

Diary of European Trip.

Oct. 23 — 1908

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Oct. 23-1908. Friday.
Weather very cold. Rode 30. Total 24.035. Roads
fine. Strong wind against. I slept in barn last night.
Trifle cold. House wife still angry. Would let us in to
wash. Left place about 8. Breakfasted in little dory
down road, in wirtschaft. Max had bun. I had 1 liter
hot milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter coffee, 2 big rolls. Cost 50 pfennigs.
Max got his money from a priest. Rode thru
Habschem, Einsichem arriving at Rufach
at noon. Staying with Mrs. Juracheck, a distant
relative of Jany's. Two nice French women &
old grandmother, that is Mrs. Juracheck, sister &
mother. Very clean house. This part of Germany was once
part of France. Still retains French cleanliness. Hostility
between French & German. French language not permitted
in public school. Had elegant dinner, soup, sardines,
macaroni, omelett, French fried potatoes,
cake, fruit, plum preserves, bread, 4 kinds of wine.
Some wine 84 yrs. old. I drank a glass of the old wine and
then took two flasks of water while Max continued on
the wine. Nothing but wine is drunk here at dinner
and supper. Dinner took from 1-3. Max & Mrs. Juracheck
visited town after dinner while I wrote a letter
to G. B. got bit by a dog today.

Sunday, Oct. 25-1908. Weather, cold, damp, and dark, one inch of snow; last forenoon. Rode 54 Total 2098. Colmar, Osthcim, Schlettstadt, Semsheim, Strassburg, Egisheim, the day we spent night in has the most irregular streets of any village or city I was ever in. They aren't streets at all, just spaces between the houses. Egisheim is right at the foot of a mountain on whose summit are the ruins of an old castle. Went to 7 o'clock mass in Egisheim. Returned to Gasthaus, breakfasted on rolls & coffee, (30 pfennig.); left house at 9 A.M. Rode to Colmar. Max visited Mrs. Juraschek's son at sister's school in Colmar. Got to Semsheim at noon. Dined at catholic pfarr's; two house-keepers, his nieces. Got puncture on horse-shoe nail this P. M. Took just 20 minutes to fix it. Rode thru an inch of snow nearly all forenoon. Road sloppy this P. M. Got in Strassburg about 3. Remained till 5. Visited there the Cathedral (built 1015-1439) spire 465 ft.; building of a sort of red sand stone; fine windows; fine front, lots of carved stone work; astronomical clock in transept. Visited art museum

in old schloss near church. Saw St. Thomas's church and another church called New Temple. Staying with farmer north of Strassburg about 10 miles. Country today level, orchards, sugar beets, grapes; Fruit trees along roads. Excellent road bed, else we couldn't have ridden as far today thru snow and slop. The farmer with whom we are staying is also a miller. We are sitting in living room. The housewife and two girls are knitting. The hired man is sleeping over in the corner. The old mill in the other end of the house (house & mill all one building) is busily, not busily but untiringly turning. Had coffee & bread for supper. While we were eating supper the little eight year old daughter, stuck her head in the room and said "good night" in English. I am wearing wooden shoes while my own are drying.

Monday Oct. 26-1908. Weather cool, damp & dark. Not so sloppy as yesterday. Bed of road excellent. Rode 52 mi. Total 2150. Slept in room with hired man. Had a good bed. Max fooled with his back tire till 9:30 A.M. when we left the

Miller's. Had breakfast of bread and coffee before leaving. Rode thru Fichtenau, Baden-Baden, Rastatt to outskirts of Karlsruhe. Got in Baden about 1 P.M. Visited Drinking Hall, where mineral water is drunk; Conversation Hall; New castle built in 15th century where Grand Duke spends his summers; several bathhouses; the ruins of the old castle up on the mountain in the Black Forest. We left our wheels in the city and walked up to the ruins. It is a good hours walk up there and back. Baden-Baden is one of the most fashionable watering places in Europe. We left there about 3 P.M. We stopped in a dorf about 6 miles from Karlsruhe at 5 and Max spent nearly an hour trying to find lodging, but was unable to get a place. We rode back to main road, then to the outskirts of Karlsruhe where we are spending night in a Gasthaus. I was told by the Miller with whom I spent last night the following in regard to yield and price of the products of this vicinity: wheat 25-

35 double centners per hectare, price 22 marks. Rye yield 20-30, price 19 marks; price of oats 18 marks; price of corn 17 marks; price of sugar beets 1 mark a centner. Rode thru level country today. Wages here for farm hands is from 4-5 pfennigs yearly with board + washing. I ran into a rooster today and it threw me from my wheel. I landed on my feet, however. A few minutes later I ran over another chicken and nearly killed it. Chickens seem to be my specialty today. Tuesday. Oct. 26-1908. Weather foggy + cold in A.M. rather nice in P.M. Roads good. Rode 42. Total 2192. Left Gasthaus at 8 A.M. after breakfast - ing on coffee + bread. Supper last night, sausage, potatoes bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter coffee, cost me only 65 pfennigs. $\frac{1}{2}$ liter coffee + $\frac{1}{2}$ liter milk this A.M. cost me 30 pfennigs. Max got his breakfast from priest's house. Our bed cost us 25 pfennigs. Good bed.

staid in Karlsruhe till 9:30 A.M. Visited the market place on which is a pyramid in commemoration of Karl Wilhelm, founder of Karlsruhe; schloss of the prince of Baden; park in front of schloss. Rode from Karlsruhe to Phillipsburg where we had a good dinner with (Pfarrer, catholic) "his fellow". Haven't much but like to help a traveler". Got Rhine at Rheinhausen where we crossed river on a ferry which was propelled by the current. Paid 6 pfennigs for myself + 4 for wheel.

Got in Speyer about 2 P.M. Visited memorial church built in commemoration of protest of edict of Speyer 1529. statue of Martin Luther in front vestibule. Following written on floor in front of statue: "Hier steht ich, ich kann ~~nicht~~ nicht anders, Gott helfe mir, Amen." I wonder if Martin meant it. After visiting church we visited the deacon of the church a fine old man, Theodor Hobb-

mann. His daughter served us with a fine dinner, soup, spysage, some kind of bread dressing, milk fine, coffee, fruit, preserves, wine. I drank no wine. This makes 2nd dinner today 1st one at 11 and 2nd one at 3. Sufficient time and bicycle riding gave me a hardy appetite for 2nd dinner, however. Had good cigar after dinner. Left deacon's at 3:30. Visited Romanesque bathedral founded in 1030. St. Bernard preached crusade in this church in 1146. Fine church. Saw tombs of about 9 emperors and 3 empresses in this church, Henry II, III, IV, + V. Adolf the Emperor of the Romans, Rudolf, Beatrice, Hilda, and others. We went thru one of the old gates of the city. Left Speyer at 4 P.M. Stopt for night with farmer in village of Blankstadt. Brought up to Rathaus before Burgermeister by a policeman, who happened along when we were

asking for a place to spend night. Went
back to the farmers. From there we
went to a Gasthaus. On leaving
of fires this P. M. we rode along the Rhine
for over an hour on a high road which
serves as a levee for the river during
highwater periods. Going out of Spire
we crossed ~~on~~ ^{river} on a boat bridge. Toll
for myself and wheel, 6 pfennigs.
First bridge of this kind I ever crossed.
Rode thru Bad Kreuznach, Eggenstein, Graben,
Phillipsburg, Rheinhessen, Spire, Ketsch,
~~Schweitzingen~~ Schweitzingen, Blank-
stadt. Wednesday. Oct. 28-1908.
Weather damp & foggy A. M. fine P. M. Roads
good. Rode 20. Total 2212. Beds cost us
30 pfennigs each last night. I went out last
night, bought bread & cheese, & found milk depot
where I got a liter for 18 pfennigs. This A. M.
I left Gasthaus, bought bread & cheese. Frau in
store, Mrs. Wilhelm Gund, asked me if I was a
traveler and if I wouldn't drink a cup of coffee.
I thanked her and accepted the coffee and bun.

Went back to Milk depot, bought 1 liter hot milk &
1 cup of black coffee for 18 pfennigs. Had good breakfast.
Left Blankstadt at 8 A. M. Got in Heidelberg
in 30 minutes. Left wheel in Gasthaus Garten.
Visited churches, University, University
~~Library~~ Library where we saw some of the
most interesting and valuable old papers &
books in existence: A contract to which
Cleopatra was a party; Oldest hand printed
book in existence (9th century); A trans-
lation of the French epic writer Roland,
"Rolandlied" (12th century); Grosse
Heidelberg Lied handschrift (one of
the most valuable books in existence);
and many other valuable books and
manuscripts. Went up on moun-
tain side and visited the ruins of the
old castle. In these ruins we saw the largest
cask in existence (220,000 liters). It was
filled with wine two or three times.
The ruins of this castle are supposed to
be the most beautiful in Germany.
From Terrace we got excellent view

of city. Had it not been for little haze our view would have been still better. Left Heidelberg about noon. Stopped for dinner in Nieblingen, Heinrich Müller, evangel. Pfarrer. Pleasant pastor's wife, daughter, & two little sons. Got in Mannheim between 3 & 4. Got our mail at Post Office. Found the Benders

relation of Max's. Two girls, son, mother, nice people, rather poor. Had supper of bread and sausage. Mother brought two glasses of beer for us from Wirtschaft below. Mother keeps watercloset in a park. Took a walk with Max and one of these girls this evening. Wrote a letter for Pres-Reports. Sat up till 1 A.M. writing.

Thursday. Oct. 29-1908. Weather fine. Rode no. Total 2212. Breakfasted on buns & coffee. Got baggage at American Consul's office. Max got money there. Visited Friedrichsplatz, the most beautiful square in Mannheim. Walked around the city a while this A.M.

Had dinner here with Max's relations: Fried chops, potatoes, bread, wine, coffee, and buns. Neighbor woman brought in some German cake & some fruit. Took another walk this P.M. with Max and one of the Bender girls. Visited the harbor; schloss; walked ~~at~~ over new bridge across Neckar; back over another bridge. Got here at home at 4 P.M. I went over to the American Consul's again to look up a passage in one of Webster's nations. He and I got to talking about America and the Northwest. I spent nearly two hours with him. He was once Consul in Winnipeg. Advised me to study law there. Name is Mr. Shank. Returned to Benders; had supper of potatoes sausage, tea, salad, bread. Visited here all evening. Wrote two letters, one home, one to Mo.

Went to bed at 1 A.M.

So far up Rhine valley the dorfs & homes are much cleaner than those in other parts of Germany. In Karlsruhe I saw the 1st wild gage

street car track I have seen since leaving Vienna. Mannheim is a very modern city, regularly laid out. Most important port on Rhine. Chiefly a commercial city. Other industries are milling, and color factory, which is one of the greatest in the world.

In many cities in southern Germany we saw women street cleaners. I remember them in Munich, particularly. They looked very odd to me. We saw Luther's bible in the Heidelberg University Library.

Oct 30 - 1908. Friday.

Weather foggy A.M. ~~Roads~~ Roads fine. Rod 48
Total 2760. Left Mannheim about 8:30.
Rode thru Frankenthal to Worms. Got there about 10:30 and staid till noon.
Visited bathed, Romanesque, built 1110)
Saw Heil'sche Haus, which stands on site where stood the palace in which Luther defended his doctrines before

Charles V. and the Diet of Worms ~~1521~~ (1521).
Saw Luther's Monument which consists of statue of Luther and statues of 6 Reformers + 2 Protestant princes, and three German cities. Beginning on left hand corner of outside square and going around from left to right we have: Philip von Hessen, Augsburg, Melancthon, Speyer, Reuchlin, Magdurg, & Friedrich von Saxon. Going around same way on inside square we have: Savanarola, Petrus Waldus, Johann Wicliffe, Johann Hus. Luther is in the center. Coffee and bread with old. Ohm (Hares) Worms, Liebfrauen Kirche. Left Worms about 1 and rode to Mayence. Max's rear tire exploded again today on way to Mayence. We rode right beside the Rhine for a while after leaving Worms. Passed vineyard after vineyard on hill sides today. Struck river again about 20 kilometers from Mayence. Got in Mayence about

5 P.M. Visited Max's relation, sister in hospital. Had lunch there of bread, butter, cheese, and bottle of beer & piece. Couldn't stand there all night, came here to a Catholic Gesellenverein. Bought a supper here, salad, potatoes, pancake, bread, hot milk, 35 pfennings. This is a very clean and cheap place to lodge. Passed paper factory just out of Worms this P.M. Baled straw in piles that resemble barns. Saw 40 or 50 such piles. Saturday, Oct. 31-1908. Weather dark and cool. Roads good. Rode 25. Total 22.85. Coffee and buns at Gesellenverein 12 pfennings. Max spent most of his A.M. fixing wheel while I wrote. In addition to my Gesellenverein coffee I went out to a good restaurant, got an cup of coffee and an ameletti. First American breakfast I have had for some time. Max returned from repair shop at 11. We then visited the cathedral (built in 10th century) red sand stone, resembles cathedral in Worms. Visited Gutenberg's house. It is a Gasthaus

at present. We were in the cellar where Gutenberg wrote. There is a tunnel from this cellar to the Schöfferhof. Schöffer was the man with whom Gutenberg worked. Had dinner with Lutheran minister. Fine man. Ate with him and his wife. Name: Dekan Lie. Theol. Jacob. Mayence. Had good dinner, soup, meat, potatoes, bread, & mineral water. Max took beer. Returned to Gesellenverein, got wheels and started for Bingen at 3 P.M. Got here about 5:30.

Spending night in another Gesellenverein. Our beds cost us 20 a piece last night. Good beds: clean room. Bingen is a little city of 9,000 about, situated on Rhine. Walked around town this evening. Max got tape for his tire. We both got some cards.

Sunday, Nov. 1-1908. Weather foggy & damp, cool. Roads fine. Rode 27. Total 22.87, Bingen, Riedersheim, Bingen, Niederheimbach, Bacharach, Oberwesel, St. Goar, Oppenheim. Had a good bed last night for 1 mark. This price included my breakfast. Max slept in room with 2 other fellows. Paid .50 mark. We

went to 7:30 mass. Max went to communion. Returned to Gezellenversen, breakfasted, took wheels and went down to the Rhine. Saw mouse tower in middle of stream (Archbishop Hatto of Mayence eaten alive by mice in this tower, because he had famine stricken peasants burned to death, comparing them to corn-destroying mice). On east bank of Rhine, opposite tower stands Ehrenfels ruins (an old tower built in 1210). We crossed river to Rüdesheim by ferry (fare 20 pfennings). Thence we walked up the hill thru vineyards (30 min) to the National monument. Thence back to Rüdesheim. Saw old Roman fortress in Rüdesheim. Patched out dinner in Rüdesheim. Returned to Bingen about 2 P.M. Then continued down the Rhine on west bank. Road runs right beside stream, an excellent highway; hardly any effort at all riding down stream. Shortly after leaving Bingen we passed Rheinstein ruins (about 1279 W. bank). Left wheels at foot of promontory, and climbed up to see the ruins. Next came Falkenburg or Reichenstein also on W. bank. Then Sobneck castle.

Here Max ran into an iron post along road; took a dive into the air and bent his frame badly. Sobneck castle also on W. bank. Next came Heimbach castle, just above little village of Niederheimbach, W. bank. Nearly opposite on East Bank is Lorch and nearby on same side of river is Nollinger castle just above the Devil's ladder cliff. Next on W. bank came Girsberg, another ruin which like Falkenburg was once a robber's nest. Then came the little city of Bacharach. High above this city is Stahleck castle. In the city are the ruins of St. Verner's church. Near by stands St. Peter's. The old town of Bacharach is still surrounded by its old walls. We walked along on top of the riverfront wall, passing thru many old towers. This was a very beautiful little town. Not far down the river below Bacharach stands Pfalz, an old fortress in the middle of the Rhine (Lewis of Bavaria built this in 1200 and exacted tribute of the passing vessels). On E. bank near by is city of Baul and above this city stands castle of Gutenfels (1277).

Next came city of Oberwesel on W. bank. Above city stands Schönbürg castle, where the Marshall Schönbürg was born. This city Oberwesel has old walls and many old towers. Church of our lady is most beautiful church in the town. Farther down stream came Lurlei rock, a high point (433 ft.) River narrow, deep, & swift here. When opposite this rock we could see St. Goarshausen and the castle, called the Bat, far above the city (E. bank). Nearly opposite on W. bank is St. Goar, thru which we rode. On the heights above this city is Rheinfels (1245) said to be grandest ruin on the Rhine. A little further down river on E. bank stands a castle called the Mouse, or Thurnberg. It was now dark. However, we rode on into Boppard and spent the night in a Catholic Gesellenverein. We passed two castles tonight between St. Goar and Boppard, whose outlines we could barely see. They were Styrberg & Liebenstein ruins. They are on E. bank, right near each other,

opposite little village of Salzig. The legend of Conrad, Heinrich, and Hildegard ~~was~~ is attached to these castles. Tonight for supper I had potatoes, bread and butter & coffee 2 cups; cost 45 pfennigs.

Monday. Nov. 2 - 1908. Weather fine. First fine bright day since we left Geneva. Roads elegant. Road 24. Total 2311. Breakfasted at Gesellenverein, - coffee, hot milk, bread, & cheese. Visited Boppard after breakfast. Left for Koblenz at 10. Passed Braubach on E. bank with Marksburg castle on prominence high above village. Not much farther down river we went thru old town of Rhense. Just beyond here we past the Königsstuhl where the 4 Rhenish electors chose emperors and concluded treaties in open air. Next we rode thru Badellen. Above this little town is Stolzenfels castle. On opposite side of river is Oberlahnstein with Lahnneck castle above it on the hillside. I punctured my rear tire on a nail in Badellen. Took

about 15 minutes to repair it. Rode into Coblenz about noon. Patched out dinner. Max spent from two till five P. M. repairing his wheel. We saw in Coblenz, the Mosel bridge, monument of Kaiser Wilhelm at confluence of Mosel & Rhine, Palace, ~~many~~ churches, the bridges across Rhine, and Ehrenbreitstein fortress on E. bank below the ship-bridge. At five we left city, crossing shipbridge (4 pf.) riding down E. bank to Engers. Max's namesake here couldn't keep us tonight. We are staying in a Gasthaus. I had a good supper here tonight of two eggs, a bowl of potatoes, salad (lettuce) bread & coffee. It cost me 40 pfennigs.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - 1908. Weather fine. Roads fine. Rode 34. Total 2345. After breakfasting at the Gasthaus we rode to the ruin of Sayn castle about 2 mi. from Engers. We also went down to the river to see the old masonry, supposed to be the ruin

remnants of Julius Caesar's bridge across the Rhine. On returning from Sayn we rode on, down the E. bank, thru Neuwied. On opposite bank from Neuwied we saw the Weissenthurm, an old watch tower. Next we passed Andernach on the opposite side of river. We saw another watch tower there. We could also see the old church (1206). Further down river on the same side that we were on, we passed Hammerstein (10th cen.) Henry IV took refuge from his son in this old castle during 90 yrs. War. There is very little of this old castle left. Still further down stream not far above Lenz we could see Rheineck on the opposite bank, and an old Romanesque castle on hill nearby. Next came Arenfels castle on E. bank. This old castle has lately been restored and is occupied at present. We then rode into little town of Lenz. Found Wilhelm Jurascheck with whom we are staying. After dinner we took a ride back to Arenfels. We were up in the court of the castle. On returning to Lenz, we rode around town a

little; then returned to Juraschek's had supper.
Spent eve in writing and talking.

Wednesday, Nov. 4-1908.

Weather fine. Roads good. Rode 43. Total 2388.
Left house about 9 A.M.; crossed river on ferry
propelled by current; visited Remagen, was
in two churches there, one of which is way up on
the mountain side; thence we rode up the
valley. Dinner. Pfarrer Winter, Heimer-
lein and others quizzed Max closely.
After dinner we rode thru Neuenahr,
Ahrweiler, Altenahr to Kreuzberg, then
back same way. Saw old ruins at Altenahr.
Wagon road goes thru tunnel at Altenahr. In
Neuenahr and Ahrweiler there is a trolley
omnibus line. I never saw one like it
before. We visited "Apolinaris Brunnen"
and saw the bottling works just out of
Neuenahr. Got a good view of Landsberg
and the ruin on its top as we left
Neuenahr this evening. Got back
to Ling at 5:30. Ahr valley from
Neuenahr to Kreuzberg is very beautiful.

The hills are covered with vineyards.

Thursday, Nov. 5-1908. Weather foggy.
Roads excellent. Rode 40. Total 2428. Left
Max at W. Juraschek's this A.M. and started
for Cologne. Crossed Rhine on ferry. Rode
thru Remagen, Oberwinter to Rolandseck.
Saw castle on hill above Rolandseck, also
Nonnenwerth island. Couldn't see 7
mts. across Rhine on account of fog,
nor could I see Drachenfels near König-
winter. From Rolandseck I rode thru
Mehlend and Godesberg to Bonn. Got
in Bonn at 11 A.M. Left wheel at Gasthaus.
Visited Münster church (built by Empress
Helena), her statue in church. Walked up to
Kreuzberg to see the holy staircase, but that
part of church was closed. Returned to Bonn.
Had fine dinner for 1.20. Soup; chicken
and potatoes; pork chop & potatoes
& cranberry; bread; dessert. Paid 10 pf.
extra because I didn't buy any
drink with dinner. Visited Univer-
sity buildings after dinner.

Saw Beethoven's birth place and left for bologne at 1:45. Got here at 4 P.M. Visited Mr. Dunlap, American consul. He recommended this pension to me (20 Hermannstrasse). Left consul's office & went to Paul Wollmanns for my mail. No one at home. Came here to 20 Hermannstrasse. Engaged room and put up for the night. Walked around town a little this eve. Saw the old cathedral by moonlight.

Friday, Nov. 6-1908. Weather fine. Went to Paul Wollmann's on Karolinger Ring to get my mail. While in house my wheel was stolen. We notified detective bureau at once. Returned to 20 Hermannstrasse and breakfasted. Then went to see Mr. Dunlap. He advised me to advertise for the wheel. I did so. (1.20 M.) for one printing.

Was asked to have lunch with the consul. Staid with him till 2 P.M. Just before dinner we took a walk down on the Rhine. Had a very pleasant visit with the consul and his wife. His little son Robert is also pleasant. Returned to 20 Hermannstrasse and spent P.M. in writing. Wrote Grand home today from consul's office. Saw cathedral again this P.M. and was in it. I can see it from the window of my room. After supper at 7:30, Paul Wollmann called on me. We visited till 10 then went out for a walk; stopt in Köln Wirthschaft. Cheese bread & beer; then went to a Vienna coffee house. Drank 3 cups of ~~coffee~~ chocolate and talked till 1 P.M. The music in this coffee house was excellent. I enjoyed the evening very much. Returned to Pension and slept till late next morning.

Sat. Nov. 7-1908. Weather

fine. Breakfasted at 9 A.M. Max came around this A.M.; unable to find me last night. He staid at a Gesellen-vergin. We spent forenoon in visiting churches and other buildings: Minorites church, containing tomb of Dun. Scotus; St. Jerome's church containing the skulls of Sheban Legion, set in wood above the choir stalls; St. Ursula's church containing the relics of the saint and the virgins that were massacred; Great St. Martin's church; Sta. Maria-in-hospital (1049); Roman Tower; Rathaus, where 1st Diet of Hanseatic League was held. Returned to Pension and had dinner at one thirty. After dinner I went over to Mr. Dunlop's with my ~~blanket~~ blanket and some books which I left with him. On my return, Wollmann, who had arrived during my absence, Max and I went to the cathedral. I visited the upper choir and one of the spires which Max and Wollmann awaited me at church door. In this cathedral are

the bones of the Magi. This is said to be the grandest of Gothic structures. It is 444 ft. long, 201 broad, 145 high; the two massive towers in the front crowned by open towers are over 500 ft high. I was up about 400 ft. this P.M. From the church we went to the gymnasium where Wollmann teaches. It was not a very modern building. Max couldn't enter because of his bicycle clothes. Not much to be seen in gymnasium. German children who intend to pursue the higher branches go to Volk Schule from 6 to 10 and then to gymnasium from 10 to 14; then to university. Other children continue in Volk-Schule till they are 14 years old. We left Wollmann at 5:30 and returned to ~~my~~ my room at the pension. It was ridiculous to see us three today; Wollmann in a silk hat and over coat, carrying a cane; Max in his yellow suit, yarn mitts and pants pinned at bottom; me with light summer suit, quite different from the

German city. Max had supper with me at the pension tonight, our last meal together. After supper he went to his gesellen-verein. I went as far as the station with him. Then we said good-bye. I returned to my room and waited till train time. Left Cologne at 10:45 A.M. We had to get off train at boundary line to have baggage examined. I met a big Norwegian on the train, a director of a conservatory of music in Winnipeg; he had lived in America 20 years. Directed me to the hotel where he roomed. Arrived in Paris about 8:45 at the Gare du Nord. Walked up Rue de Lafayette to the Grand Opera. Went to 11 Rue Scribe but found Amer. Ex. office closed. Then I left my baggage in a little restaurant where I had breakfast and went to mass in Trinity Church. After that I looked up the Tunis hotel, Passage de Caroline, a little street near corner of Blvd de Batignolles and Rue de Caroline. I found this a reasonable place. I got a good clean bed in a small room for 1.50. I slept most of P.M. as I got little rest

on the train last night. Took a walk in evening. Returned to hotel and spent a pleasant hour in porch of Mr. Erickson and thus finished day. Nov. 8-1908 very pleasantly. Weather was fine today.

Monday Nov. 9-1908.

Weather fine. Rose late and breakfasted at hotel on chocolate and baps. Went down to office of Express Co. and got two letters from home. Returned to hotel and spent most of P.M. in writing. In evening I went down to the English Catholic church on Rue de Roche and went to confession. Went down to my little restaurant; had supper; and returned to hotel. Wrote some more and went to bed.

Tuesday Nov. 10-1908

Weather fine. Went to 8 o'clock mass in English church. Served mass for a priest there. Went to communion. Breakfasted at little restaurant; went for only mail. Got letter from F. J. Gushurst,

Dr. Delaunay. Returned to hotel and spent part of P. M. writing. Wrot home Fr. and Gushurst. Sent letter to Press-Reporter. About 3 P. M. I went over to Dr. Delaunay's brothers on 13 Rue Monte Christo; not at home; met his wife and father-in-law. Had dinner with them; nice people. Left there and went to Fr. Jamet's on Rue d'Armenonville 22. a priest of Holy Cross. Met there the ~~few~~ French priest from the St. Joe farm at N. D. Fr. Jamet told me to come around tomorrow and he would show me the town. Returned to hotel. I was in the Grand Hotel last Sunday and wrote a few letters. Spent a few minutes with Mr. Erickson this eve and then went over to Mr. Delaunay's. Had supper there. Didn't get home till after 11. Mr. Delaunay is a very pleasant little fellow. His wife, too is most agreeable. Wed. Nov. 11-1908. Weather fine most of day; a little misty toward

night. Breakfasted at my little Restaurant then went to Father Jamet's. He helped me plan an itinerary and I started out alone. ~~First~~ First I went to the "Arc de Triomphe" begun by Napoleon I, 1806 finished in reign of Louis Philippe, cost \$2,000,000, a magnificent structure; thence down ~~to Champ~~ Champs-Elysées to the Petit et Grand Palais, on the Seine. These are art museums at present. I paid a franc to see the Petit Palais. The two paintings that I liked best in this museum were "Le Christ", Bonnat (Leon) and "Bendrillon" Joseph Bail. The Grand Palais was closed for noon hours and I did wait for it to open, crossed Pont Alexandre III, a beautiful bridge over the Seine to the Hotel des Invalides. In the church of the Invalides, I visited the tomb of Napoleon I. I had a rather queer feeling upon entering the dome under which the great emperor is buried. The light passing

thru the colored windows, gives everything a pale blue effect. The tomb of the emperor is magnificent. It is down in a kind of pit, around which is a marble rail. The sarcophagus is of a ~~red~~ reddish-brown granite, I believe; it weighs 67 tons. Around it on the floor are written in the mosaic work the names of his most famous battles, among them I remember, Austerlitz, Pyramids, Jena, Rivoli, Moscow. The doors to his tomb are made from gun metal from canons of Austerlitz. Jerome Bonaparte & Joseph are also buried in this church. Around Napoleons tomb are many of his flags. Also in the nave of the church are still more of his battle flags. From here I walked around the military school, thence to St. Sulpice's church; thence to Luxembourg Palace; visited the museum. I liked particularly here "Le Rive" Detaille (Edouard). This is a scene of the battle field at night. I walked thru the gardens of the

Luxembourg palace (this is the Senate at present) to the Pantheon. This is a ~~magnif~~ magnificent structure. It is dedicated to the great men of France. Visited the crypt of this building (75c) and saw tombs of Voltaire, Rousseau, and many other important men. I went thence to St. Etienne du Mont and saw tomb of St. Genevieve in that church. This church is right near the Pantheon. Thence to La Sorbonne church near university and saw the tomb of Richelieu. From ~~I~~ ~~crossed~~ walked down to the Seine, crossed over on the ~~Isle~~ Isle de la Cité and visited Notre Dame cathedral. It was closed and I couldn't enter. Thence to the Palais de Justice; thence to the Louvre and then up Avenue de l'Opera and then to my hotel. On the Pantheon today I also saw the tombs of Hugo and Goltz, and the vault where Mirabeau's corpse used to be.

buried. I went to a comic opera this evening with Mr. Erickson at the Grandon. The name of the piece was the Muskaters.

Thursday, Nov. 12-1908. Weather dark & rainy, warm. I began at the Opera place this morning and walked to Place de Madeleine an exceptionally beautiful temple. Its style is Grecian; thence to Place de la Concorde, then the Garden of Tuileries, thence to St. Roch, there was a funeral going on in this church and the music was beautiful; then back to the Louvre which is near the Garden of Tuileries. I passed the Palais Royal. Was in the Cour du Louvre and Place du Carrousel where stands another triumphal arch. I spent most of P. M. in the Museum of the Louvre, it is the largest museum I was ever in. I was told it has

21 miles of paintings. I saw the "Venus of Milo"; Michael Angelo's "Gettared Slaves"; Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa"; "The Holy Family" by Raphael; "Adoration of the Magi" by Rubens; "The Immaculate Conception" by Murillo; and many other master pieces.

I met a young American from South Africa in this museum. He has been touring Europe for his health. After leaving the museum we had some refreshments together. I then went to the Hotel de Ville, crossed the Seine, took another look at Notre Dame and then started for the Opera Place. Passed St. Eustache's church. Saw the Opera Bonique. Had tea with an English speaking Frenchman who had heard me ask where the comic Opera was. After leaving this man I took Metro for Mr. Delandays. Had supper at his home. Then we took a walk, saw Place de Republique, Port St. Martin,

and Porte St. Denis. He came clear to my hotel with me. We passed many bright Terraces this evening and restaurants, where beautiful music was being played. Paris is surely a gay city! I never saw anything like it.

Friday, Nov. 13 - 1908. Weather rainy & disagreeable. Got a letter from home at Express office. Went out to see Mr. Jamet! From there thru Bois de Boulogne to the Trocadero; past Eiffel tower; stopt in to see Napoleon's tomb as I passed Hotel d'Invalides; then to St. Blotid; thence past Notre Dame and Palace of Justice, thru Haller Central (the big market) to the Opera where I met Vicomte de Gerre from 81 Ave. St. Cloud, Versailles, with whom I went to supper; then to a moving picture show, which

was very good.

Sat. Nov. 14 - 1908. Weather disagreeable. This is the day that I got \$160's worth of experience. I met my South African friend at Express office. Took a tray. Picked up purse of an Irishman. Gave it to him. Staked in for refreshments. Accepted. Got my checks cashed and gave them away. I had no idea I knew so little until today. I hope to have better sense in the future.

Sun. Nov. 15 - 1908. Weather dark. Left Paris this A.M. at 8:25 after going to Mass in the Trinity Church. Got in Bois de Boulogne about noon. In Fulkstone about 2 and in London about 3:30

I took the 10 o'clock train from London to Shrewsbury. Had to change at Stafford. Got in Shrewsbury about three A.M. ^{Mon. Nov. 16-1909} and sat in station till daylight. Then I walked out to Apple Brace. Met a man on the way who told me Mr. Timmons had moved to a place near Westbury. Returned to Shrewsbury and took 8 o'clock train for Westbury. On arriving there I found that Mr. Timmons had moved to Butlington 7 mi. away. I walked to Butlington with my baggage on my shoulder. Mr. Timmons did not know one on my arrival here. I had to tell him who I was. He was both glad and surprised to see me.

Spent the entire day around the house. Mrs. Timmons is a pleasant woman. Minnie is also quite ~~agreeable~~ agreeable. I told Mr. Timmons what an ass I had made of myself in Paris. He could hardly believe it. Said he'd see that I got home all right. I arrived here with a shilling and two pence in my pocket. After buying my ticket in London last night I sat in the station and just thought of what a predicament I was in, over 4,000 miles with only 2 shillings three pence in my pocket. Suppose I had been unable to find Mr. Timmons. It would have been up

to me to go to work and earn my board while waiting for money from home. It cheered me up considerably to get such a warm reception here at Simmons's. We spent most of the evening visiting and talking about America. I went to bed rather early for I was exceedingly tired. I didn't sleep a wink. Saturday night after my 16th day. Then, last night, Sunday night, I was traveling all night, so tonight I am very tired.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 1908.
Weather dark & fair by spells. Spent most of the day about the house. In the P.M. Minnie and I rode down to Welshpool. We visited the castle and grounds of

the Earl of Powis. He has a very pretty place. There are hundreds of deer in the park. Welshpool is a typical old Welsh town. We got back home for tea. I had ridden Mr. Simmons's wheel to town.

I am enjoying my stay here very much. It is such a cozy place. A big red brick house covered with vines on the front, fireplaces in every room.

Mr. Simmons rents this little place just to have something to do. He has 2 ponies, 8 cows, 2 calves, a few pigs and chickens just enough to keep him busy.

I like the British Isles.

Next to America I'd rather live
in England or I mean in
the British Isles.

Paris is a very lively city.
I never saw more gaiety than
I did in that city. I mean too,
I was there, in the winter.

The streets are broad and
well paved but not clean.

The horses ~~I~~ are the poorest
I have ever seen. Carriages
are numerous. Steam
street cars are common.
Electric cars that get their
current from foot of iron
in the ground are also com-
mon. The Metropolitan
underground is an excell-
ent way to get around.

Fare is 15 ~~cts.~~ on centimes
on street cars and Metropolitan.

Horse butchery shops are common.
The meat sell for from 14
to 22 ~~cts.~~ cents per pound.

Wed. Nov. 18-1908.
Weather, dark. I rose late
again this A. M. This is
Frances Coonty's birthday,
eighteen years old today, I
believe. I should like to
see her. I wrote Frances
yesterday. I also wrote
father. Spent this A. M.
about the house. In P. M.
Mr. Simpson and I
visited the brick yard near
by. The men get 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per
hour. From brick yard we went
up and called on Mr. Hughes,
a neighbor. It was a typical
English house, red brick,
brick floor, open grate, chimney

place about 10 ft. long and
three ft. deep, stand in front
of grate, crane over fire, rag
mat before the chimney
place. Returned home and
went up on the hill with
Mr. Simmons to set some
rabbit wires. Had tea about
6 P. M. Spent evening visiting
Mr. Jolly, a neighbor who works
in the back yard was in this
evening. We had supper about
9:30. I am enjoying myself
in this home. Spent evening
before the open fire visiting, read-
ing, working puzzles, and
eating apples and nuts. I'll
hate to leave this place.

Thurs. Nov. 19-1908. Weather
fair after the rain last night.
Mr. Simmons and I went
to Shrewsbury this A. M. Got 2:20

for me at the bank and I bought a
ticket for home. I leave then to
Chicago. I. S. Campania.
£ 10 on water and 3:2:6 from
N. Y. to Chicago. Went to Mr.
Simmons's sister's for dinner.
Had rabbit. Pleasant woman.
Pretty 16 yr. old daughter, Maude.
Returned home in P. M. Had
rabbit again when we got
home, one that we caught
in the wires last night.

Frid. Nov. 20-1908.
Weather rather dark. Spent
most of day around the
house. Mr. Simmons and
I took a row down to
Mr. Surper's this A. M.
This is the nearest approach
to home I have struck since
I left Monmouth. This
is my last night here.

supper but couldn't keep
my supper after I ate it.
We have about four meals
a day on this boat; break-
fast, dinner, tea & supper.
I had only one bunk mate
last night a Mr. Sinclair
from Lord Rosebury's place
in Scotland. His man
is going over to be a judge
at the fat stock show
in Chicago. & on night
however there are two
more men in with us;
two Irishmen who
boarded the vessel at Queen-
stown.

Monday, Nov. 23-1908
Weather rainy. Sea rough.
I didn't get out for a meal
today. Had a little to eat

in my bunk in the
morning and again
in the evening. The big
catchman kept close
to his bunk today too.
Tuesday, Nov. 24-1908.
Weather rainy and
continues rough. I
managed to get up
for breakfast and
tea but failed to eat
any dinner. Was
on deck very little
today.

Wednesday Nov. 25
1908.
Weather much better,
quite smooth toward
night. I didn't miss
a meal today. I apprec-
iated them all, too.

Spent the entire day
on deck.
I visited most of
the day with a couple
of Oxford lady who
are from North & South
Carolina. They are quite
congenial company
for me. They are both
Rhodes scholarship
men.

Thursday, Nov. 26-1908.

Thanksgiving.

Weather delightful. Spent
a very pleasant Thanks-
giving. We had an excellent
turkey dinner today.

Friday Nov. 27-1908.
Weather wet and disagree-

able in A.M., but fine in
P.M. Felt fine and enjoy-
ed the day.

Sat. Nov. 28-1908.

Weather fine. Landed in
New York Harbor about
10 A.M. Went to M.C. depot.
then back to Cunard office.
Was going to change my
immigrants ticket for
a 1st class and pay
difference but decided to
use the cheap ticket. Ate
dinner in a restaurant
down near the Ellis
Island ferry. After
dinner I went over to
the Island and
exchanged my Cunard
order for a ticket over the
Lackawanna and
Nickel Plate. Returned

to N. York city. changed
my English money. Got
\$4.02 for it. Went down
to Brill Bros. and bought
a \$17.00 suit. Then I went
to N. Y. C. depot for my
baggage. Returned to down-
town district, ate supper, got
a hair cut & shave, took a
6:55 train from Hoboken.

Nov. 29 - 1908.

Weather rainy. I left well
last night. I changed
trains at Buffalo this A.M.
about 7. Got to Chicago
about 9 P.M. Sunday night.
Caught 9:25 train out of
Englewood. Got home at
11 P.M.

It seems mighty
good to be home again.

I enjoyed my trip very much
in a way. Still, it could
have been much more pleas-
ant. Many unpleasant
things occurred that could
have easily been avoided
by a little wisdom in
the ways of the world. But
all in all I feel well
repaid for the money my
trip cost me. However, I
could get a great deal
more out of the same
amount of money if I
had the trip to make over
again. I regret many
of the mistakes I made
but I shan't feel so bad
if I only profit by them
in the future. Experience
is a dear teacher sometimes.

