

1<sup>st</sup> Day

Thursday, June 11, 1936 New York City

Travel to date

Train - 223 mi.

Finished packing our bags about midnight by putting the left overs in sacks and left 3729 R Street, N.W. at 12:15 A.M. by taxi for the Union Station. Left Washington at 1:00 A.M. on B+O and arrived at Jersey station of B+O at 6:40 A.M. We took the bus across the river to 23<sup>rd</sup> street, New York City and on the way got our first sight of the S.S. President Hayes which was docked at Pier 9 Erie Terminal, Jersey City, N.J. Arrived at the Grand Central Station of the B+O about 7:30 A.M. After cleaning up and eating breakfast, called the Dollar Line Pier and learned that trunks had not been delivered. Traced them to Hoboken station. Shopped until a little after 2:00 P.M. Took a taxi to Pennsylvania Hotel arriving at 2:28 P.M. just in time to catch the special Dollar Line bus direct to the Pier which left at 2:30 P.M. Went thru



the Holland Tunnel to Pier 9, Erie Terminal and arrived at the gang plank about 3:00 P.M. Spent the next 3 hours getting baggage aboard, inspecting the S.S. President Hayes, unpacking hand bags and cleaning up. About 5:00 P.M. it started to rain. We sailed promptly at 6:00 P.M. (7:00 P.M. daylight saving time). Just before sailing the deck steward distributed streamers which we threw to the people on the Pier which made a very pretty sight in spite of the rain. Dinner was served a few minutes after we sailed. It continued to rain and was very foggy. We could hear the fog horns and the ship's whistle was blown about every two minutes. The sea was smooth and it was difficult to tell that the boat was moving. Went to bed at 8:00 P.M. (9:00 daylight saving time)