and past Raffles College to home of Aw Boon Haw and Aw Boon Par, wealthy Chinese who made money with Tiger Balm. Very fine house and gardens. Yard full of stone or metal deer, storks, etc. Large sunbeam car fixed up like a tiger. Building artificial mountains in yard. We went through the house. Many jade, ivory, crystal and other objects in house. Turned on Stevens Road and over to Bukit Timah Road and out it past Turf Club to Tiger Hall, Chinese High School, rubber trees to Bukit Timah Village (15 miles). On past banana trees, pineapples to rubber factory of Binseng Co., Ltd. Rubber comes to factory in all shapes. Some of it looks like balls made of rubber bands. It is washed and rolled into sheets of various sizes and grades. Chinese women inspectors cut out defects. Went on and stopped at a rubber plantation. The trees are cut twice a day and rubber oozes out like white cream. It is run into cups and collected. The latex is put in tanks and water and acid is added to coagulate the latex. It is then rolled into sheets of the desired size, hung and to dry, and cured ready for shipment. Drove on past a Government Opium Store, Naval Oil Tanks, (bullock carts) on a fine macadam road to the causeway (24 miles) and crossed over to Johore Bahur. British Naval Base on island side. Water is called Johore Straits (Flag has a crescent and star in a blue field with a large red field.) Customs examination and our names. Arrived at 3:15 P.M. Went to get permit to see palace but Sultan's Private Secretary was away. Drove past Supreme Court Building and Palace which are along water front to Mohammedan Malay Mosque which was very impressive. Looked in (not permitted to enter) and saw large room with polished marble floor. Place to wash hands and feet. Drove past Sultan's private

zoo and Botanical Gardens to Place and bribed keeper to let us in without a permit. Very large museum of stuffed tigers, etc. Reception room and throne room. Beautiful travelers palms in yard. Drove on past prisoners working on a bank of earth, cocoanuts plantations, Elkayes Match Factory (35 miles) to Tampoi (36 miles) where we understood Frank Bucks zoo was located. Drove on 3 miles, came back and went 4 miles another direction but still could not find it. Most of driving was past rubber plantations (one to be sold at auction) and jungle. Building a house and Chinese women mixing mortar, carrying brick and doing all the heavy work. Finally located boy who formerly worked for Buck and went to place where picture was taken (43 miles). Boy climbed tree in picture. Back to causeway and passed customs at 5:15 P.M. (48 miles). Crossed causeway and turned off on Manda Jungle Road (52 miles), Drove across 5 miles on this road which is cut through the heart of the jungle to Nee Soon Village. Got gasoline, Shell, 80¢ per gallon. Turned on to Thompson Road past pineapples, sugar cane, boy bathing with bucket, small Chinese Temple to Peirce Reservoir. Drove in grounds. Beautiful travelers palms. Island Club Golf Course. Drive on to MacRitchie Reservoir which is somewhat larger and has very beautiful grounds. Chinese women pulling wagons on road, carrying wood, etc. Police training school. Soccer ball game. Flowers for sale in pots. Fine Chinese homes. Buddha Temple. Polo game. Boats tied up. People watching football games along Beach Road. 2 people ride in rikishas. Stores, markets Police station, Raffles Hotel to boat at 6:30 P.M. (72 miles) Beautiful sunset. After dinner watched loading pineapples (1500 cases for St. Louis) and rubber (Firestone). Took on tin earlier in the day.

74th Day

Sunday, August 23, 1936

Singapore

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	14,193
Auto	961
Train	3,101
Misc	162

A lovely bright morning. In Singapore the churches have Sunday School at 8:30 A.M. and church at 6:00 P.M. when it is cool. Hee Kee, a Chinese tailor came on board and C.V. ordered a poplin suit. Shop is at 101 North Bridge Road. Left ship a little after nine and took Rikishas to High Street (2 miles). Rikishas are wider than China or Japan and carry two people. Inside of top is lined with bright colored goods. Pullers wear small peaked hats. Past laundries. Washing out on lines of twisted rope which hold clothes without using pins. Shopped around. English shops closed and Chinese and Japanese were open. Very few people on streets. Looked at chests, elephants, etc. Returned to ship for early lunch (2 ½ mi). Diver working around boat. We came back to boat by trolley bus. Have 1st & 2nd class. Fare depends on distance and conductor gives a receipt for fare paid. Every few blocks an Inspector gets on to check the receipts and see if they check with the conductors report. After lunch we walked over to Railway Station to see the picturers of Malay life in the main room. Very nice station. Took trolleybus (trolley but no tracks) back to town (2 ½ mi). Inspectors on twice before we reached High St. Tried on suit. Most of stores had closed at 1:00 P.M. Walked up River Valley Road to Tank Road watching the natives and looking in the small shops. Went to Chettiar Hindu Temple to see chariots but were told that they were over at new temple. Looked around a little. Temple very poorly kept. Took Rikishas to Raffles Hotel (2 mi). Saw men repairing shoes and doing barbering work along the streets. Hotel is very common looking and much over rated. Went across the street and watched a football (soccer) game a while. Quite interesting, especially the way they bat the ball with their heads. Took trolley bus to ship (3 mi). After early dinner we took taxi out to The Great World (3.6 mi), one of the two large amusement parks in Singapore. Both ladies and children are free. I paid 10¢. Place is made up of eating stands, pictures and vaudeville

shows, games of chance, stores, side shows, beer gardens and a cabaret. Saw a side show and vaudeville show. No scenery and stage hands stay on stage. Man blowing fire around. "Music" consisted of a gong and cymbal. Mostly repetition and very uninteresting after ten or fifteen minutes. Took taxi back to the boat (about 3 to 4 minutes). Nice and cool. The days have been somewhat warm but not as warm as one would expect 73 miles north of the equator.

75th Day

Monday, August 24, 1936

Singapore

Travel to date

Boat	14,193
Auto	954
Train	3,101
Misc	150

Both Saturday and Sunday it was slightly overcast from early morning till about 10:00 A.M. This morning it was clear and much warmer. Left boat at 9:00 A.M. and took rikishas over to High Street (2 mi). I stopped off on way at Cook's, Kodak store, and to sell soap. Walked over to High Street. New Supreme Court

building now under construction looks like modern Government Buildings at Washington. All of the streets have deep gutters between the sidewalk and street in which water stands. At cross streets there is a "bridge" usually narrower than the streets. It is a wonder that people do not fall into the gutters and hurt themselves. Mens hairdressers along streets. Shopped around. Got suit. Took rikishas to Change Alley or Petticoat Lane (1 mi). A narrow street with small shops selling all kinds of cheap merchandise. Took rikishas back to boat for lunch (2 mi). Loading rubber on boat. When coolies threw down big bundles they bounced like rubber balls. After lunch engaged taxi 5883. Left at 1:30 P.M. and drove out Keppel Road past Jardines Steps and Power Station to Telok Blangah Road. Power station is very modern. Past Signal Hill, Govt. Opium Station, Chinese Theatre to Keppel Harbor Village, an interesting Malay Village. On past Chinese Temple, Breceires Brick factory, fine chinese homes, Chinese swimming pool, opium factory, nice French homes, Tiger Balm Club, to Buona Vista Road. Turned onto road and went up hill past "The Gap". (7 miles). Took cross road to Holland Village, past chinese cemetery and drove back to city on Holland Road and thru edge of Botanical Gardens. Then Stevens Road, Chaney Lane, Thompson Road and Balestier Road to Kim Kiat road and to the largest Chinese Buddhist Temple in Singapore (16 miles). It was not very well kept up and women beggars were around entrance with half coconut shells for money. I offered to pay them to let me take their picture but they refused. Drove over to Buddha Caya Tiger Temple which has a reinforced concrete Buddha over 50 feet high with 1000 electric lights on it. Inside the Buddha in

the back is a large reinforced concrete reclining Buddha (17 miles). Beggars were also around this temple. Drove out past Pineapple Factory (the pineapples are replacing rubber in many sections) and speedway to Alkaff Gardens (19 miles). Very pretty landscaping effects. Past English cemetery in which most all graves had artificial flowers in glass cases. A small Muhammad Temple with a very high spire, Hindu cemetery, mohammad cemetery, Municipal Limits (21 miles) to Serangoon Village (22 miles) a very interesting place in a setting of coconut trees. Eva Jane sampled some liacha which look like chestnut burrs but are very much prized by the natives. Taste like grapes. Took Punggol Road past coconut plantations, shins drying, etc. to Singapore Zoo (27 miles) arriving at 3:15 P.M. Looked at tigers, etc and played with chimpanzee which was loose and very friendly. Tried to put his arms around Mary Jane. Fed peanuts to the animals and fish to the sea lions. Had a small elephant. Not a very large zoo. Left at 3:45 P.M. Passed a Japanese Restaurant where one can catch their own fish and have them cooked to order. Came back the same road as far as Somapah Village (32 miles) and turned off on Tampines Road. Passed coconut plantation, water Buffalo, natives bathing with buckets at wells, etc. Just before reaching Pasir Ris Village we stopped and had a native boy cut down some coconuts with a long pole with a knife on the end. He cut one open and we drank the milk. Brought two to the boat with us. Drove thru Pasir Ris Village (36 miles), a few rubber plantations to Changi Road (39 miles). Past new jail, chinese school and turned off on Bedok Road to Bedok Village (47 miles) on the coast. Took East Coast Road which follows the coast past pretty homes and turned off on Grove Road to Chinese Swimming Club and Sea View Hotel (49 miles). Mayer Road to Katong Park and Fort Read. Grove Road past swimming club to left and past many boats to Beach Road and on into town to Eastman Kodak Co (54 miles) where we arrived at 5:00 P.M. Out to Hindu Temple on South Bridge Road. Many pigeons. Hideous statues of gods and demons. Place decorated outside with figures of goats, snakes, etc. Band playing weird music. Chariots are only taken out once a year. Drove to boat arriving at 5:30 P.M. (4 hrs -

\$8.00 straits) 57 miles. After dinner watched loading rattan, butternuts and rubber.

76th Day

Tuesday, August 25, 1936

Singapore

Travel to date	
Boat	14,193
Auto	1,018
Train	3,101
Misc	174

Rained last night and was raining a little when we left the boat at 8:15 A.M. It soon stopped raining and was clear and bright. On way over to bus stop we saw many merchants coming down to the pier in rikishas with their goods for sale. Took Trolley Bus to Tank Road (4 mi). Two inspectors checked over our tickets at different times. Fares are according to distance. Walked over to Orchard Road and visited stores and made a few purchases. Took rikishas down Stanford Road and over on Armenian Street to High Street. Purchased 15 elephants and took trolley bus to ship. Many small shops on dock. Sailing was slightly delayed as a woman passenger who had taken sick on the boat was taken off in an ambulance and taken to the hospital. Sailed at 1:10 P.M. About 15 diving boys and men came alongside and dived for coins. Men would reverse cigars before diving. They do not stay in the water any longer than necessary as the bay is full of sharks. Passed a large group of fishing shacks out in the water on stilts. Passed thru Keppel Harbor into Straits of Malacca which separates British Malaya from Sumatra and headed toward Penang Island. Many small islands. Some trees actually out in water. At 2:25 P.M. we passed a large lighthouse out in the water and a few minutes later a large Dutch Passenger ship. At dinner they had a birthday cake for some one on the tourist side. Movies at night "Parrotville Old Folks" and "The Music Goes Round and Round". Picture machine broke down about end of feature. We could see light houses along the Peninsula side all evening. About 10:00 P.M. we passed what appeared to be town of Malacca. It is surprising how cool it is at night on the boat. There is usually a good breeze.

77th Day

Wednesday, August 26, 1936

At Sea
Penang

<u>Position at Noon</u>
4° - 53' N
100° - 12' E
Days run (22hrs. 50 min). 332 miles
332 From Sing.
46 to Penang.

It rained some last night. In this section it seems to rain most every night, be overcast in the early morning and about 9:00 A.M. clear up and be bright and hot. We are sailing up between the Malay Peninsulas and Sumatra and there are many small islands. It is a great deal like the Island sea of Japan. Wrote letter to office and talked some with

<u>Travel to date</u>
Boat 14,571
Auto 1,018
Train 3,101
Misc 174

Mr. John Peabody Palmer, the new U.S. Consul to Penang. Sighted the island of Penang shortly after noon but since it is necessary to go in on the tide we slowed up and took the North channel route (the longer way in) in place of the South channel route. A Mrs Fletcher who lives in Penang (and eats at our table) pointed out

Kedah peak on the mainland and points of interest along the shore. Docked at 5:15 P.M. We ate dinner early and went ashore at 5:30 P.M. The dock was covered with tin in bars ready for loading. Went to Post Office and mailed air mail letter to office. Engaged auto (License P-405) from M. D. Kassim (Drivers License #98) for trip tomorrow. Travel Agency closed. Walked over past clock tower to Cornwallis Fort. Moat has been filled in. Fort in good condition. Resembles forts at Cartagena. Inside is a large tree whose roots and trunk is set in concrete 20 feet in diameter and 2 feet above the ground. Nice light house at corner of fort. In open space between Town Hall and the Fort, (known as Esplanade) there were many people playing football and other games. Sunset about 6:15. Ruins of old church at Penang and Bishop Streets. Men playing a game on streets with beans and a kind of checker board. Boys playing with a _____ which they hit with the bottom of their foot. Chinese children playing marbles. Have holes in ground and use both hands to shoot. Shopped a little and went to boat. Loading tin and rubber. Visited Mitchells in their room.

78th Day

Thursday, August 27, 1936

Penang

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	14,571
Auto	1,083
Train	3,101
Misc	174

Load tin and rubber all night. Each bar of tin weighs 112# and is worth over \$60. U.S. money (over \$100 Straits money). Coolies put 5 bars on a hand truck. Sing as they load and unload trucks. Slings take 20 bars (long ton) at a time. We took on approximately 800 tons. Got up early and started on trip at 7:45.

Buick touring car. Drove past Police Station, Penang Cricket Club, Town Hall, Supreme Court, Convent, Roman Catholic Church, E&O Hotel, and out Northam Road past Gov't. Girls School, Runnymede Hotel, fine Chinese homes, Penang Club, Presbyterium church, etc. One of the finest Chinese homes is that of a money lender who charges 10%. Chinese own practically all of rubber plantations and tin mines and are very wealthy. Rikishas have fancy designs painted on back. On past Pilots homes, catholic schools, fields of rumpin (?) Trees (fruit looks like a buckeye and is kind Eva Jane ate yesterday), many chinese cemetery, to Fettes Road. Driver signed book relieving company of responsibility for accidents and we were then permitted to take road up to Guillemard reservoir. A very pretty place. Buildings, etc were painted white. Reservoirs are on Mount Erskine and the view is wonderful. (8:10 A.M.). Went back down the mountain. Passed village of Tonjong Tokung with picturesque Malay Huts. Natives bathing and washing clothes at public water taps. Coconut plantations, chinese Hotel and swimming club, Doctor's home with terraced flower beds in front, rubber plantations, rice flour mills. Passed 8th mile post at 8:35 A.M. Wonderful beach, Caldwell's Castle - completed but not occupied, Telok Bahang (13th Mile Post). Left the coast and climbed to 600 feet thru rubber plantations, big ferns on side of hills. From 18th Mile Post had a good view of Kedah Peak and the sea. Building new bridge at 19th Mile Post. Coconut plantations on hillsides were very pretty. Passed thru S. Pinang Village and back to level at 22nd Mile Post. Passed home of Chief Justice and at 26th Mile Post drove thru Dalik Pulau the second largest town on the island. Nice hospital, past office

and school. At 9:35 A.M. passed a sign which showed Penang to be 18 ½ miles further on or 27 ½ miles back the way we had come. About 28th Mile Post we started up to the Ginting Pass (400 feet high) and returned to level about the 32nd Mile Post at the village of Telok Kumbar. Passed rice fields, air home of Penang Flying Club with 12 Navel planes from Singapore, Bullock two wheeled carts of lumber with lumber out over their backs, tapioca bushes, and arrived at Snake Temple (37th Mile Post - 9th other way) at 10:00 A.M. Place is badly in need of paint and snakes are very sluggish. Not as exciting as we had expected. Chinese girl washing clothes in front of Temple. On past rice fields and large grove of Nipah Palms which are used to build houses, banana trees, mangos trees, to Green Lane where we turned off past Siamese cemetery, Hindu cemetery, chinese cemetery, Chung Ling High School, Penang Boys School and thru a beautiful coconut grove, 40 yrs old, to Ayer Ham Temple and Monastery arriving at 10:30 A.M. Long flight of steps lined with beggars. Pond of sacred turtles some of which are said to be over 1000 years old. Nice Pagoda. Saw medicine God and his disciples (always crushing demons) etc. Nice view of surrounding country. Left Temple at 11:10 A.M. and passed Hill Railway Station, new race track, Penang Golf Club, Home of manager of Standard Oil of NY, Masonic Temple, Indian Temple to Botanical Gardens. Not very large but real nice. See water reservoirs up Mt. Erskine. Only one monkey came out for food as it was about noon and very hot. Nice lilly pond. India rubber tree with roots sticking up out of ground. Waterfalls created by overflow from reservoirs. Out past Chetty Temple, Masonic Temple, Polo Grounds, Home of resident Counselor. Hospital built in four sections with one for each Chinese, Malay, Indian & European. Nice homes for doctors. Homes of Dutch people. Tree with Temple flowers. Army Club also in four sections with one each for Chinese, European, Indian and Malay. Traffic officers with wings like in Singapore. At 12:00 noon visited Mr. Palmer, new American Consul. Stopped at Penang Buddhist Association. On past tin smelter, Captain Kling Mosque (Indian Mohammedan), Central Fire Station, past business houses, banks, etc to

ship arriving at 12:15 P.M. (4 ½ hrs - 65 miles) After lunch we went out shopping and sightseeing on foot. Inspected fire station - very modern. Many buildings painted with white wash. Small Indian Temple at King and Chulia Streets. Finally found the Khoo Kangsi House in open space at end of an ally filled with dirty children, tailless cats, pitiful looking ducks, etc. It is a very fine appearing place with columns, walls, etc of carved stone. Went over and saw the Acheen Street Mosque (Malay Mohammedan). It is of interesting construction and has a minaret of considerable heigh. Walked past markets to Campbell St and Mary Jane and Eva Jane had shoes made to order. Wooden with rubber straps. (24¢ straits per pair). Went back to boat. Cast off first ropes at 4:00 P.M. and sailed at 4:25 P.M. Watched the shore line and islands for some time. Room boy had sent my laundry ashore but it came back O.K. Had movies for Tourist Class at night and we watched the comedy. Georgetown is name of city in Penang but never used locally. Clocks back 40 Minutes

79th Day

Friday, August 28, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

5° - 57'N

95° - 33'E

Days run (19 ½ hrs.)

278 miles

278 from Penang

988 to Colombo

Travel to date

Boat 14,849

Auto 1,083

Train 3,101

Misc 174

A fine bright morning with a cool breeze. During the day it got quite a lot hotter but the breeze continued. We were close to the shore of Sumatra all morning. About 1:00 P.M. we neared the northern end of Sumatra and went from the Straits of Malacca into the Indian Ocean. In the morning the Captain took Eva Jane and I up to the Bridge and in his quarters. Showed us a photograph for which he paid \$15.00 in Japan. In the afternoon we had lemonade instead of tea. Mary Jane was invited to a tea by Phylis but it was postponed. Bob, Eva Jane I played deck golf and Eva Jane and I played horse shoes. Toward evening the sea got somewhat rough and the ship rolled a little. Had rain off and on during the evening. Clocks were set back another 40 minutes during the night so that we are now 11 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

80th Day

Saturday, August 29, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

5° - 51' N
89° - 11' E
Days run 382 mi.
660 from Penang
606 to Colombo

Trave to date

Boat	15,231
Auto	1,083
Train	3,101
Misc	174

Rained some last night. Still have a strong wind which keeps the water stirred up but the ship is very steady. Probably is due to being in the monsoon area. Wrote on diary most of the day. Mary Jane went to a Party given by Philis. Bob wasn't invited until after it started so he didn't go. There was a very pretty sunset of pastel shades of green, blue and pink. Had moving pictures at night. Two reel comedy "Our Gang Follies of 1936" and feature "Return of Jimmy Valentine".

During the night the clocks were set back 30 minutes to Ceylon Standard Time*. There are 189 in the crew of the President Wilson. There were a great many money changers in Penang. Most all had cases full of Chinese silver dollars.

*which is 10 ½ hrs ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

81st Day

Sunday, August 30, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

5° - 54' N

83° - 24' E

Days run 341 mi.

1001 from Penang

265 from Colombo

A nice bright morning. There was a full moon last night and it was very perry. Read about India in morning. Went to church on board. Rev, J. A. Ker preached. He is getting off at Colombo. Eva Jane and I played a little shuffleboard and horse shoes.

There is still a very good breeze. It is very surprising

Travel to date

Boat 15,572

Auto 1,083

Train 3,101

Misc. 174

how cool it is considering that we are very near the equator. Our rooms are among the coolest on the boat and it is not comfortable when port holes are wide open as the breeze makes it too cool.

82nd Day

Monday, August 31, 1936

Colombo
Kandy
Ceylon

Travel to date	
Boat	15,837
Auto	1,253
Train	3,101
Misc.	174

A nice bright morning. The wind has died down some but it is still fairly cool. The island of Ceylon was in sight when we first looked out about 5:00 A.M. as we could see the light house. Entered the breakwater at Colombo at 6:45 A.M. and tied up to buoys and anchored, in the harbor at 7:00 A.M. Large tea sign. It is a very pretty harbor and there are many boats in it including the British Cruiser "Emerald". Immigration officials came aboard at 7:30 A.M. and checked our passports. A stairway was let down on the rear starboard side with the bottom resting on a big barge. We took the 8:15 (first) tender and arrived at the Passenger Jetty at 8:25 A.M. Indian women went over on same tender. Wore much jewelry and dresses covered with spangles. Mailed cards. Engaged 7 passenger Buick (License A2288) for trip to Kandy and Mount Lavinia. Left at 9:15 A.M. Drove past business district to "Slave Island" along the Lake. Took gas (Rs 1-50 per gallon Shell has monopoly. Standard offered to sell at Rs 1-20 but Chamber of Commerce, which controls business will not permit. Chamber of Commerce does not permit Tourist Agencies like Cooks and American Express to own auto for their tours). Everywhere there are large two wheeled carts with round tops (gypsy style) pulled by one or two small oxen with big hump on their necks. Drove back through business section which is call "Fort" past Barracks and Public Works department (very large) through Pettan, or native quarter. Old Dutch Cemetery. Section is filled with bazaars, temples, mosque, etc. Saw woman picking up droppings from bullocks. Drove out Prince of Wales Avenue past large maternity hospital and crossed Kelani Ganga on Victoria Bridge. Street was filled with traffic of all kinds Tram cars. Tanks of coconut and palm oil. Past flats where city laborers live. They get 1 Rupee (about 38¢ U.S.) per day as a starting wage. Many carts were loaded with coconut fibre. At 4.3 miles passed road that goes to Negombo. Many Buddhist Priests dressed in orange robes. Buddhists

go to church on Full moon, half moon, quarter moon and dark of moon. It is now full moon and the roads are lined with people in white going to the temples. Each small village has a temple. Houses built of cobbles and plastered with mud or of mud plastered on a bamboo or pole framework. Large coconut groves. Rice fields. Much pottery for sale. Meat hangs out in open at butcher shops. King Coconuts are yellow and used to drink. Villages about every 10 miles. Heavy traffic. Road is winding and in good shape but narrow. About 20% of natives are Catholics. Rice, pineapples. Coconut fibre mill. Men working on roads and in fields wear only G strings. Like in Malaya the men have long hair which they knot up on their heads. Trees arch over the road in many places. About 25 miles out of Colombo we stopped at a small zoo. Men had 2 trained elephants which he put thru various stunts (10:30 A.M.). Many crows. Water buffalo ploughing in rice fields which are very numerous. Drying coconut(copra) in front of houses. Men and women breaking rocks for road material. All from southern India that do this kind of work. Singhalese are mostly carpenters, merchants, etc. Arica nuts out drying in front of huts. Begin to get into the hills. Many rubber plantations. Tea fields with trees growing in them to protect tea bushes and nourish the soil. Past a tea factory (46.8 miles). Rubber Plantations, Brick Factories. Men walking on road carry black umbrellas. Pass thru Kegalla (49.7 miles). Sun is almost exactly overhead and there no shadows. Approcheded Utuwankanda Peak where Sardiel lived years ago. Cave at top. Would rob rich people and win from them gambling and give it all to the poor except enough for his food. Elephants working on road carrying a can of tar. Passed an elephant bathing place. None in, as they work until 2:00 P.M. Lady Horton view over Dekanda Valley with Bible rock in background. Sometimes called Bible Rock as it looks like a book. (62 mi) Pass thru rock tunnel at Kadugannawa Pass. Tea fields on slopes. Up a steep grade. Cooler. Bamboo. Water buffalos up to bellies in mud. Tea factories. Blocks of wood behind wheels on carts to prevent backing. Visited Kool Valley tea Factory (12:10 - 12:20 P.M. - 66.1 mi) Tea leaves put on burlap for 18 hours. Rolled 4 times, dried in oven,

sifted. Stems are orange pekoe, leaves are used, buds make best grade. More elephants working on the road. Visited famous Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya (70.3 mi.) situated in a loop of the Mahaweliganga (River). Very beautiful. Royal Palm Avenue, Cabbage Palm Avenue, Palmyra Palm Avenue, flower garden, spice gardens, etc. Little shower of rain. Entered Kandy, passed Hindu Temple, to Queens Hotel (75.3 mi.). Man with insects that looked like leaves. English church. Visited Temple of the Tooth which contains a tooth said to be that of Buddha. Temple is very old. Building a new building now. Beggars on steps and all around exhibiting deformities. Guide showed us around. People worshipping. Supreme Court in old Audience Hall. Tooth is only shown once a year, in December. Walked to Temple across street. Beggar bathing in street gutter. Another shower. Over to lake and "floating island" Hotel Suisal. Lady Horton Drive - named for wife of former Governor. Beautiful drive up hills to a high point overlooking Kandy lake and mountains in distance. Went up to Home called "Arthurs Seat" and took picture of city and Dumbara Valley. Came down past Boo Ember, a football field made by filling in the old lake and reached the lake again (79.1 mile) Started back to Columbo at 2:00 P.M. Elephant working, cost 250 Rs up wild or Rs 1000 trained. Passed a sacred tree decorated with streamers. Crows. Saw elephants bathing in river. Elephant carrying his food. Monument to man who built road (89.1 miles). More elephants bathing. Man scrubbing them with a brush. (93.3 miles). Beetle (?) Leaves in racks for chewing. Terraced rice fields. Women washing selves with buckets. Spotted deer (127.7 mi). Large procession of Pilgrims on way to Buddhist Temple (137.7 mi) Drums, flags, dressed as dancers, etc. Recrossed Victoria Bridge, (149.9 miles). 4:40 A.M., thru streets past Maradana Railway Station (151.6 mi), Police barracks, Mosque. Streets full of people, many carrying large loads on head. General Hospital, Mosque to new town hall (somewhat along line of U.S. Capitol) to Victoria Park and fine residential section called cinnamon gardens. (No cinnamon trees now). Visited Museum (Buddha Tooth Replica), saw zoo, drove thru residential district past Girls school, Tennis club, Singhalese Club,

Royal College to Colombo Buddhist Temple (Maligakando Temple) on Thimbirigasyaya Road (156 mi). Visited Temple. All newly painted. Took off shoes. Plaster Buddha 32' high. Sleeping Buddha 27' long. Various scene with Buddha and his 550 disciples. People worshipping. Music by drum, double drum and flute. Left at 5:25 P.M. Girls playing hockey. St. Thomas College with very nice buildings. Mount Lavinia. Grand Hotel. Pretty view of ocean. Nice beach. Purchased elephants. Started back to Colombo. Sunset was very pretty. We were riding near the ocean with palm trees between us and ocean. Sunset looked like a big fire out in the ocean. Stopped at Galle Face Hotel which is on ocean (167.7 mi) War memorial Council chambers. Soldiers barracks. Governor's Home and Gordon Gardens, private gardens of Governor, Post Office to Passenger Jetty (169.2 miles, 9 ½ hrs) 6:50 P.M. Got on rear end of tender as it was leaving and got to S.S.. President Wilson at 7:00 P.M. After dinner Eva Jane, Mary Jane and I (Bob went to bed as he didn't feel very good) took 7:45 tender to town. Shopped around. Bookkeepers working on floor. Small shops had fellows out trying to get customers in. Tried hard to sell stones. Went back to boat on 10:45 P.M. Launch. Still loading. Taking on rubber, tea, coconut fiber, etc. Looks as if they will be loading most of the night.

83rd Day

Tuesday, September 1, 1936

At Sea

Position at Noon

7° - 25' N
78° - 84' E
Days run (4 3/4
hrs) 73 miles.
73 mi from
Colombo

Travel to date

Boat 15,910
Auto 1,253
Train 3,101
Misc. 174

We are still at Colombo early this morning. Finished loading about 5:30 A.M. Pilot came aboard at 6:10 A.M. Two large English ships came into the Harbor at 6:30. One was so near empty that the propeller was half out of water. Seaplanes left cruiser and took off about 6:40 A.M. We have about 300 tons of cargo over stowed that will have to be moved in Bombay. Lifted anchor at 7:00 A.M., cast off buoys and sailed at 7:15 A.M. A little too much drift and tug Hercules passed us over at 7:25 A.M. Passed breakwater 7:27 A.M. and sailed into Arabian Sea. We were 11 hrs 15 min late due to taking on so much Cargo. Lots of small fishing

boat. Some looked like 2 logs and paddling them with barrel staves. In late afternoon we could see mountains of India. Movies "I Dream Too Much" with Lily Pons and "Important News" with Chic Sales. Beautiful full moon. Made water look as if it was full of diamonds. Sky clear. Lighthouse on Indian shore.

84th Day

Wednesday, September 2, 1936

At Sea
(Arabian Sea)

Position at Noon

12° - 24' N
74° - 500' E
Days run 396
miles
469 from Colombo

Travel to date

Boat 16,306
Auto 1,253
Train 3,101

A bright beautiful morning. Sea was smooth and breeze had died down but temperature was still very comfortable. The thermometer in our stateroom has varied from about 78° to 82° for the past several weeks. Mary Jane went swimming. She can swim fairly well and is trying to learn to swim under water. The tank on the S.S. President Wilson is about 12' x 18'. It is small than those on the Hoover. We could see the dim coast line of India all day. Eva Jane and I played shuffleboard, Horseshoes, Table Golf and Deck Golf. Had a farewell dinner for the 24 passengers disembarking at Bombay. At night we saw "Important News" again when it was shown for Tourist. It was quite cool out on deck. We could see the lighthouses on the shore.

85th Day

Thursday, September 3, 1936

Arabian Sea
Bombay, India

Position at Noon

Not posted

Light ship in
Bombay Harbor
Days run 414 Mi
883 from Colombo
At Bombay

Travel to date

Boat 16,720
Auto 1,253
Train 3,101

We are still following the coast of India. The Arabian Sea was very smooth in the morning but about 11:00 A.M. the water became quite shallow and swells caused some rolling. The water appeared to be very muddy. Spent morning reading about India. Reached light ship in Harbor at 12:00 noon and Bombay was in sight. Went in slowly and anchored in harbor at 1:00 P.M. to await high tide so that we could enter lock into Alexandra Dock. About 1:30 P.M. the A&O steamer Rowalpindi came in and docked at Bollard Pier. At 2:10 P.M. we lifted anchor and 4 tugs pushed and pulled us into the narrow lock.

Alexandra Dock is on a raised harbor. The water is about level with the sea at high tide. As we were in the lock waiting for the gates to be operated two Chinese boy jugglers and acrobats gave a show along side. After we left the lock the tugs turned our boat around and we tied up to Dock 16 at 3:45 P.M. Went ashore and engaged a Victoria pulled by horse at 4:05 P.M. Left the dock grounds by the Red Gate for a short drive. Natives are very colorful. Wear shirts but do not put tail in. Often wear a vest on top of the shirt and wear tight trousers that look like underwear. Working people and poorer classes wear only a strip of cloth around their hips. Most people wear a head covering. The Hindus wear turbans, the Muhammadans wear a fez and the Parsi wear hats made of oil cloth and one shaped something like a fez with a roll of cloth around the bottom. Signs for buildings for rent read "To Be Let". Drove past Post Office, Victoria Railway Station with hundreds of Pigeons out in front a small Flora Fountain, Municipal Building. These building all very fine and large and look more like cathedrals. Got exchange at American Express. Have Rupee worth approximately 38¢ U.S. Each rupee contains 16 anna. Each anna

contains 4 pice. Passed University Bldg and Rajabai Tower which is 250 feet high and has a large clock on the four faces, bronze statue of King Edward VII. Went in Prince of Wales Museum and also saw the beautiful grounds surrounding it. Gateway to India where notables are landed. Taj Mahal Hotel. Native wanted to stage a snake and mongoose fight for 2. Oriental building. Got permit to visit Towers of Silence tomorrow. Parsi cathedral. Times of India building. Drove past high School and Syden College. Saw Mohammedan women with over garment that covers the head and face. Mohammed temple. Rained a little as we drove back to ship. Did a little shopping and returned to ship by yellow gate arriving at 6:10 P.M. (2 hrs - 6 miles). After dinner left ay 7:15 for town. Had same Victoria and driver (Moosa Ibrahim, Bisiti Mahala, Post #9, Bombay Driver 784, Garee #685). Drove past police barracks, fish market, to native quarters. Thousands of people in streets. Small shops or stalls where clerks sit on floor. Fronts are slightly raised and customers stand on street. Others display wares in streets and on sidewalks. Each class of goods more or less grouped on street or in a locality. Passed dozens of Mohammedan Mosques and Hindu Temples. People bath, eat and sleep in open. Have no homes. Purchased two brass bowls. Drove on thru cloth, silk, silver, hat, shoe, etc markets. Stopped at a Hindu Temple out in the street. Many men have heads shaved all except 10 or 20 hairs which are left in the middle to grow low so that they can be pulled into heaven.. Hindus have cast marks on foreheads. Drove around thru streets, past temples and mosques and returned to ship at 9:45 P.M. (2 ½ hrs) 12 miles.

86th Day

Friday, September 4, 1936

Bombay, India

Travel to Date	
Boat	16,720
Auto	1,253
Train	3,101
Misc.	235

The ship was fairly quiet last night in spite of the fact that they were unloading. The dock is equipped with modern hydraulic loading and unloading equipment but it is not efficiently handled. Since the harbor is raised and a closed one all of the regular toilets on the ship were closed and portable toilets put in at various points which were attended by runners. Left ship at 7:45 A.M. by same Victoria. People washing themselves and clothing at public hydrants. Leave some clothes on while bathing. Drove past railway stations, municipal building. Police dept, Cama Hospital, School, Sind Punjab Hotel, Parsi Temple to Parsi section, down Girgaum Road. Streets were full of people. Sacred (?) Bullock led on sidewalk and lady and man rubbed it but had no luck. Stopped to get pass to Hindu Burning Ghat. Man was reading paper and asked me to sit down on porch. Continued reading paper until he had finished it and then got passes. Turned around and went out Princess Street. Arrived at Burning Ghat at 8:10 A.M. High walls all round. Place within walls about 60 feet wide and 300 feet or more long. Wood is purchased a entrance. Logs about 8" in diameter and 7 or 8 feet long. Logs are piled between 4 iron supports with body about 2/3 way up in the pile. When we went in a body was is a pile and the fire was being started. The pile was 3 logs wide and 8 logs high. Large medal shields are used to control amount of wind on fire. Different burners for different casts. Takes 3 hours to burn body. Bones don't burn. About 20 funerals a day. Ashes are thrown in sea water. Mourners sit on benches and watch fire. Children under 18 months are buried and not burned. While we were there a child was brought in, carried in the arms of a man. It was taken to the back of the area where they all sat on the ground. Next door is a Mohammedan cemetery. Left and drove on out past Grand Medical College, Parsi School, Royal Opera House, to Chowpatty, where the ocean is very shallow and people can be seen bathing and riding horses, cattle, etc out into the water. Wilson College. Drove up Malabar

Hill. Women with ankle bracelets and toe rings. Rocks almost perpendicular with pigeons living in the niches. Bullocks in basements and first floors of nice looking houses. Jail. Very fine houses. Turned over to Ridge Road. Hindu Temple. Stopped opposite hanging gardens for a view of city and went to Tower of Silence arriving at 9:01 A.M. A funeral had just gone up so we had to wait until services were over. Parsee worship fire and do not believe in cremation or burning. They dispose of them by placing the body in a tower where it is eaten by vultures. There are 5 stone towers each about 90' in diameter and 25 feet high. Inside there is a circular grating with three separate places as shown. The deceased Parsi is carried (hearses not used) to the towers of silence on a stretcher. The mourners are all men dressed in white with white coats covering their shirt tails. The body is clad in old clothes and laid on a marble slab while the mourners take a final look at the body and then retire to a beautiful garden overlooking the towers. Two men come and take the body inside the tower by a side door and lay it in its proper place on the grating and tear off all the clothing from the body. They then leave the tower by the side door and clap their hands. This is the signal for the mourners to conduct the final services for the deceased. In the meantime there are a large number of vultures sitting around on the wall of the tower and as soon as the body is disrobed they fly down and eat the flesh, completely devouring it in about half an hour. The bones are left to bleach in the sun for 15 days and are then put in the dry well in the center to crumble into dust. After a year or so in the well the dust is carried off thru lime and charcoal filters. The people who carried the body - the two destroy their clothes with acid. The mourners leave the garden, wash their hands and faces and enter the fire temple. Funeral are held between 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon and from 4:30 P.M. to sunset. No funeral a night but in time of epidemics funeral are held from noon th 4:30 P.M. One tower is for suicides. It is rumored that the bones of the body are broken so as to help the vultures and that a dog is shown the body and if he licks it, it is a good sign. Good view of city and 83 cotton mills. Left towers 7:50 A.M. and went back to Hanging Gardens. Very

pretty and nice view. Passed Sanatarium and drove along ocean on Warden Road. Very beautiful large apartments and houses. Beach Candy Swimming Baths Parsee women do not wear rings. Tulsodas Hindu Temple. Past Mohammedan Shrine of Haji Ali built out on a tiny island. Country Club. Mahaluxmi Bombay Race Course 1 ½ mile track. Very nice stands and lawns. Mohammedan Death Temple where Priest blessed us with feather duster. Mahalakshmi Railway Station. Public washing and drying grounds for clothing. Passed circle where 7 roads intersect, catholic church, clothes drying, cotton mills, Arthur Road Pusin, Municipal stables, and down Delisle Road and saw sheep markets. Bed up in trees in daytime. Cattle market - cleaning up manure with hands and squeezing out water. District where cotton mill workers live. Get about Rs 2 per day. Some get Rs 100 per month. Lots of Bullock carts with horns of bullocks painted and decorated with beads, ornaments, etc. Byculla Station. Garden Bridge Road. Stopped at market. Police _____ for cattle, etc. Victoria Gardens museum and zoo. Roman Catholic cathedral, Hindu temple, building under construction, American Mission High School, Jewish Synagogue, Grant Medial College Hospital. Coolie sleeping in basket. Watering flowers with water in a leather bag. Down Duncan Road. Man shaving another and both sitting on ground. Passed Hindu Temple in street (Round Temple) to Sandhurst Street, Ladis fish market, Mohammad Mosque, Fruit market, Erskine Road Markets. Went inside large Mohammad Mosque. Beautiful mosaic work. Squeezing juice out of sugar cane and drinking it. Native sleeping in streets. Back to ship thru yellow gate arriving 12:30 P.M. (4 2/4 hrs - 25 miles). After lunch left ship at 2:00 p.m. in same Victoria but the driver had a different horse. Post office for stamps (card costs 2 anna to U.S.) Went to mint. Mint Master at lunch so went to Elphinstone Circle, Imperial Bank, Share Bazaar, Bombay Secretanat, The Oval, Y.M.C.A. down Queen's Road past many beautiful large apartments with several new ones under construction. Public Works Building. Natives carrying baskets 3' x 5' on heads. Telegraph office, Flora Fountain, Town Hall, back to mint. Visited it 2:45 - 3:55 P.M. Put our camera, pocket

watch etc. in safe. Cutting old coins, melting silver, making dies, stamping gold metals, rolling metal, punching blanks, stamping coins, sorting and inspecting. Gold bars worth over 3000 rupees each. Left and saw people living in tents no larger than our pup tents. Licensed coolies wear red shirts and caps. Shopped for rugs. Got film and saw Judge Marx. Back to boat thru yellow gate at 6:15 P.M. (4 1/4 hrs - 8 mi) After dinner Mary Jane went to bed with a little fever and Bob, Eva Jane & I left at 7:55 P.M. by Victoria to look for rugs. Visited 2nd & 3rd floors of a couple apartments. People sleeping in halls Beggars everywhere. People sleeping out in streets and sidewalks. Most natives chew Betel leaf and spit red all over. Back to ship at 10:30 P.M. (2 1/2 hrs - 10 miles). Still unloading in some hatches. Loading cotton waste. Working very slow. Some trouble with crew also. Does not look as if we will sail tomorrow. Matches pay an excise tax. No foreign matches permitted to be sold. Tomorrow is Parsee New Year.

87th Day

Saturday, September 5, 1936

Bombay, India
Kurla, India

Travel to date	
Boat	16,720
Auto	1,298
Train	3,101
Misc.	245

Still unloading lumber. Coolies wear large pads on heads for carrying boxes, sacks, etc. Mary Jane still has some fever so she staid in room. Left dock at 9:10 A.M. by Victoria thru Red Gate. Naked girls fighting in street. Customs House Road. Church of Scotland, Oriental Bazaar to Wodehouse Road. Looked at rugs. Back past Prince of Wales Museum. This is Parsi New Year (Yezdoz ardi 1306) and is a holiday for many people. Went to American Consulate. Closed on account of Holiday but P. K. Norris, Agriculture Commissioner was in. Asked him about rug companies. Look at rugs in daylight and decided not to buy one. Man asleep in street with his clothes drying overhead. Women carry children on hips. Large rings and ornaments in noses. Bought some elephants bells & elephants and arrived back at ship at 12:15 P.M. (3 hrs - 8 miles). Sailing delayed until tomorrow. After lunch walked around dock. Boys selling birds. Hired auto X7 at 2:15 P.M. for ride in country. Mary Jane still in bed so Mrs Ring went along. Started to rain (must have thought we sailed at 1:00 P.M.). General Motors Assembly plant. Senree Bunder. Raft of logs. Oil tanks (gas is 15 annas to 1 Rupee a gal.) Elephant Island across bay. Salt dunes. Native houses with children wearing jewelry - nothing else. Pepper trees. Indian Tea shop. Mohammedan Temple. (3:00 P.M.) Very large. Across road tomb of Shak Moseri (?) Dead 580 years. Man sleeping out in front with dogs on his covers. Came to end of road so turned around and went back. Matunga (10 miles from Bombay) Hindu rescue home. Poor peoples shacks by hundred out in field. Poon Agra Road. Coorlar Mills. Goats for milk. Travelers on road. Into old village. Came to end of street so turned around and went back to Kurla. Visited Bombay Match Works. Work 8-6 but closed account of holiday. Manager, a Mohammedan, took us through. 900 men & 600 women make 100 cases of 50 great gross each, a day. Japanese machines. Use Swedish wood for stems and Indian wood for boxes. Cut

logs, rotary cut veneers. Box parts, stems, dipping paraffin, dipping chemical. Drying, packing in boxes, sides of boxes coated after labels are put on. Many sulphur matches. Making brass goods in shop. Bombay 10 miles. Back to city thru Sion, in on Vincent Road to Dadar Road to Parel Road, Beggars walking like dogs. Victoria gardens. Mohammedan time is 40 minutes slower than Standard Bombay Time. Back thru Yellow Gate at 5:40 P.M. (3 ½ hrs - 45 miles). Had snake charmer put on show. Charmed a cobra. Mongoose killed a snake. Over to town from 8:15 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. shopping (3 miles).

88th Day

Sunday, September 6, 1936

Bombay, India

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	16,720
Auto	1,278
Train	3,101
Misc	250

It rained off and on all last night which delayed the loading and there is quite a lot of cargo to go aboard.

This is the rainy season but the last few days it has not rained very much. Natives say this morning that it will probably rain all day. We are taking on 7000

tons of cashew nuts, cotton waste, gum, peanuts, various seeds, etc. Costs Dollar line 15,000 Rupees for port facilities for 2 days and about 3,000 rupees for each additional day. Heavy charges for loading on Sunday. Nuts pay \$5 per ton to N.Y. and cotton \$8 per ton. Medical examination at 10:00 for women and children and 10:30 for men. Sprinkling floor of warehouse with leather water sprinkler. Took Victoria to shops and Khoka Bazaar (Box Shops) at 10:30 A.M. Got a box and some brass articles and returned to ship at 12:00 noon (1 ½ hrs - 4 mi). Looked at wares on Dock. Lifted gang plank at 2:30 P.M. and left dock 2:58 P.M. Four tugs took us into lock. Cleared lock at 3:45 P.M. Outside it was necessary to tie ship to sea wall and pull it out with 2 large tugs and 4 smaller ones. Got under own power at 4:15 P.M. Raining real hard. Many people were watching us thru lock. Chinese boys gave a performance again. Our scheduled time to leave was 1:00 P.M. Friday so we were more than 2 days late in sailing. The extra time gave us a good chance to see Bombay and learned little about oriental rugs. Bombay is truly a city of contrasts. In it we saw beautiful homes and filthy hovels almost side by side. We enjoyed cool weather while there but normally at this time of year it is very hot. Clocks were set back 60 minutes during the night so that we are now 9 ½ hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

89th Day

Monday, September 7, 1936

Arabian Sea

Position at Noon

17° - 30' N

67° - 12' E

Days run (20 3/4 hrs)

328 miles.

328 from Bombay

Travel to date

Boat 17,048

Auto 1,278

Train 3,101

Misc 250

We all enjoyed our extra hours sleep last night. There is still a very strong wind against us which is probably holding us back some. It is cool and pleasant both in our rooms and outside. The deck Steward said that so far this had been the coolest trip he had ever made. Deck sports tournament is being organized. Eva Jane entered Shuffle Board and Deck Golf. C.V. entered Shuffle Board. Bob ran a high temperature from something he ate last night that didn't agree with him. Hard Times and Bowery Dinner. Rubber rolls, banana, lemon & doughnut. Rubber wiener fooled some. Had singing on deck in evening. The Arabian Sea is quite rough but the boat is steady. Waves splashing out and wind blowing mist makes it damp. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 9 hrs ahead of E.S.T.

90th Day

Tuesday, September 8, 1936

Arabian Sea

Position at Noon

16° - 7' N

60° - 31' E

Days run 395 mi

723 from Bombay

2230 to Suez

Travel to date

Boat 17,443

Auto 1,298

Train 3,101

Misc. 250

The wind is still strong and the sea choppy but the ship is riding find. Still cool and pleasant. Worked down in baggage room in morning on a box for packing purchases. Bob's temperature is back to normal. Spent afternoon packing things in box. Had a Southern Dinner followed by horse races. The Captain is evidently making every effort to make up the lost time but the strong wind is making it difficult. Captain inspected our room during the day. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 8 ½ hrs ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

91st Day

Wednesday, September 9, 1936

Arabian Sea
Gulf of Aden

Position at Noon

14° - 42' N
54° - 02' E
Days run 390
1113 from Bombay
1840 to Suez

Travel to Date

Boat 17,833
Auto 1,298
Train 3,101
Misc 250

A fine beautiful day. Wind is still quite strong and the temperature is around 78° - 80° in the room. Water pressure in bath room was low and the plumber and carpenter worked on it without any tangible results. Played shuffleboard in the tournament. Miss Derkin and I beat Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Hedges 112 to 89. Mrs. Brady, a composer of fairy tales, has written a play for the children which is to given Friday night. She came to our table at dinner time and discussed Mary Jane's and Bob's parts. Bridge tournament at night. Did not see any land or boats all day. In evening we

left the Arabian Sea and entered the Gulf of Aden. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 8 hours ahead of E.S.T. and 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Time.

92nd Day

Thursday, September 10, 1936

Gulf of Aden

Position at Noon

13° - 03' N
47° - 24' E
Days run 395
1508 from Bombay
1445 to Suez

Travel to date

Boat 18,228
Auto 1,298
Train 3,101
Misc 250

The winds have quieted down and the sea is very smooth. It is getting warmer. Passed a boat early in the day. Had races on deck in the morning. Mary Jane and Bob took part and won some. Read some on Palestine in the afternoon. Had a fancy dress and masquerade dinner. Mary Jane dressed as a woman in a sari; Bob dressed as a Indian man; Eva Jane dressed as a little girl and C.V. as a boy. Treasure hunt in evening. Saw Panama Canal picture at Tourist showing. Did not stay for feature. Saw lights of Aden about 9:00 P.M. Clocks were set back 30 minutes during the night so that we are now 7 ½ hours ahead of Eastern St. Time.

93rd Day

Friday, September 11, 1936

Red Sea

Position at Noon

14° - 50' N
42° - 10' E
Days run 390
1898 from
Bombay

Passed from the Gulf of Aden into the red sea about 2:30 A.M. We could see lights on the shore. A very bright morning but much warmer. Temperature in room up to 85°. Have had no rain since leaving Bombay. Up until about 9:00 A.M. we could see islands of the coast of Eritrea. We passed very close.

Travel to date

Boat 18,618
Auto 1,298
Train 3,101
Misc 250

They looked dry and desolate and apparently no one lives on them. Passed point where Italian warships entered in Ethiopian war. Strong wind holding ship back, also bottom is dirty. Porpoises. Islands on Port Side at 12:30. Big rocks. Passed several boats. Cooler in P.M. Miss Deakin & I lost shuffle board tournament

game to Lt. Gen. DeMetropolis and Mrs. Freedman by score of 98 to 100. Temperature of water 91°. Very pretty sunset. Show at night by passengers. "A Miracle Play" with Mary Jane as the Princess and Bob as a Doctor. Miss Charlotte M. Douglas, a ventriquist. Violin, piano and singing leader from Tourist & 3rd. Clocks back 30 minutes to Egyptian Standard Time. 7 hrs ahead E.S.T. 2 hrs ahead Greenwich

94th Day

Saturday, September 12, 1936

Red Sea

Position at Noon

20° - 45' N
38° - 22' E
Days run 418
2316 from Bombay
637 to Suez

A very nice morning. Clear and bright. Breeze not strong. Sea very smooth. Spent most of day in room as it was the coolest place on the boat. Have not seen any flying fish in the Red Sea. In the late afternoon we could see mountains on the Port Side. The sunset behind the mountains war very pretty.

Travel to date

Boat 19,036
Auto 1,298
Train 3,101
Misc 250

The mountains caused the shape of the setting sun to change constantly and the sky was a beautiful blue color flaked with white clouds. The sun set at 5:35 P.M. Had a farewell dinner for passengers leaving at Suez and other Egyptian Ports. Prizes were awarded for the deck sports and masquerade.. Mary Jane got a string of crystal (?) beads for winning spoon and egg race and Bob received a chinese hat for winning the three legged race with Max.

95th Day

Sunday, September 13, 1936

Red Sea

Position at Noon

26° - 15' N
34° - 50' E
Days run 382
2698 from Bombay

Trave to date

Boat 19,418
Auto 1,298
Train 3,101
Misc 250

Beautiful morning. Good cool breeze. Passed light house out in sea on Daedulus Reef on starboard side at 5:45 A.M. just as sun was coming up. At 12:00 noon we passed another light house on our Port side that was out in the ocean and there was another large flat rock near it. Spent most of the day packing up odds and ends. At 5:30 P.M. the sea narrow down and we could see land very plainly on both the Arabian and the Egyptian sides. There was another wonderful sunset at 5:50 P.M. without a cloud in the sky. The mountains on the African side were very ragged on top. The water was real dark, almost black. A very strong, cool wind was blowing and continued into the night. A violin player from 3rd class played at dinner. We all weighed after dinner as follows: C.V. 139.5; E.J. 110; M.J. 96 and R.V. 64.

96th Day

Monday, September 14, 1936

Suez, Egypt
Suez Canal
Port Said

Travel to date	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,298
Train	3,101
Misc	250

Quite cool last night. Woke up about 4:00 A.M. and was cold. Anchored at Suez (Port Tewfik) harbor at 5:45 A.M. Officials came aboard and cleared people who wanted to make trip to Cairo and rejoin ship at Alexandria. Barren hills on the west side were

beautiful when lit up by the sunrise. Italian Transport passed in front of us while we were anchored. A large number of boats were in the harbor. Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. and all but about 20 passengers left about 8:00 A.M. in launches on way to Cairo.

Discharged a small amount of cargo and took on fresh vegetables. Lifted anchor at 10:30 A.M. and entered canal at 10:38 A.M. It cost approximately \$8,500 to take the S.S. President Wilson thru the canal. As we get into the canal we saw desert shacks on the Arabian side and the town of Suez on the Egyptian side. The Egyptian side seemed more developed with a fresh water canal paralleling the Suez and trees all along it, and a good road parallels to them both. On the Arabian side one could see nothing but sand and barbed wire from the world war. On the Arabian side we saw several caravans of camels. As the ship went along it pushed the water back causing it to be more shallow in the center of the boat. There was a good breeze and it was quite cool and not real hot as we had expected. About 11:40 A.M. we came to the end of the trees on the Egyptian side of the canal and it was nothing but sand on both sides. At 12:03 P.M. we passed the British Freighter Jhelum which tied up for us and at 12:45 P.M. we entered Small Bitter Lake. Passed from Small Bitter Lake into Great Bitter Lake at 1:00 P.M. A short distance after crossing we passed a place where it is said that Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. About 1:30 P.M. we grounded on a sandbar. Got free in about 20 minutes and immediately got grounded on another. Got off about 2:15 and left Great Bitter Lake at 2:45 P.M. Passed several work camps with Camels. Sand storm in the distance. Passed point where Turks attached during World War.

Much barbed wire spread around. Saw a caravan resting. People build a sand fence about 8" to 12" high around place where camels are kept. Women dress in black robes, head dress, etc. Date palms. Passed Clan Mac Beth (Glasgow) at 3:30 P.M. It tied up. Mosque on mound of sand. Monument for "1912 Defense du Canal de Suez 1918". Entered Timsah (Crocodile) Lake and changed pilots at 4:15 P.M. Left Timsah Lake at 4:45 P.M., passed fine bathing beach and hospital. Caravan routes. High sand banks on each side for several miles. On Egyptian side there were fences of wire and willows on top of bank to stop drifting of sand. Passed Norwegian Tanker Aramis at 5:35 P.M. (67 K.M. (42 mi) to Port Said). More construction camps and dredging machines. Lot of work on stone sides of canal. Passed shacks with people cooking and camels resting. Train toward Port Said. Sunset at 5:54 P.M. Dim, probably due to dust storm, but very pretty coloring of sky, etc. After dark they lighted the big searchlight on the front of the boat. It looked very much like the headlight on a locomotive. Very dark on both sides of Canal except when passing a small town or two. Passed Kantara where ferry boats cross the Canal on way to Palestine. Anchored at Port Said at 10:35 P.M. (161 Km = 87 miles) Customs Officials came aboard and checked our passports. We were the only first class passengers disembarking. Permission to stay on all night. Finished packing trucks at 12:30 A.M. so they could take them off tonite. At first they told us that the ship would sail at 8 or 9 A.M. tomorrow; then they said 6 A.M. and finally they said that it was indefinite. Went to bed hoping to get a few hours sleep.

97th Day

Tuesday, September 15, 1936

Port Said
Kantara

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,310
Train	3,131
Misc	250

Packed bags and had breakfast on the S.S. President Wilson. Left by launch "China Mitchell" at 8:56 A.M., and arrived at pier about 10 minutes later. Went to quarantine (Eva Jane and children did not even go) and paid 15 Piasters (75¢ U.S. cash) to quarantine officer. He did not examine or ask any questions. Took bags to customs officials. They made us open two bags and messed them up a lot but actually didn't look at the contents. We had to pay 2 Piasters (10¢ U.S.) per piece for coolies for carrying the bags thru customs and an official receipt for it. We then had a coolie carry our bags to the railway station and checked them. The check man weighed them (40 Kilos) and charged us 4 Piasters (20¢ U.S.) And gave us two large receipts - one for payment and one for baggage. Walked thru main streets to U.S. Consulate and saw the Consul, Mr Horace Remillard. We all talked with him an hour or so about Egypt, Jardine, rugs, politics, etc and then went upstairs to his apartment and met his wife. Left about 11:40 A.M. and he sent his messenger to take us to the banks, etc. Got exchange and tickets at American Express, looked at rugs and took lunch at the "Splendid" on the corner Prince Farouk and Fouad 1st. Egypt is different from the far eastern countries. Traffic is on the right like in the U.S. Mohammedan women wear black and black veils so that only their eyes show. It is held up by a string between the head piece and veil which runs thru a bamboo (?) piece that has 3 brass or gold rings on it like watch wheels. Port Said is a port city and there is quite a mixture of races. Traffic policemen and many natives men wear a cloth on their head which drops down and covers their neck and ears. After lunch walked back to Consulate and discussed sending a telegram to Wadsworth at Jerusalem with Mr Remillard. Walked on down to fishing boat and small boat Customs Pier. Eva Jane and children went shopping at Simon-Arzt Store. Engaged Buick CL/Taxi 60 for an hour drive and left at 3:25 P.M.

Passed de Lesseps Park, Greek church, small mosque with people worshipping, schools. Old houses, flat and in bad condition. Coast Guard and Egyptian Hospital. Passed a large group of cemeteries side by side - English, Italian, Greek, Jew, & Egyptian. All were very nice. Drove along the Mediterranean Sea and watched natives at work. Man shaving another. Children wearing reed blankets. Drove back to city and through Arabian section. Auto drive on right side like in U.S. Thru market section and bazaars. Red dates in markets. Past the Abbas Mosque and Government House to ocean. Beautiful Italian church. Casino Palace Hotel didn't have baggage stickers. Back to Simon-Arzt store. (1 hr - 12 miles). Just as we arrived the "City of Hong Kong" docked across the street and the passengers poured into the store. Flies are terrible. They stick on like they had glue on their feet. Shopped a little and walked to railroad station, stopping in various stores. Got bags and went on train. They have one boy to baggage room, one baggage room to train side; and one train side to compartment. Nice compartment on train. Paid full fare for Mary Jane for first time on trip. Left 6:30 P.M. for Kantara. Arrived Kantara (W) at 7:21 P.M. (30 mi). Engaged Mahmoud Abdou EL-Katatni of Gamal Bros. Co. a carrier across Suez Canal to Kantara (E) and thru customs. Went on Ferry to cross canal. Large ship passed thru canal at 7:49 P.M. and we waited until it passed us. Many soldiers on ferry. Left at 7:50 P.M. and took about 3 minutes to cross. Ferry seemed to be run by cables. Went before Egyptian officials who checked us out of Egypt and to Palestine officials who checked us in (8:10 P.M.). Train to Palestine is due in station at 5:30 P.M. and it does not go out until midnight so there is normally an opportunity to get on it and wait as Kantara is just a station and no city or hotel accommodations. The train was reported 5 hours late so we sat around the station. It was quite cold. Hundred of soldiers were at the station waiting the troop train to Jerusalem which was due at 1:30 A.M. Cooks were cooking for the officers in the waiting room. A mouse gave us a little entertainment by coming out and looking for crumbs. Train finally arrived at 10:30 P.M. with two army ambulance cars. Delay caused by Arabs derailing the train up near

Haifa. We were not permitted to get on the train and it was taken to the yards to be cleaned up for the return trip. A soldier loaned us a blanket to wrap up Bob and Mary Jane and I tried to keep Eva Jane warm with my coat.

98th Day

Wednesday, September 16, 1936

Lydda
Jerusalem

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,312
Train	3,362
Misc	250

Train was brought back from yards at 1:00 A.M. and we got a compartment (open end) by my putting the baggage in thru the window and climbing in after it. A half drunk Sargent came in and sat with us. Left for Jerusalem at 1:14 A.M. with a Pilot engine in front and a machine gun squad following. It was cold on the

train and we couldn't get much sleep. Finally got the drunk out and into the next compartment with other soldiers. About 4:30 A.M. at first dawn we could see the Mediterranean Sea. We were crossing the desert and could see Arab's huts. The Arabs were up stirring around with their camels and doing their morning prayers out on the desert. Their huts are small and not well built. Saw a beautiful desert sunrise at 5:30 A.M. on the Sinai desert. Many mule trains and large camel caravans crossing the desert. Saw several sheep and black goats. Arrived Rafa, the dividing point between Egypt and Palestine at 5:45 A.M. Nothing but a station and a few houses. Saw a group of about 100 camels. Cactus fences. Arrived Khan Younis, a little town of flat mud buildings, at 6:09 A.M. Soldiers patrol at station. Women dressed in black. At 6:22 A.M. stopped at Deir el Balah. Many shepherds and their flocks around. Cattle. Passing from desert to tilled land. Natives use an adze to loosen soil. Corn. Boy threw a stone against our train window. Arrived at Gaza at 6:43 A.M. Came thru and examined our bags for guns. Sandbags around the station. Ploughing with a camel with a woman leading the camel and a man holding a stick for a plough. Station here, like most placed seems to be away from the town. Donkeys are used to transport people from the station to their homes, etc. Arrived Deir Suneid at 7:08 A.M. Near here we saw many new groves of orange trees. EL Majdal at 7:25 A.M. and Isdud Station at 7:44 A.M.. Large group of soldiers with guns in truck on nearby hill. Yibna station at 6:04 A.M. and Rehovet at 8:18 A.M. Many orange groves with green oranges. Arrived at Lydda at 8:45 A.M. We were 2 hrs and 15

minutes late so the train to Jerusalem had gone and the next train was due to leave at 11:00 A.M. Town is 3 KM from station so we got some chairs from restaurant (later got chased out) and read and worked on our diaries. Natives have many chickens with them. Several Arabs have camel equipment. Soldiers everywhere. Unloading war equipment into Army trucks. Group of soldiers guarding station - some on roof. Jerusalem train in at 10:55 A.M. We got in the First Class Coach. It was not at all good and about like 3rd class most places. Flies were terrible. Young Hebrew boy in compartment with us - scared to death. Railroad has been hard hit as Arabs have destroyed many cars and engines. Left at 11:30 A.M. with a pilot train ahead and an airplane overhead. Mountains to the left. Reached Niana at 11:47 A.M. Many flocks of sheep and goats grazing in the foothills. Soldiers all along the track guarding the train. Tents protected with sandbags. Arrived Wadies Sarar at 12:00 noon. Entered the mountains which were very dry and brown and covered with rocks. Church in mountains on the left. Reached Artuf at 12:20 P.M. As train pulled in a native put two chickens under the wheels to cut off their heads. Mountains (Judea) covered with rocks and full of caves making an ideal place for bandits. At 12:55 we reached Deiresh Sheikh and passed a train with machine guns on the trailer. Mountains covered with rock terraces. Olive trees. At 1:18 P.M. we reached Battir and girl selling figs and grapes yelled that she would not sell to a Jew. Many more rock fences and terraces. Arrived at Jerusalem at 1:55 P.M. (231 mi from Kkantar) Telephoned the American Colony and arranged for room and took taxi over (3 KM = 2 miles). Only taxi available due to strike which is now in the 6th month. Miss Matson met us at the American Colony. Had lunch. Mr Myers explained models of the city of Jerusalem and surrounding territory and took us on a tour of the American Colony grounds. It is quite a large place with cows (10), pigs, chickens, garden, laundry, canning place, olive trees, rabbits, etc. The building which our room is in was formerly the home of a wealthy Moslem who had 3 wives. Our room is on the first floor and opens on beautiful court of flowers and trees. The room is approximately 20' X

30' with high arched ceiling. The walls are more than 3' thick. We have windows on two sides, 4 beds, dresser, wardrobe, 3 chairs, sofa, table, etc. The "strike" has paralyzed things in Palestine. The arabs want Jewish immigration stopped and are trying to press their wants on the English authorities by the strike. Stores, etc are closed. Autos are not running. Drastic curfew laws are in effect. Shooting and fighting is prevalent. The English Government is rushing thousands of soldiers into Palestine. Martial law is expected any time. The situation is very tense and a race war is probable.

99th Day

Thursday, September 17, 1936

Jerusalem

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,315
Train	3,362
Misc	250

Jewish New Year. Cool last night and a fine night to sleep. Clear and bright today. Has been no rain for several months. Will probably have some next month. Normally have rain between November and April. Took bus at 8:45 A.M. to Damascus Gate in the North wall of Jerusalem. Gate restored in 1537. Stones

across top are keyed _____ Three set of gates in opening of which 2 sets have been taken down. The old street level was about 16' below the present. Holes in walls for women to look thru. Moslem women wear black and cover faces with a black veil. Curfew order posted. Gordans Calvary and Solomon's Quarries are outside gate. Jerusalem is on four hills. Acra on northwest, Bezetha on northeast, Mt. Zion on southwest & Moriahon on southeast. Entered Damascus gate and walked down (south) Street. Shops all closed. Street leads thru the Arab quarter Crossed Via Dolorosa (Way of Pain) at 7th station of the cross and went up to place above old wall and gate to church of the Holy Sepulcher from which we could view the church and old ruins. The church is in the christian quarter. 8th Station is in this neighborhood on side of an old church. Back down and got special permission to go in back of old bakery to see lower part of old wall and gate to church of the Holy Sepulcher. Saw Church of the Redeemer (Erloeser Kirche) a German Lutheran church dedicated by the German Emperor in 1898. Old restored arch built in outside wall. Every Friday Catholic's have a procession from Pilots Judgement Hall to church of the Holy Sepulcher by way of Via Dolorosa. Moslems take Friday as day of rest, Jews Saturday and others Sunday. Went over to Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Braces on outside to hold the stones and columns in place. Church is shared by Greeks, Roman Catholics Armenians Syrians and Copts. Each has a candle at the Stone of Unction where christs body was said to have been anointed. Place were Mary stood at the crucifixion. Dome of the church is supported by columns which now have iron bands to help strengthen them. Division of space in the

church was made by a Commission appointed by the Sultan of Turkey. Chapel of the Holy Sepulcher is 26 ft. long and 17 ½ ft. wide. One hole in each side where holy fire shoots out the day before Easter each year. As we approached the chapel a priest went in. He handed us candles lighted from holy fire. Christs tomb is supposed to be below. Outside of room is a smaller room with a section of the rolling stone. We had to back out of chapel. Abyssinian chapel consisted of only an alter. Went in Syrian chapel and in Tomb chamber. Place in floor of tomb chamber for old bones. Went around to Roman Catholic part. All newly repaired. Markers showing where Mary stood and where Jesus stood after the resurrection. Have a pipe organ which is only musical instrument in church. Pillar of Scourging from house of Caiaphas. Touch with a stick. Greek parts occupies main part of church. Prison and stocks used on christ. Armenian part is chapel of Helemien Queen chair where she sat and watched excavation where 3 crosses were found. Roman catholics have cave. Greek chapel is very large. Beautiful ikons. Spot called center of earth from which dust was taken to make Adam. Two thrones. Went up private stairway to see room where Greek services are held. Fine jewels, on ikons. Cavalry (13th sta) Place of the cross. Rock with crack where Jesus' blood ran down to Adams tomb. Beautiful ikons of Mary, Jesus and John. Roman Catholics had an alter near Cavalry with image of Virgin Mary covered with watches, rings, bracelets, etc. Saw tomb of Adam. Church closed at 11:30 A.M. so we left. Went to see Schick's models of tabernacle and temples and had an interesting lecture by Mrs Einsler-Schick. Left at 12:40 P.M., passed old crusader work and ruins, and walked up David Street. Narrow steps. Davids tower and Jaffa Gate. Took American Colony bus. Roads blockaded with barbed wire. Arrived at Colony at 1:00 P.M. for lunch. Planned to go to Bethlehem but driver (an Arab) refused to go as several cars were attached and burned there yesterday. Drove up to Mount of Olives by way of British War Cemetery and Hebrew University Buildings. Standing on the Mount of Olives and looking toward Jerusalem, Mount Scopus is on the right and Hill of Offence (where Solomon erected temple to heathen gods) is on the left.

Facing the other way one can see the Dead Sea which is 12 miles distance and 10 miles across and the ridge of Moab about 40 miles distant. The views were wonderful. Everything is now brown and barren but in the rainy season there is a profusion of green and flowers. Climbed the minaret for a view and pictures. Call to prayer at 3:20 P.M. Visited Church of the Lord's Prayer where legend says that Christ taught his Disciples to pray. Down to road that Christ took on his visits to Bethany. Place where Christ wept over Jerusalem. Saw Village of Siloam which is still on the original level (no debris) on the Hill of Offense. Followed road to Garden of Gethsemane now shared by Russian Greek Church of the Magdalene and Franciscan church of Gethsemane. The former has a gold dome and cost over \$500,000. The inside is very beautiful with many fine pictures. Women are not admitted to the room where the Priest stand back of the altar. The yard has many cisterns for water as is common in all this section. Went on and visited the Garden of Gethsemane. Several (8) old olive trees growing out of stubs and bearing olives. Passion flowers. Church is all of native stone and very pretty. Old mosaic floor has been restored. Arches named for different nations. There is also a part of the garden across the road just above the Tomb of the Virgin. (Good view of Golden Gate of City in old wall) This section is owned by the Armenians. Visited old church called Tomb of the Virgin where it is said that Christ's mother is buried. It is controlled by the Greeks. The Golden Gate is permanently closed with stone. It is the gate thru which Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem. Walked up road which goes thru Jericho past St. Stephens Gate. Many sheep and goats on hillside, browsing "on stones" it appears, with Shepherds watching over them. On up past the new Rockefeller Museum, which is not yet open to the public, Herods Gate to Gordons Cavalierly. This is one of the three claimed cavaliers and was designated by General Gordon after viewing it from the Old American Colony and imaginings he could see a resemblance to a human skull (Golgotha). On way up the road past Arminian School of Archeology to excavations of the Third Wall. Dirt has been replaced except in a few places. Women on road with tattooed

faces. Past Georges Cathedral and Tombs of the Kings and arrived back at American Colony 5:30 P.M. and had tea.

100th Day

Friday, September 18, 1936

Jerusalem
Bethlehem

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,332
Train	3,362
Misc	250

Another cool night to sleep and fine bright morning. The money in Palestine is the only money in the world that has 3 languages on it. Natives use oil cans for everything. Make bread boxes, water pails, tool kits, etc. Left on 8:45 bus and entered Jerusalem by Herods Gate. (2 mi) Indian Hospice. Walked along residential street to Via Dolorosa and then on it toward St. Stephens Gate to White Fathers area. Saw church of St. Ann which was reconstructed from the church built by crusaders. Columns, arches, etc. on inside are all carved except 2. No plaster - just the bare stones. Pool of Bethesda has been excavated. Two pools each 120' x 120'. Three levels of churches viable as we went down into pool. Pool was used to store water. Found many widow's mites in excavating. Also found a talent made of stone and weighs 84#. Came out and walked up street past Ecce Homo arch to Pilots Judgement Hall. 1st Station of the cross. Corrugated stone on which Jesus walked with cross. Roman Soldier's games cut in stone in what was once a courtyard. Went in Convent of the Sisters of Zion and a Sister took us on a tour and down to the place where Jesus started with his cross. (2nd Station of the cross). Fort Antonia where 600 soldiers were kept. Went in Greek church which has four tiers of prison cells cut in solid rock. Crossed Tyropean Valley which has 3rd Station and up to 5th Station. Simon took the cross. Street at this point has many arches. Past 6th Station (St. Veronica) and at 7th Station turned into a long series of 3 arcades of narrow streets lined with shops. All closed. Went thru arcades to David Street and up it to American Colony Stores. Eva Jane shopped while I went up to United States Consulate. Council General out and I talked with the Vice Counsel. He was fearful of our doing any sight seeing. Back to American Colony Store and took 12:45 P.M. bus to Colony. After luncheon walked over to the Tombs of the Kings, which are tombs of Queen Helena of adiabene and her descendants. Saw rolling stone which runs in a channel.

Visited work school of American Colony. Mrs Meyers said that there was firing last night in the vicinity. Left at 3:00 P.M. by truck for Bethlehem. Past King David Hotel and Y.M.C.A. They both very beautiful. German Colony. Greek Colony is a beautiful place built of native stone. Passed Army camp with hundreds of trucks, tents, etc. Drove past Plain of Rephaim where David fought the Philistines. Past Well of the Magi where the wise men rested during their search for Jesus. Past Monastery of Mar Elyas where the Prophet Elijah rested and stone on which he slept. Could see Zelah where Saul lived to the right Rachel's Tomb. Entered city limits of Bethlehem. To left we could see Shepherd's Fields or Fields of Boaz where wise men were grazing their sheep. Old aqueduct. Visited the Church of the Nativity. Had to get Police to get keys. Christmas bells from here are radioed to U.S. Saw old mosaic floor about 24' under present floor. Built by Queen Helena and her son Constantine in the fourth century. Beautiful mosaics on the walls. Armenian monastery built on one side. Fights over details in the church led to the Crimean War. Chapel of the Nativity where Jesus was born. Armenian Chapel rug was cut off after Roman Catholic walked over it. Eva Jane had to put my coat on to cover her arms before entering stables under the inn. Stables were in a cave. Walked up to Milk Grotto. Shops along way were closed but several opened when they saw us coming. Milk Grotto is a rock cave in which it is said that Mary fed Jesus. Beautiful church. Rings and jewels on statue of Mary. Shopped a little and drove back same route. Passed big heap of ashes of sacrifice which was originally 40 feet high and extended over a large area. Arrived back at Colony at 5:40 P.M. (15 mi) and looked over Mr. Meyers beads. After dinner we looked over work of students in needle classes.

101st Day

Saturday, September 19, 1936

Jerusalem

Travel to date	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,336
Train	3,362
Misc	250

Last night was not quite as cool but was fine for sleeping. Went over to Jerusalem on 8:45 bus, (2 mi) shopped around, got tickets to Cairo at American Express and loafed around Colony. Left Colony at 2:35 P.M. and rode to Jaffa Gate. (2 mi) Stores still closed. Army cars went down road ahead of us with machine guns ready for use. Walked down David Street. Watch women making a basket of straw wrapped with raffia. Visited Jews wailing wall. No one but a policeman around. Wall is part of wall around Temple Area. Went out Dung Gate. Immediately in front is Hill of Ophel which was site of the City of David. Saw Pool of Siloam and village of Siloam is very barren. Arabs do not plant trees in their villages. Saw Hill of Offence and Virgins Fountain. Walked along outside of wall and up Mt. Zion to Palais de Caiphe, the site of excavations where House of Caiaphas recently been found. House where Peter denied Christ. Interesting ruins of cisterns, old mill with place to tie mules, stables, etc. St. Peters church or "The Crowing of the Cock". New and built of native stone over house of Caiaphas. Cells below where some think that Jesus was kept. Out side there are excellent views across Valley of Hinnom to old tombs on land where Judas hung himself and silver was later used to purchase the land as a burial place for the poor. Mts of Moab in the distance. House of the High Commissioner of Palestine and Trans Jordan. Left and went to Tomb of David. Church closed. The "tomb" is just a large room which is said to be over the actual tomb. Went in city thru Zion Gate. Gate has many bullet holes it. Walked thru Armenian Quarter. Stopped at Church of St James also called Armenian Convent. Visited Gate Tower of David and Tower of Hippicus. It was at this point that General Allenby of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force made his Occupation Address on December 11, 1917. Scotch soldiers in kilts were on guard when we visited it. Several camels passed and we saw their "fifth foot". Went out through Jaffa Gate and stopped at Post Office. Eva Jane went in

and I stayed out holding a rock she had been carrying. The soldiers eyed me suspiciously and finally asked me to move on. Walked out St. Paul's road and St. Georges Road past Italian Hospital and Ashes of Sacrifice to American Colony, arriving at 6:15 P.M.

102nd Day

Sunday, September 20, 1936

Jerusalem

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,336
Train	3,362
Misc	250

Another beautiful morning. Left Colony at 8:50 A.M. on foot. Passed Palestine Pottery which was closed. Stopped and examined stones of third wall. Nearby is another (3rd) cavalry but owner does not care to have it exploited as such. Passed Garden Tomb and St. Paul's Hospice. Entered Damascus Gate. Old Turkish prison near entrance. Walked over to Temple Area arriving at 9:20 A.M. Men on streets often carry beads and play with them. Got permission to visit Temple Area. Good view of Mt. Of Olives, etc. from Secretary's office. Saw Cotton Gate to Temple Area which is very pretty. Visited Masque of Omar or Dome of the Rock. Had to take off shoes. The Dome of the Rock was built in 691 by Abd el-Melik. It was originally open on the sides but in 813-33 the walls were enclosed. Wonderful stained glass windows. Threshing floor. Top of Mt. Moriah where David offered to sacrifice Isaac. Down in cave where blood ran to the Kedron. Spot in cave where Mohammed prayed. Case containing, under 2 locks, 3 hairs from beard of Mohammed. Beautiful iron grillwork around rock. Went outside and saw people washing. Also drawing water from well and filling water bags made of lamb or goat skin. Went in The Al-Aqsa Mosque (also Mosque el-Aksa) which has beautiful arches and a mosaic which was covered until recent years. This Mosque is used more than the Dome of the Rock as it is easier to locate south. Many were in worshipping while we were there. Beautiful pulpit of carved cedar of Lebanon which inlaid stars of ivory. Special rooms at side for women to worship in. Apse in which Omar prayed. Went outside and from wall could see Absalom's Pillar, Tomb of St. James and Tomb of Zechariah, Jewish cemetery and other interesting places. Went down under courtyard to Solomon's stables. Passed Cradle of Christ. Came out and got olives and leaves from trees. Passed Golden Gate closed with stones. Left Temple Area by gate near Fort Antonia and went out by Herod's Gate. Barbed wire on road. Gordon's Cavalry. Went down in Solomon's Quarry with a lamp and candles. Long drifts. Enough rock

taken out to build three cities size of Jerusalem. Workroom filled with clippings. Wooden wedges and put water on them to make them swell. Spring. Metal wedges used in another section. Down thru hole to lower level and a wall of defense. Evidently for bows and arrows. Milk white rock and can be sawed. Passed St. George's Cathedral. Back to Colony at 12:45 P.M. Did not do any sightseeing in afternoon.

103rd Day

Monday, September 21, 1936

Jerusalem

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,343
Train	3,362
Misc	250

A Wonderful day. Took 8:45 A.M. bus to Post Office (1 mi) and walked on Jaffa Road to new portion of Jerusalem. Stopped at Russian Compound and went in church where they were having services. Priests with long beards. Ikons. Walked around looking at rugs, etc.

Most places open. Very dusty. Lots of Policemen and soldiers around. Good view of Y.M.C.A. and King David Hotel. Walked down to American Colony store and looked at rugs. Went back to Colony at 1:15 P.M. for lunch (2 mi) and back to store at 2:30 for further look (2 mi). The rug we liked was "Kirman, 18001 No. 3. 352 x 245 - 11'7 x 8" It was \$200 but they offered it at \$175. We decided not to get it as it appeared that moths had been in it and cut some of the threads. Back to Colony at 3:40 P.M. (2 mi) After tea Eva Jane, Mary Jane and Bob visited the Baby Home of the American Colony with Miss Matson. Saw sunset from wall of city and a panorama of old and new Jerusalem. Returned to Colony at 6:20 P.M.

104th Day

Tuesday, September 22, 1936

Jerusalem
Lydda
Kantara
Port Said

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,347
Train	3,623
Misc	250

Up early and packed. Left American Colony at 7:35 A.M. by taxi for railroad station. (3 mi) A short way from Colony passed place where 3 people had been killed by a bomb about 6:30 A.M. Blood still on pavement. Train left at 8:25 A.M. (15 minutes late).

There was a soldier in our compartment but he was not on active duty. Soldier on active duty was just outside our door. Passed old car called Noah's Ark. Guards along the track. Train stopped to take water at 9:30 A.M. at Artuf and about every half hour thereafter. The largest, barren mountains are between Jerusalem and Artuf. After leaving Artuf the mountains flatten out more into plains. Many soldiers and an auto with a machine gun. Soldiers entraining for Palestine points. Kantara train was late. Wrote letters and watched natives and soldiers. Our train arrived at 12:00 noon. Immediately ahead of it was an auto with railroad flanged wheels. The car had a machine gun mounted on it. The engine of the train had a big car of rails which it pushed ahead. Left Lydda at 12:10 P.M. after taking on a lot of soldiers. Stopped at 12:50 P.M. and left off 14 soldiers and their equipment. Camels grazing in the fields. Necks look very long. Hit the desert at 1:00 P.M. Arrived Isdud Station 1:10 P.M. Lots of camels. 14 more soldiers got off at 1:30 P.M. passed train from Kantara which was 7 or 8 hours late. Let off more soldiers. Saw a big convoy of motor trucks, machine guns, tanks, etc. Reached Gaza at 2:10 P.M. Officer came through and stamped passport showing that we were leaving Palestine. Left Gaza at 2:55 P.M. Reached Khan Younis at 3:40 P.M. Camels at station. At 3:55 P.M. we reached the FRONTIER EGYPT:PALESTINE. Desert on both sides. Took off car of rails which engine had been pushing. We could see occasional glimpses of the Mediterranean to the right. Sand on desert looked like waves. Many shepherds with flocks. Women with money over their faces. Large date

palm groves. Stopped at El Arish, Egypt at 4:55 P.M. Train load of tractors and war equipment. Saw women carrying jars of water on their heads. Egyptian passport and medical officials came aboard and checked our passports, and ask us to fill out quarantine blanks, etc. Stopped at Mazar at 5:41 P.M. Saw a lot of wrecked railroad cars. Reached Kantara (E) at 8:00 P.M. over 3 ½ hours late so the Cairo train had gone ahead. Went through customs, a mere formality, and crossed the Suez canal by Ferry to Kantara (W). Saw several big boats in the Canal. Station Master endorsed our tickets so as to permit us to go to Port Said and spend the night and return to Kantara in the morning. Left at 9:15 P.M. for Port Said and arrived there at 10:00 P.M. (261 mi.). Took taxi to Grand Hotel de la Poste (1 mi) as arrangements were made at Kantara for us to stay there. Not a very good place. Toilets dirty. Had to make them change sheets on bed. Finally got to bed for a much needed rest.

105th Day

Wednesday, September 23, 1936

Port Said
Cairo

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,350
Train	3,773
Misc.	250

Up early and went to Worms & Co, Agents for Dollar Line, to get mail. Finally got 5 letters from a french speaking watchman who said the S.S. President Monroe may be 4 days late. Took taxi to railway station (1 mi) and left on 8:00 A.M. train for Cairo. Prison car on train loaded with prisoners. Many down to see them

off. Train ran between canal and Mediterranean giving us a good opportunity to see in daylight the short portion that we covered in the evening of September 14, 1936. Men were hunting in the trees along the seashore. Reached El Quantara (West) (Kantara) at 9:18 A.M. just about twelve hours after leaving there last night. At 9:55 A.M. we stopped at Ismailia, a nice looking town out in the desert. Is all new and shows what can be done. From Ismailia we cut across the desert and away from the Suez Canal. Old mud huts with large water bottles all around. Date palms, corn on land irrigated by water from canals which are in turn feed by the Nile. Water is lifted by several methods the most common being water wheels operated by camels or oxen usually the latter. Sometimes the water is lifted by "shaduf" or buckets or long poles by man power and occassionly by a screw arrangement in a long cylinder which was operated by man power. Market place. Saw several cemeteries with mud tombs and at Kassaisine, which we reached at 10:50 A.M., We saw a funeral.. The women were in a separate group sitting on the ground. The men were filling the grave. Saw a large group of camels at Teled Kebir which we reached at 11:10 A.M. Through this section is a lot of cotton raised on irrigated land. The natives are picking it. There is also a good deal of corn. There are numerous water wheels operated by camels, caribou and mules. At 11:35 A.M. we reached Abuelakhdar and saw large number of large gunny sacks filled with cotton. Reached El-Zagaziq, a very large place at 11:45 A.M. and Benha at 12:25 A.M. Native men plough with a stick and woman leads the oxen, camels, whatever form of power is

used. Arrived at Cairo at 1:00 P.M. on time (150 mi). There were a dozen or so Hotel touters at the station and as we were the only apparent prospects they followed us trying to find out if we were missionaries, where we were going, etc. We went direct to a taxi and told him My House and just as he was ready to leave the touter for My House came up and rode down with us. Arrived at My House Hotel, 43, Madabegh Street and Mr. L. Piattoli, the manager showed us the rooms. (2 mi) We shared 2 large rooms each with 2 beds, table, chairs, water, etc. One room was on the corner and had a balcony. After lunch which was surprisingly good, I went out to get some money, etc. and found that the stores, etc. are open 8:30 - 1:00 and 4:00 - 7:30 and are closed from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Went back to Hotel and cleaned up and rested. After 4:00 P.M. we went out, got a map, and watched the native life. Cairo looks like a Shrines Convention City as nearly all of the men wear red fezz. The policemen wear a white covering over their red hat and the covering shades their eyes and protects their neck. The streets are filled with sidewalk cafes where large groups of people (men) sit and drink and watch the world pass by. The streets are dirty and are full of beggars. Many blind people are seen and eye diseases are quite prevalent due in large measure to the dust. Stores are mostly of an open front design and filled with junk of the cheapest kind at high prices. There are about six cigarettes shops to a block and numerous boys shining shoes (or wanting to) and selling papers. When the stores close at 7:30 P.M. a large group appears on the streets selling curtain rods, thumb tacks, tooth brushes, coat hangers, dust cloths. etc. Many of the smaller and the novelty stores do not close at 7:30 P.M. Roses are 1 P.T. (About 5¢) per dozen.

106th Day

Thursday, September 24, 1936

Cairo

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,350
Train	3,773
Misc.	281

Engaged services of Mohamed Abdel Khader El Helw (Address Pyramid, 190, Cairo, Egypt) as Dragoman (#227) and left hotel at 9:15 A.M. Took train #15 to Pyramids of Giza (9 mi). Train cars have 1st class and 2nd class accommodations. Women use a separate place marked "Harem" in second class and do not sit with men. Crossed (Bulac) Fouad I Bridge across Nile to Gazina Island. Many boats in Nile. House boats mostly all covered with canvas. Nile is very high and muddy. Went on across Island and crossed another smaller branch of Nile on Zamalik Bridge. Car line followed Nile for a long way. Inspector boarded car and checked on tickets. Passed Agriculture Museum and Zoological Garden (9:43 A.M.). Large homes of wealthy people. Reached Giza Section at 9:48 A.M. and changed cars on account of building an overhead passage way over the railroad track. Lots of building. Off in the distance we could see the Pyramids of Sakarak. Arrived at train station at Mena House Hotel at 10:20 A.M. Walked up to Pyramid of Cheops, the largest in the group. The group contains 3 large pyramids and smaller ones. The group of 9 are called Giza Pyramids. The largest pyramid is called Cheops. It was built about 3733 B.C., is 451 feet high and required 30 years to build. We entered it through an old air chamber and walked with heads low until we were about 1/3 of the way up. It then opened out into a passageway about 95' high until we were about 225' (one half way to apex) above the ground. Places along incline for resting Kings casket while it was being taken up to the chamber. The chamber or tomb room was about 16' x 25' x 20' high. The coffin is empty. There is quite an echo in the room. No mortar was used in building the tomb room and the rocks lay next to each other. Hole left in side for soul to leave by. One stone in wall is 8' x 11' x 5' and weighs approximately 18 1/2 tons. Back down to 1/3 level where we visited the Queen's Chamber or tomb. Ceiling is of "A" type. No coffin is in the chamber. Went on back down and left Cheops at 11:00 A.M. Secured 4 camels

(Princess, Moses, Beauty and Sunshine) for a trip around the pyramids area. Extreme top of Cheops is broken off and a stick indicated where the top would be. The second largest pyramid is called Chephren. There is still some of the alabaster covering left on top. The alabaster originally used to cover the pyramids was taken off to build a tomb for a later king. Rode camels on around past Sphinx and excavations of Dr. Hassfasi. Feet and tail of Sphinx are uncovered. Head of Sphinx is hollow where priest sits and watches raising of sun. In front and a little to right of Sphinx is Temple of the Sphinx. It is in turn connected with the Temple of Chephren. There is a causeway between the second pyramid and the Sphinx. The second pyramid is built of limestone and it has worn off a great deal. It was built 3666 B.C. and is 450 feet high. The nose of the Sphinx is broken. It was shot off by Napoleon's order. The Temple of the Sphinx is built of granite from Assuan, about 650 miles up the Nile. It contains 3 granite tombs for high priests and 3 alabaster tombs for women. The priests prayed in it facing the sun. Well 125 feet deep in the temple yard. Took camels back to station near Mena House (2 mi). Camels are PT 10 per hour arriving at 12:22 P.M. Shopped at Oriental Bazaar and left at 1:00 P.M. on street car for hotel. Changed to bus at 1:28 P.M. and arrived at hotel at 1:50 P.M. Had lunch and left at 3:00 P.M. by carriage with 2 horses. Drove past barracks of the Royal Body Guard and Abdin Palace. The palace is primarily office quarters and the king seldom comes there. He lives out near Heliopolis at Qubba Palace. Passed Sultan Hassan Mosque and Egyptian Cemetery. Natives take ashes, etc to Cemetery on Friday nights. Women carry babies on their shoulders with baby straddling the shoulder and facing the mother. Arrived at Tombs of the Mamelukes at 3:20 P.M. These are tombs of about 450 Mamelukes who were killed at a tea given by rival. One tomb had 13 bodies in it. Uprights at end of tomb indicated a man if it had a face and a woman if it had a crown. Tomb of Ibrahim Pasha was finest in the lot. Tried to take a picture of tombs. Tried to get a picture of natives on wagon but boys spoiled it. Drove up to the Citadel to Mohamad Ali Palace. Wonderful view of old and new Cairo Palace in fair state of repair. Large rooms. Bath

room of alabaster. Mohamed Ali Mosque, sometimes call alabaster mosque is very beautiful and made of alabaster and marble. Carved pulpit inlaid with ivory. Mecca is east. No women permitted in mosque. Contains tomb of King Fouad I who recently died. Mosque of Sultan Hassan. Acacia trees trimmed in cylindrical shape. Walked thru narrow streets lined with shops and bazaars. Many call them museums. Passed thru Zuwela Gate or hanging gate where people were hanged. More "museums". Watched selling and manufacturing. Passed El Husein mosque. Looked in. Not open to tourist. Post Office, Opera House. Statue of Ibrhim Pasha to hotel at 6:00 P.M. (15 mi). Waiter had red belt at noon and blue belt in evening.

107th Day

Friday, September 25, 1936

Memphis
Sakkaroh
Cairo
Mataria
Heliopolis

Travel to date	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,430
Train	3,773
Misc.	285

Left hotel at 8:10 A.M. with Dragoman and took auto for trip to Memphis and Sakkarah. Drove past English barracks, crossed Nile branch on Ismatl Bridge, passed Royal Agricultural Society and El Kubri Garden on Gazania Island and crossed rest of Nile on English Bridge. Passed Zoological Gardens and followed Nile out into country. Very fertile soil. Many groves of date trees. Climb tree with large flat basket. Placed it under dates and shake off those which are loose. Passed thru several small villages of mud houses. Sugar factory. Officer stopped car about 12 ½ miles out and made driver produce permit to operate a car out of Cario (9:00 A.M.). Nile is very high. Many people live in houses built of corn stocks so they do not loose much when high waters flood them out. Arrived at Bedrashein (13 miles) at 9:10 A.M. and drove thru it to site of the ancient city of Memphis, the oldest capital of Egypt. Large prostrate, granite statue of Rameses II about 45' long. Statue with hieroglyphics. Watched natives thrashing maize with sticks and picking dates. Ate a few dates. Small Alabaster Sphinx. Another large statue of Rameses II in a building. Also lying flat. Children and flies are both very troublesome. Went over to runs of Temple of God Ptah, the god of dates. All in bad condition. Memphis is called date city. Drove on and an inspector checked up on our driver again. Women working in fields with long robes on. Many corn stock houses. Nile floods land for 3 months. Building a new canal. Using camels for most work. Reached edge of desert (21 ½ mi). There is a sharp line of division between the fertile fields of the Nile Valley and the desert. Passed Step Pyramid and drove on desert. Sand drifted in waves. Left car and got donkeys (Whisky & Soda and Ginger Beer) for children. Went to Tombs of the sacred Bulls which like other tombs on desert are underground and cut out of solid rock. Electric lights have been

installed in past months. The tomb contains 24 sarcophagi which are approximately 7' wide by 12' long by 8' high. They are covered with hieroglyphics and have large stone lids. Each one is in a separate niche and it is most difficult to understand how they were put in as the niche is quite small. Long hallways. Came out and went to Tomb of Ti. It also is underground. Hieroglyphics are mostly of offerings to Ti. Colors of red, blue, etc. are said to be original colors. Next we visited Tomb of To-Huttah which was underground and had very good hieroglyphs of the King drinking, etc. The place where these tombs are located is called Sakkaroh which is the name of the ancient city which once stood there. Left at 11:30. Could see both the Pyramids of Sakkaroh and those of Giza at one time. The pyramids at Sakkaroh do not have tombs in them as far is known. Police inspected driver of car again. Man ploughing with village and Pyramids in background (40 mi). When we got back the English Bridge was closed so we came back by Bulae Bridge arriving at 12:40 P.M. (45 miles). After lunch left at 2:30 P.M. by tram. At transfer point saw women and children sitting and lying in dust. Changed to #30 car. Passed American University. Nice buildings. Large crowds around hospital as Friday is visitors day. Catholic funeral with big artificial flowers on corners of hearse. Old Roman Aqueduct from branch of the Nile. Banyan trees. Left car at 3:00 P.M. in Old Cario and walked over to a narrow branch of the Nile and crossed on a chain ferry to Rhoda Island. Chain runs from shore to shore and boy on ferry pulls on chain. Women washing and getting water in Nile. Old coptic houses in very bad state of repair. Entered Garden of Pharaoh and was shown a place where Moses was found in the bull rushes by Pharaohs. Palace is in bad condition and apparently nothing has been done to it for some time. Several lizards. Snake. Came back across river. Saw wedding party at the railroad crossing. They were sitting on a wagon and having a big time. Visited oldest coptic church in Egypt. 12 columns representing the disciples. No cap on the one for Judas. Carvings from the 5th century. Place where Holy Family fled had about 2' of water on floor. We went down steps and saw it. Carvings from 5th century. Put PT1 in charity box

and keeper didn't like it. Went over to old Ben Ezra Synagogue. Surrounded by 13 coptic churches and 5 coptic cemeteries. Original Book of Moses, 2400 years old, written on gazelle skin. At church the women sit up above and the men sit below. Passed hanging church. Saw old Cairo that had never been rebuilt. Old wall of El Fusta. Saw Mosque of Amr which is 1300 years old. 366 pillars in it. Walked thru native section. Making charms out of pottery by putting paper over the open part. Girl painting them with her fingers. Took train at 4:30 to center of city and engaged a motor car (Fiat) for balance of afternoon. Drove to Blue Mosque. Not open. Looked in thru doorway at blue tile. Drove past hills of rocks and across rubbish mounds to Tombs of the Khahfs (3 mi). Very beautiful grounds. Tomb of father of King Fouad I is finest in Cairo. Many other fine tombs. Tomb of Khedire Tewfik. Very pretty stained glass windows. Drove past many mosques. Saw King's Palace and high wall around gardens. Sunset at 5:45 P.M. Drove thru village of Materia. Stopped at Virgin Mary Tree. Tree is one under which Holy Family is supposed to have rested on their flight to Egypt from Palestine. Sycamore tree. Parts of it still alive. Many handkerchiefs and rags tied on, on which people have placed their names. Old waterwheel on premises which was formerly used for pumping water. Drove out to Obelisk which marks the site of old Heliopolis. Obelisk was built 6825 years ago of granite. Stands in a field of sugar cane and corn and base is about 10 feet below present base of ground. Brass cap has been taken off the top. Drove over to Heliopolis. Beacon lights. Beautiful home of founder of Heliopolis. Heliopolis Hotel closed. Looked in at gardens. Stopped at Heliopolis House Hotel. Large outdoor "Roxy" Theater (6:40 P.M.) 29 mi. Took boulevard back to Cairo. Passed walls of Kings Palace. Arrived at 7: P.M. at Hotel (35 mi.) Paid off Dragoman and told him I wouldn't be doing any sightseeing tomorrow. Meals at hotel are not holding up very well. Cairo is very dusty as there has been no rain for about 6 months. People mill around in streets all night.

108th Day

Saturday, September 26, 1936

Cairo

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,720
Auto	1,430
Train	3,773
Misc.	285

Didn't feel very good last night. Took films to Eastman and suit to be cleaned. Eva Jane and children went shopping. I went to American Express and Cooks trying to get information on President Monroe sailing time. No word yet. Post Office and got stamps. Dragoman brought flowers to Eva Jane. Received wire from

Worms & Co saying Monroe would sail Wednesday afternoon from Port Said. After lunch went to bed and staid there. Eva Jane and children went out a time or two and got films, suit, cards, etc.

109th Day

Sunday, September 27, 1936

Cairo

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,430
Train	3,773
Misc.	285

Feeling better but still a little weak. Eva Jane and children took a little walk in the morning and passed the museum, I staid in room until about 6:00 P.M. and sorted out pictures and straightened up odds and ends in my traveling case, etc. Went out about 6:00 P.M.

Sidewalk cafes all crowded. Most stores give a good display to Waldorf toilet tissues. Stopped in Victoria Hotel. Offered room with double bed on north side at PT 70 per person per day with full meals. At present time would give two such rooms with bath between for 4 of us for PT 280 per day. No reduction for children. Walked thru district around Esbekien Gardens and got back to hotel about 7:30 P.M.

110th Day

Monday, September 28, 1936

Cairo

Travel to date	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,430
Train	3,773
Misc.	295

Left hotel at 8:45 A.M. Went to American Express Office. Discussed local conditions with clerk. Egyptians in country get 1½ to 3 prastres a day. Cigarette industry recently mechanized putting thousands out of work. Went to industrial exhibit and saw them making rugs. Tie knots very fast and cut with razor or knife. Looked at rugs. Saw two funerals one large and one small. Carry casket on shoulders. High piece in front ____.

Took Bus #6 to zoological gardens leaving at 11:00 A.M. and arriving at 11:25 A.M. (3 mi). Had to check camera or pay a fee to take it in. Bus driver tried to keep change. Very warm. Nice zoo. Lion cubs. Monkey island. Left zoo 12:50 P.M. and took train #15 back to hotel (3 mi) arriving at 1:15 P.M. This seems to be the hottest day that we have had so far. Staid in room packing, etc until 4:20 P.M. Went out and took train #21 to University of El Azhar (2 mi). It is also Mosque. It was built in 970 to 972 A.D. It has a large library. Students come from other countries to study the Koran. They have separate places for each country where the students live and have lockers for their possessions. The guide stated that there are 22000 students but an old report of the Egyptian Government states that there were 4,014 in 1933 so the guides figure seems high. They study in the court yard and rooms. Course requires 12 years. 120 (?) Columns in lecture room. Left at 5:10 P.M. and walked thru native shops in narrow streets Riding bicycle with blow torch. Turning wood by operating lathe with bow string and holding tool with toes. Took train back to town at 6:00 P.M. (2 mi). Got ice cream. Looked at rugs and walked thru shopping streets. The more one looks the more they understand the word Egypt. Checked Hotel bill. Train greeter had overcharged PT 7.

111th Day

Tuesday, September 29, 1936

Cairo
Port Said

<u>Travel to date</u>	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,433
Train	3,723
Misc.	295

Dragoman brought flowers again. Left at 9:00 A.M. Eva Jane and children went to museum and I went first to American Consulate. Mr. Childs has been in Europe and returning tomorrow. Talked with Mr. Hall and then went over to museum (10:15 A.M.).

Looked over King Tuts coffins, etc. The body had been put in three mummiform coffins, the innermost one of gold weighing 110 kilograms. These coffins had been put in a finely decorated hard sandstone sarcophagus which was in turn contained in a "nest" of four gilded wood shrines. A very large collection of jewelry, furniture, etc. Head piece, toes, fingers, etc. which had been put on the mummy. Looked over other items in museum and purchased a small oil lamp. Returned to hotel at 1:00 P.M. Finished packing and got tickets for Post Said at American Express office. Left Cairo on 5:30 P.M. train. Five cars of soldiers attached to train. Beautiful sunset at 5:38 P.M. and at same time a full moon on the opposite side of the heavens. Reached Benha at 6:10 and left at 6:18 and arrived at EL-Zagaziq at 6:55. At 7:55 P.M. they came through and closed the windows and sprayed the compartments. Arrived Ishmslia at 8:05 and left at 8:15 and reached EL-Quantara (West) Kantara at 8:45. Took off soldiers and extra cars and left at 9:03 and arrive at Port Said at 10:00 P.M. (150 mi). Many Hotel Porters were at station and besieged us as we were the only prospects. Selected Eastern Exchange Hotel. Got rooms 61 & 62 with another small room and bath. Large porches outside rooms. 62 was a corner room.

112th Day

Wednesday, September 30, 1936

Port Said

Travel to date	
Boat	19,760
Auto	1,434
Train	3,923
Misc.	295

The pillows in Port Said are about as hard as those in other Egyptian Cities. We went to Worms & Co at 7:30 and got mail. Purchased some fruit and made another trip to Worms & Co to find out about baggage. Called on Mr. Remillard, the American Consul and gave him my impression of Jerusalem and Palestine. The Vice Consul is sailing on the President Monroe today also. Shopped. Children are troublesome asking for "baksheesh" Looked up "China" Mitchell and asked him to let me know when boat was arriving. Staid in room most of afternoon. Checked out of hotel at 6:00 P.M. Eva Jane went to get hassock and while she was gone the manager accused me of breaking the wash bowl in the room. Took taxi to Customs Wharf (1 mi) and after clearing baggage (no examination) and paying fees (graft) for Customs Porters and Quarantine got in "China" Mitchells launch and went to meet the S.S. President Monroe. Met her at 7:00 P.M. She anchored at 7:08 P.M. and we went aboard and got some sandwiches and fruit. All weighed with the following results: Eva Jane 104 3/4; Mary Jane 94; Robert V. 61; and C.V. 127 1/2. According to this we had lost since 9/12/36 the following: EJ - 5 1/4#; MJ 2#; RV 3#; CV 12#. Baggage came aboard about 9: P.M. and I fixed in our rooms, 201 & 205. It fit in fairly well. We were very happy to be on board again where we could get regular food and good water.