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× Jan. 1 - 1922. - Sunday -

I wrote the date correctly the first time anyhow. Tomorrow I shall date my letters and checks Jan 2, 1921.

Nothing much happened. Lizzie and Nannie came in for dinner. Renée, the kids and I took a walk.

How are you going to treat us, 1922?

Col. Steese, the Chairman of the Alaska Road Commission surprised us by coming in for supper

× Jan 4.

Wrote letters all morning. In afternoon went down town for some errands. Saw Whittlesey of Seward. Children to doctor. Lisette has ulcerated tooth

Jan 5.

Took Tommy to School for first time since he had chicken-pox Lisette was still fussing and nervous about going to the dentist. Went to court house with Charlie Lettmann and took out bond as executor for Kate's estate. Later to Columbia Little Co. in regard of the transfer of the house - 2111 S. - to Ramsay. In afternoon called upon C. F. Curry - Chairman of the House Committee on Territories in connection with Alaska. He had asked me to come in. He wanted my idea on the various bills before Congress and also wanted me to write a letter for him to the Sacramento Bee in answer to Pinchot who rushed into print all over the country in answer to my article in the Times.

Jan 6.

Went down town early with Renée and together with Nannie & Renée signed the deed for $1111 to Arthur Ramsay.

Got letters of administration on Kate's estate. Made partial settlement with Jane for some of the things given him for sale.

Went down to see Curry. While there he was interviewed by reporter re Pinchot letter on his bill. He gave P. – Hell. Interviewed Ass't Secretary of Int. Finney on Ballinger - Pinchot Controversy. Finney was Ballinger's principal counsel. Finney gave me some good pointers. He says that Ballinger was straight as a string.

Went to a lecture by Newman on Switzerland at the Geographic Society. Beautiful pictures.

Fenton Cramer came in with news that "it's a girl". All doing well. Caesarian operation, local anesthetic. Florence has a great nerve. We sent some flowers.

Jan 7.

All morning on estate matters. Had luncheon with Emlen Cresson and discussed the manufacture of paper. In evening went to see Nannie who is not very well.

Jan 8.

Worked all morning on Curry interview and finished it up.

Jan. 9.
Went to House Office and presented Congressman Curry with "his" interview on the Pinchot letter. He was very much pleased and is going to get it right out. He says that my successor - Bone - lacks "stamina" and that he "has not the same confidence" in him that he has in me. He wouldn't say anything like that though while the democrats are in power.

× Jan. 10
Nothing much. Sore throat. Got off Kate's entertainment

Jan 11.
Throat worse. Dr came in evening and said laryngitis. Put me to bed.

Jan 12
Still hoarse. Cold windy day. New governess today.

Jan 15
Dined at Senator Frelinghuysen's. Only other people there - Sen & Mrs Oddie of Nevada; Mr & Mrs Ward. The latter are awfully nice. Very pleasant. Mrs F. shows the effects of a strenuous winter

Jan 18.
Finished my criticisms of the New-Curry Alaska bill and mailed them. Had lunch with Lester Jones at Cosmos Club in honor of the Canadian Boundary Commissioner. My old colleague Jack Craig was there

In the evening George Parks of Juneau came in.

Jan 21 (Saturday).

Dined at Dallas McGrew's at Edgemere. McG. called for us and took us home. Guest a very stupid Britisher and sister-in-law Vice-Admiral Kato of Jap. Navy and his aide Capt Oyeda.

Friday a lunch at the Met. Club given by Walter Lindenman for Charles Henderson former Senator from Nevada. I sat between Elliot Wadsworth and Terry Boal. Quite a large party.

Thursday I gave a lunch for Jack Craig. Walter Lindenman, Emlen Cresson, Mac Pope from Baltimore.

Have been getting letters from Roman, Joslin and Seeley urging me to run for Congress. Said must have unanimous request from the organization.

Jan 23 -

Went on to Balto. to see John Pleasants about getting the descendants of our Grandfather to put up for the perpetual care of the family vault at Green Mount. I am doing it all at present. John says no one but himself will put up a cent. Lunched with John & Mary & returned at 2.30. Met Marion Dawson on train who stayed with us one night as did Howard who is a delegate to the Farmers' Conference. They went to Wilmington in p. m.

Jan 24.

Very cold. Wrote letters all morning. Saw Marion off at 4. Then Tommy & I both had our hair cut. Got note from Frank Manley at Fort Worth Texas asking what I am doing and asking if I wanted to join him in a new oil Company. Replied that I was open to any proposition except bootlegging, burglary and murder.

Jan 25.

Went to Safety deposit and inventoried Kate's securities.

Jan 26

Bert, Rona and little Jean Faulkner arrived this afternoon and Howard Danson departed after dinner.

We had a little dinner, Walter Trachman, Frances Chapman, Col. Steese Howard Danson and home guests. Afterward to the Whitehouse for a reception to the Judiciary. ~~That~~ We had gotten invitations for the Faulkners. They thoroughly enjoyed. After an hour of standing in line we finally got to the President. He stopped me and said "I knew you long before you knew me and helped you on your confirmation." I told him I had always appreciated the fact. Saw Mrs Harlan. Mrs Harding's secretary, Senator Jones, wife & daughter, Mrs Fremont, Countess

Cantaluzzane, Dr Smith of the Geological Survey and others.
Got home about 12.30

Jan 27
Eyes badly inflamed. Down town with Faulkner walked up town from Forest Service. Saw ~~Grass~~ Greeley and joked with him about Pinchot and Conservation. Started to Snow about 5.30.
Dinner at Army & Navy Club with Steere. We left the house about 6.30 Snow already quite deep. After dinner to Poli's to see a clever musical comedy called "The Blushing Bride". After the theatre it was snowing my hard and blowing. Had hard work getting home. Snow drifted on our steps up to my waist.

Jan 28
Still snowing now about 2 feet on ground and still snowing. Every thing tied up badly. Eyes still bad. Went up to Nannie's and took Lizzie up an article on Alaskan Missions for the Catholic paper - The Lamp -
Nannie called up about 10 saying that the Knickerbocker Theatre at 18th and Columbia Road had collapsed and a number of people killed.

Jan. 29. (Sunday)

About 30" of snow. About 40 killed and 100 injured in last nights' collapse of the Knickerbocker Theatre. Everyone greatly shocked. Elliot Wadsworth and Basil Miles turned out last night. Just everything. Everything blocked on account of the storm.

Jan. 30

Went with Faulkner to Capitol. Called on Senators New and Frelinghuysen & Rep. Curry. Saw Curry who showed us the new Administration bill. We made several criticisms which he accepted and suggested we see Asst Secy of Int. Finney about it. Fs took us to see a deadly new play at Poli's with Marjorie Rambeau called Reddy's gave a hunting.

Jan 31.

We saw Finney who made the changes in the bill. Bone in town. Left address for him at the department. Lunched with Henry Hammon at Racquet Club. – other Faulkner, Gen. Drain. Capt Calhoun, Healy & self.

Faulkner left at 10 for the West. He wants me to run for delegate.

Over 100 killed at Knickerbocker Theatre disaster.

Feb 4
'Kate's birthday. Dined with Nannie.

Feb. 5 Dined with the Fred Heidekopers.
Reg H & wife and general & Mrs
Fred told us in an apologetic language how
he won the war.

Feb 7 -
John Erikson came at 9.15 this morning.
I met him at station. He is here
to try to get his claim by the Shipping
Board. We walked around trying to
locate his empires.
Got H.T. stock off for hamper. Ordered
3 - G.N. bonds at 96½ and gambled
on Southern Ry preferred which the
bank men are all in on. Bought
100 shares at 51. It closed last night
at 52½. & Opened today at 51¾.
Gov. Bone and Fred Means both in
town. Neither one has looked me up yet.
Col. Gotwals in for dinner.

Feb 10.
Judge Burnell came in to call in
evening - very apologetic at not having
been here before. We enjoyed the first
two hours but the last two were pretty
sleepy. He seems to want to run for
delegate but does not dare. Ordered one coat.
$110.00 - awful.

Feb 11.
Called on John Janney at Willard
and went on the Rocks, Nevada

situation with him. I am greatly interested. I believe they have a mine there.

After lunch saw Curry and talked Alaska politics. He wants me to run for delegate. Has seemingly little use for Bone. Went up to see Nannie.

Feb 18.

John Erickson gave us a dinner at the Shoreham. Steese + Gotwals. We cocktailed here before going and carried two ounces of Scotch each in medicine bottles. We were to go to the National to see Wm Gillette in "The Dream Maker". But Gotwals calmly told us that he had closed the theatre. He is chairman of a committee to examine all public gathering places and closed seven as unsafe. We came home and finished the bottle.

In morning attended Committee hearings on the bird refuge bill. I protested against the Alaska preserves. Fred. C. had quite hypnotized the Committee when he appeared the day before. Lunched with Burnham, Nelson and Howe. Debated Alaska game laws. Ran into Gov. Bone, Bishop Rowe, Carl Lomen and Dan Sutherland.

A wire from Casey in Juneau asking me to run for delegate. Declined. Cannot afford politics much as I love it.

Feb 19.

All hands have colds. Tommy in bed. Called on Miss Peachy and went to a tea at Casey Langhorne's. Fred + Alys came in evening

Feb 20

Hired new furnace man. $9.00.
Dined with Fred & Alys at New Washington.
Took some cocktails on the hip.
John dining with Miss Beaman.

Feb 21

Went to Senate Committee on Judiciary to hear Fred in defence of the actions of the Textile Alliance. He was at his very best. Lunched with Mansfield Patterson and Fred & Alys at Shoreham. Took kids out for walk and bought them some Jap toys. Dined at home with M.P. & the Cs. Very pleasant.

o Feb 22 - Washington's Birthday

Bought 100 shares of Pioche Mines Co for $300. Went to Hawkins' funeral. All the buzzing societies had to be represented in the service so we had to stand the smell for nearly two hours. The religious service was quite dignified.

Feb 23. Ren and Lisette off for New York on the 11 o'clock train for Jack Bellinger's wedding. Alys met them at the train. I then went to Senate Committee to the Reparation dye hearings. Senator King reading long and tiresome statement. Got Tommy from school and brought him home for lunch. The little fellow is pretty lonesome but very bear about it.

Feb 24.

Went to Senate hearings on dye stuffs. Afternoon had lunch with Fred and Mansfield Patterson. My suggestion that the Attorney-General be asked to give a ruling as to whether the President has power to assign the reparation dyes to any one department evidently made quite a hit not only with Senator Frelinghuysen, but all the others. Patterson is so pleased that I am to draw a case of whiskey out of it. John, Tommy & I went to a lecture by Steffansson on the "Friendly Arctic." Bought 3 Great Northern bonds at 96½.

Feb 26.

We three men dined at Nannie's. Renée and Lisette returned at 6.25 p.m. Tommy and I met them.

Feb 28

Went to Baltimore and ordered some shirts. Lunched with Mac Pope. Saw Frank, Harry & Jesse Riggs. Agnes Gill gave me a bottle of fine whiskey from her father's collection.

March 1

March came in like a lion. Wind, snow & sleet. John and I were at the Shipping Board all the morning. We worked all afternoon on perfecting a brief and appeal for rehearing of a claim for damages.

March 3.

Dined at home, had hair cut and did a little work. Now have to do some work for Lizzie Moore. I am getting tired of these uncompensated jobs. Fred Conduit in town for a short visit.

March 4

Dined with the Misses Putnam. Mr Hale, Mr Moore, Mrs Musgrave, Admiral and Mrs Washington.

March 5

Supper with Admiral & Mrs Cole. Capt & Mrs Watts, Capt & Mrs McNamee, Mrs Chapin (née Cole), Lieut Weiss.

March 6.

Went to see Curry about Hall's fool statement in the papers about having government paper mills, smelters etc. He was not there.

March 13

Got back from New York and Phila last night. Untangled Lizzie's affairs to a certain extent, attended a very nob class dinner, stopped Saturday night with Cliff Rosenjartner in Phila and went to quite a wonderful party at John Gilkit's in Huntington Valley. Did not see anyone I really wanted to see about a job.

Tracy Conduit came down from Princeton with another attack of nerves. I do

not like the looks of it. Fred & Alys off for Bermuda for ten days. I hope nothing serious comes of it.

March 16

Dinner here. Senator & Mrs Frelinghuysen, Admiral & Mrs Cole, Mrs Ridgely, John & selves. Very jolly little dinner, cocktails, madeira, whiskey. Joe is somewhat discouraged about the administration. Says Jaster of the Shipping Board is a crook, and that Secretary Fall will soon be out of the cabinet.

March 17

Wrote affidavits for Shipping Board. Drenched with Bob Davis at Racquet Club, then back to John and revamped affidavits, then meeting on Pierce Union with Lawrence Lee and Janney. John took us all down to Harry's for supper. All oysters.

March 18-

Went down to Shipping Board and gave old Senator Chamberlain a bottle of Scotch. You should have seen his eyes sparkle.

Left on the 1.10 train for Atlantic City with the whole family. First through train of the season. Fenton drove us to the train. Children wildly excited about the beach. Hotel Dennis. $180 per week. I suppose fifty years hence this will seem like 30 cents but it sounds mighty high to me. Ran across Isabel Flannery and little Virginia.

March 20. Renée had cold. Looking after kids.

March 21

Renée with hard cold. I have the children. Parked them on beach. In evening addressed the Rotary Club on the subject of Alaska. Jean Littmann & Louise Myers and kids here

March 22

Found out that Clinton Riggs and family are here, by their mail getting in our box. Windy but not raining today

March 25

Returned to Wash. at 6.35. Found J. E. still at house. Lisette came back with temp of 103. Call Dr Birdsall who diagnosed it as billious attack.

March 26

Margaret, Nannie & Lizzie dined here. I then went with them to look at some rooms they are to take on the Carmelite Retreat House at S & 2 W. E. Nannie wants to be near a church and cannot very well go out. There is to be a chapel in the house. I do not think much of the idea and believe they will want to be back in their own apartment before longs advised that they keep their apartment at Wyoming and sub-let it until sure they like the new houses Lisette quite normal in morning but ran up to 100 in evening.

April 21st

Not very much doing of late. We had one dinner - Admiral & Mrs Coontz, Senator & Mrs Pittman & Miss Laura Harlan. John has finally gotten the Shipping Board to pass his claim for about $187,000, but Congress is rowing about salaries for the Shipping Board and so the appropriation is held up.

We have all kare fairly well. Today quite cold after fine Spring weather.

Nothing new in job line. The stock holders of the Pioche Mine want me to make an examination but I hold my services too high for them.

Sold Southern Preferred and bought 150 Pure Oil Common.

April 22

John Erikson got his contract with the Shipping Board all signed up and all is settled except final payment. He left this afternoon at 4 for New York, but expects to be back by the time the appropriation.

Went to a tea for a few minutes at Fremonts and then driving down the Speedway with Renée and Isabella Wells.

Reception at French Embassy for Marshal Joffre. When we got there we found that the old marshall was pretty tired and sitting down. He has a wonderful old face and I can well understand the affection of the French

people for him. All the decoration hunters were there with all their medals for heroism back of the lines, including Kitty Cameron, Edith & George Burleigh and others.
It was a very brilliant affair.

April 23 -
Sylvia this morning - Hotel Willard on fire early this morning and big damage. Great excitement. Renée not well, in bed.
Mrs Franklin K. Lane came in for dinner with us alone. She was interesting on the subject of "Spiritism" She firmly believes in it.

April 30th - (Sunday - Hartford)
Went to New York on Tuesday the 25th. Long talks with Bill Lanner, Fred Stern, Scott Calhoun and others re Hyder mines. Practically accepted 50,000 shares of Alaska - Premier Stock for our Fish Creek Group. Wired Roman but have not yet had a reply. John Eustis there. Saw a good deal of him. He is pretty low on account of the non-passage of the Shipping Board Bill.
John has been talking to Bill Nein about me and it seems that there may be something doing there in a new Company about to be organized. Bill is away but John

is going to keep in touch with him.

Wednesday went to see Pavlowa dance. She is wonderful.

Thursday with Fred to a dinner for Marshall ~~[illegible]~~ Foch. I sat at the guests' table between former Governor Odell and Captain Vozelsang. Commander Enright next to Odell and a Mr Reed next to Vozelsang. Reed said he had three sons but had stopped there as statistics show that every fourth child born in New York is a Jew.

Friday the Dawsons silver wedding. Today our own 9th anniversary.

Marion and Margaret Damon came on from Annapolis where they had been attending a hop & spent nights.

May 1 -

Went driving with the Damons. Went to Rock Creek Cemetery to see the St Gaudens Adams' memorial. It is beautiful. Old Mrs St Gaudens was there en route from Florida to her home at Cornish. We brought her in. The Ds left on the 3 o'clock for New York. Early to bed. Fighting a cold.

May 2

Spent afternoon with Lochermans at Edgemoor. They had a wonderful time riding the ponies.

May 3
Tracy Condit appeared on the scene this evening.

May 4
Tracy and I spent the whole day seeing Washington. He seems in pretty good mental shape but unable to get down to his college work.
John Erickson came back about 9 p.m. with Alice Lindeman down with scarlet fever. Renie worried to death lest one of ours has contracted it.

May 5
Tracy & I at Natural Museum. In afternoon took him down to see Nelson at Biological Survey to get him a job. Nothing definite as yet.
John Erickson left for Seattle.

May 13
Returned from New York where Renie and I went for Alys' and Fred's Silen wedding. About 25 at the dinner and everyone made speeches.
Next day went to see Bill Mein and had satisfactory interview. I am to go up to Canada next week and look on their property and will probably join their organization as an officer.
This morning had a telegram from Rouse telling of a new find and of his possible option.

I called up Meier at Sleepy Hollow Country Club and told him I would advance the first $700. He said to sign his name to a telegram to Fred Searles at San Francisco to make the examination. It sounds good.

Got back at 4.30. Nannie who had had the kids met us at the house.

Dinner at home. Cary Langhorne. Fred Fanto and Jack Biddles.

May 1st

We took the kids out in the woods for the afternoon. They had a glorious time.

May 16

We took the Cramers and the kids to see Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey's circus. The kids were greatly excited. Tommy's eyes stuck right out of his head. It was all to wonderful. Dinner in the evening with Francis Riggs at his farm "Green Hills" which he bought from the Riggs heirs.

May 17.

Dinner at Captain Dorn's. Admiral and Mrs Crosby. Adm. & Mrs Wainwright and Col. & Mrs Smedberg. Tracy appeared.

May 18.

Letter from Bill Meier suggesting that I go to Canada on Monday. It looks

as though I am to be taken into the organization.

June 7.

I didn't take my book with me, so I have neglected quite an interesting story. Anyhow I went up into Northern Ontario with Warriner and looked over the properties at Cobalt, Kirkland Lake and Timmins. Was gone from Washington just one two weeks and leave for New York tonight after two days at home. I am to go into Bill Meins organization as vice-president. Salary as yet unknown, and am to put in $10,000 into the inner syndicate which floats the Continental Mines Co. It looks good to me.

All well at home. Tracy still with us and seems contented. Lisette vaccinated and has a bad leg.

June 8

Arrived in N.Y. at 6.51. Breakfast in station. Went into subject of organization with Mein and Fred Bull who is to be Treasurer. I participate in the ground floor and basement. Salary to start with $5000.00. Dinner and theatre with the Meins. Saw Fred at Bankers Club. I am much more popular with every one now that I have a job.

Staid at Hotel Pennsylvania. Quite a remarkable hotel. Dinner with Morris at Biltmore Roof and then movies.

June 9.

Met Fred Faust at breakfast. We went down town together and went into the subject of the various basement and sub-basement syndicates. Took on the Kirkland-Hunter Claim from Chadbourne. Took the 5.05 train back to Washington. Clarence Wilson and the Lester Jones on the train. In the smoking room we ran into Corporal Tanner who is quite a famous old Hatchetite, one time Commander of the G.A.R., both legs shot off at the Second Battle of Bull Run. He is one of the two remaining people who was at Lincoln's bedside when he died. The other being Robert Lincoln. It was most interesting to hear of this historic event from the lips of an eye witness. He had been called in from his boarding house next door to take short hand notes of witnesses of the murder and then went into the bedroom. Tracy at the train. He has gotten his job as varmint killer with the Biological Survey and is greatly elated.

June 10.

Took Tracy down to see Nelson who gave him instructions re. going to Flag Staff on his summer's job.

Got him off for N. Y. on the eleven o'clock.

Went to bank and ordered the sale of G. N. and Liberty bonds. Also left 100 shares Tel & Tel as security in case I want ready money in a hurry, to take up my share of the syndicate transaction.

June 15 (Thursday) Came to New York on the midnight train on Sunday. Saw by the morning papers there had been a horrible storm on Sunday in the neighborhood of New York, some hundred people killed. Tried to get Oyster Bay but could not connect, so went to Hotel Pennsylvania. Next day Tracy came in for breakfast. Delighted he is to go to Arizona.

At the office working hard to get all our data together before Meier leaves for the West.

Got matters pretty well settled. Faust (the attorney & Meier's brother-in-law) down from Toronto with all legal formalities attended to. Bull and I preparing to raise the money. Vanderbilt, Ogden Mills, H. C. Perkins, Percy Rockefeller, Payne Whitney, and other millionaires in the syndicate to market the stock. I participate in still another syndicate holding 775,000 shares of the 2,500,000 shares of stock for which we pay nothing.

It looks like a good bet.

Meine has accepted the presidency of the Consolidated Copper Co and has asked me to be on the board of directors.

Huntington Jackson asked me to stay with him as his wife Shelby is away in Europe. It makes it very pleasant for me.

June 16 -

Bryce down from Toronto. He feels as I do that Warriner is too slow and conservative. We ought to get lots of action before we put Continental stock on the market.

Lunched with Fred at the Down Town Club. Saw Jim Cox. Left for Washington on the Congressional limited. Renie has had cold.

June 17.

Went to Shipping Board. Found that John Eickemeyer claim had worked to the bottom of the pile. Got Mr Williams to promise to show it right things. Packed up selves. Quite a transaction. Early to bed.

June 18

Packing up. Good start. We have decided to leave here Thursday and go to Grymes Hill on Staten Island for a while. Called on Alice and Jane Pugsley in afternoon. They seemed glad to see us and every to have us go.

June 19. (Monday)
At Shipping Board most of the morning. Finally got John Erickson's check for $157,000 started his way. At the last moment a charge of $14.00 showed up and that had to be explained away.
At ~~Chas~~ Cushman Laboratories looking on Mein's asphalt routine. It is fine from a laboratory standpoint.

June 20
Packing up all day with errands down town.

June 21.
Finishing packing. Trunks away. We are to go for a time to a Mrs May's on Staten Island, Grymes Hill. Eloise Russell is there and recommends the place very highly.

June 22.
The storage van was to come at 7.30. After much telephoning I got one at 9.45. Then the other one came too. Selves and trunks to be forwarded off to storage. A final trip to Dr Birdsall for my deafness and away at 10.15, where Lena wept. A quick trip to N.Y., a taxi drive to the ferry and across to Staten Island. Eloise Russell was to meet us but we missed her so we got a taxi and came to Mrs May's boarding house on Grymes Hill where we have engaged rooms for a week. Have start of a cold and

it is raining. Nice room and very clean. Noble Mulon is with us. A nice French girl, born in South America and a student at the Catholic Welfare School.

June 25 - (Sunday)
Hard cold loafed almost all day. Took a little walk with Renée. My green hat has turned black again.

June 26
Busy day at office. Dr Coggeshall up from Washington to see asphalt demonstration and to see Wheeler. Wheeler has mass rights and was to have been here today. He did not show up, but wired he would be here tomorrow. Hutchinson a stock broker in to see about the Continental taking over the Mexican Rincon mines. Talk with Walter Price re financing the company. Luncheon engagement with Ned which he did not keep. Back on the 6 o'clock boat to the boarding house.

July 2 (Sunday)
Office closed Friday until after the 4th. I was rather glad as I have had a terrific bronchial cold for the past four or five days and I need the rest. Staid on the Couch all day

Yesterday.
I am leaving on the 5th for Ontario if the railroad strike will permit. 400,000 shop men walked out today on account of reduction in wages. Harding has ordered all the dye patents turned back to the Alien Enemy Custodian, thereby giving the Germans back the dye monopoly. Fine work. Fred is counsel for the American dye interests hence he will be rabid.
Lisette fell down and sprained her wrist and elbow. Dr thinks it perhaps better to take x ray picture. Hot muggy day. Cold still presists.

July 3 - Monday.
Took Lisette to have x ray taken. No broken bones. Renée and I spent day in town. Lunched with Fred. Tried to get servants but all agencies closed. Another hard storm at night. Dined at Russell's table with George & Ethel Coleman. Letter from John Erikson sending me $2000 for my services before Shipping Board. I thought that when he had given the thought a chance to cool he would cut down the $5000 he ~~offe~~ said he was going to send me. Will 2000 help at this stage of the game.

July 4 (Tuesday)
Rain all day.

July 5
Renée and I came on to town. She hired a cook for Oyster Bay. I was busy all day on the subject of the Labandy Langlaate mine in South Africa. It seems that there is a bare possibility of our getting it. An engineer named Gingalen is doing the work on it. Strange to say Conduit Bros are the American attorneys for La Bandy estate.
Got away for Toronto at 7.45.

July 6
Met Bryce in Toronto and saw:
Brans - re taking position on syndicate
Gordon Wells - of Brans Mitchell & Co
re handling Continental stock.
Gordon Taylor - of A. E. Osler & Co. do.
Home Smith, President of Harbor Commission - re place on board of directors of Continental.
Dinner at King Edward and away with Bryce at 8.40.
~~F. A. Smith~~ Hugh Sutherland a crooked broker on the train and a very amusing chap named Fairhorn.

July 7
Bryce and I arrived Cobalt at 1:30. about an hour late and without breakfast. Hussey met us. We drove to Colonial in pelting rain. Approx shaft location. A leak from O'Brien has it that they have put a winze against our boundary pillar from the 800 to the 1000 all in ore with 14" of high grade. This is great news. Saw G.W. Dixon from whom we purchased some claims. Glazier met us later coming down from Kirkland Lake. Miserable day all day.

July 8
Came to Kirkland Lake. Rain cleared away and clear as a bell. We went around to see Mr Dan Forbes, the manager of the Teck-Hughes who has just gotten back from the mine managers meeting at Porcupine. Nice fellow. Staid with him for dinner. Tom Jones & son there too. After supper to an association foot ball game between Kirkland Lake & Timmins. Chatted with an engineer named Asquith from Ottawa before going to bed.

July 9.
Spent day at Continental going on the ground and plans. McLean has started a very nice geologic map. We walked out to our Kirkland-Munro properties. Old John Munro there. Ex prize fighter and ex soldier of the Princess Pats. A

powerful man but a bullet through his shoulder has crippled his right arm. He was genial and amusing and refreshingly clean and wholesome. Took bath in Gull Lake before dinner which was very refreshing. Bryce and I read over the contracts for K-M. and went right up in the air. I can't understand how they got by with it.

July 10 Rain

Spent day at camp. Got McLean to give me his geologic map. Mining engineer named Asquith from Ottawa thinks we have a big thing.

July 11 - Clear

Went out to claims N. of Lough-Oakes where Bill Wright has uncovered a nice looking break. It seems to miss our claims. Met Wright on way. Took him over to camp for lunch. Left for Haileybury on 4 o'clock train. Went to movies with Bryce.

July 12. Clear a.m. Rain P.M.

Lunch with R. B. Watson, Mgr of Nipissing, then to Colonial. Hussey back from Copper Cliff but no twist. Hopes to get one from Dome. The Watsons asked me to stay all night. Both of them extremely nice. Hussey hole first ground on shaft site. Took his picture. Bryce returned to Toronto.

July 13.

Mrs Watson drove me over town. Saw Bill Post owner of Lekel Lodge and man from whom we have bought one of the claims. Think he would like to sell out as he can't raise the money to keep going.

Germer and his son E. G. Germer fr came up. Went with him to Colonial. Shaft sinking started. Lots of good labor available. Germer unbetween interminable stories of great length, straightened out old Coon the care taker and told him where to head in. Hussey seems to know his business. No hoist to be found. Came down on the 6.06. Germers along also. Went into the Continental mines with him and put him in the syndicate for $5000.00 for the present. He may go in deeper. Got very tired of him but he is a nice old chap at that.

July 14

Saw Mr Browse who wants to in on the Syndicate but will notify us to what extent. He also suggests that he could help in the marketing of stock. To please him Bryce and I went to see a Mr Clarke who controls the Gosselin claims at Shining Tree. We found him a most impossible old lawyer who thinks he owns a wonderful thing.

Lunch with Bryce at the King Edward. Tried to get some machinery for Hussey

but failed. Wired him.
Next on the list was Howe Smith whom we want on the Board of Directors. We fenced awhile and it turned out that he wanted some of the Kerdons shares. He would be an acquisition to our board, so I told him that I thought it could be arranged to take care of him. Left Toronto at 5 p.m. for New York.

July 15
Returned to N.Y. 1½ hours late. Went to office no one there except Schnoeffer. Saw Eriksons off for Sweden. Got to Oyster Bay about 5. Renée nicely settled at Rugby.

July 17.
Mein back. Hectic day. Reported on Colonial and Kirkland Lake. Conference with Howard D. Smith on Consolidated Copper of which Mein has accepted the presidency. Lunch with Mein, Warner and a Mr Poor, an engineer from San Francisco. Discussed asphalt. In afternoon Continental Mines. Bull will put me up for Racquet Club. Renée in to see her Mother.

July 18. Got on club car which makes travelling easier. Swim before supper.

July 19

Jumping from one thing to the other. Mr Pope the asphalt engineer and I together most of the day. Trying to locate a hoist for Colonial.

July 20

Left on Congressional limited for Washington with Mr G. B. Pope a mechanical Engineer of California to look on the asphalt proposition. Got rooms at the Cosmos Club which have very pleasant.

July 21.

We spent the entire day in Baltimore looking on the asphalt proposition. Impressed with the asphalt product which is a water and clay emulsion but thought very little of the minister Cone. He had one idea and that shot his wad. Returned to Washington and went to Keith's. Dinner at Dr Coggeshall's

July 22.

Went to Bureau of Public Roads and saw Captain Wilson and Mr Goldbeck one of the technical men also Mr . one of the chemists. They seemed quite impressed when they got over their suspicion of a new process. Lunched with Alice and Jane and returned to ~~[illegible]~~ New York on the 3 o'clock. Just missed the 9.10 (daylight time)

train for Oyster Bay and had to wait for the 11.54 which got me in about 1.30. Put in the time with a trip to Christmas on one of the sight-seeing busses.

July 23 - Sunday at home.

July 24

Asphalt with Huntington Jackson and Mein. H. J. will not let anyone get in a word edgeways.

July 25

Spent whole day on Motor Parkway looking at repair work with Lundeen. Harry Kerr, Boynton, Cone, Evans, Pope, Dr Coggeshall and self. A poor crowd is trying to push the Cone idea.

Fred, Alys, Father Clifford dined with us and we put in a pleasant evening.

July 30 Sunday

Spent the morning fixing water supply. Marie and Laddie came from Flushing for luncheon. Laddie went off golfing with Fred and Alys & I went sailing with Fritz. No wind so I got them to put me ashore and I took the kids bathing. Lisette learning to swim rapidly. She is absolutely fearless. Tommy does not stand the water so well. Renée feeling very badly on account of a trouble which may have to be operated on.

July 31.
Perspectus of Continental in good shape. Fellows Davis & Co will not handle it as we thought for the reason that we have so far only a prospect. Disappointed.
Packed electric pump and took a swim.

Aug 8 -
Mein and Bull left last night for Toronto and Montreal. We have all had a crack at writing and revising the Continental perspectus until it now seems in pretty good shape. Forwarded copies of it to Mein for his final consideration. Carl Jonnen came in today to talk on his home reindeer proposition. When everybody else fails they all come back to me.
One of the facts of last week was to purchase a Sidgewood air hoist 12"x10" for Hussey at the Colonial. As soon as he gets this he ought to make good progress.
Strike in Coal mines and on railways still on. The president in his efforts to clear the atmosphere muddled matters so that we may have a general railway strike.
The primary elections seem to presage the retirement of a number of republicans, especially those who are for the soldier bonus and the Volstead act.

Aug 10

Starting to get Continental systematized. Letter from Mary Pleasants saying that Aunt Gretta died peacefully on the morning of 8th. She had been in Coma for nearly a year and a half. So passes the last of the older generation on either side and we are now left on the outside fringe.

Aug 15 -

Prospectus done to satisfaction of all and none. Now comes the brother and says change par value from $1.00 to 5.00. So everything is being up again. Had lunch with Biel Mein and had a chance for a quiet talk with him. Gradually getting the organization in working order.

Marion Dawson for dinner and night. Mrs Sutherlin, Fred and Alys.

Aug 23

Arrangements all made to float stock through Stannard and Co. I was at their office on ~~Saturday~~ Monday and gave their salesmen a lecture on the physical aspects of the mine. All highly pleased with the prospects for a market. Mein left Friday for the West. Buell left Monday for Toronto to attend to the raising of the capital stock, Warriner left yesterday for his vacation. He is to meet me in Canada after Labor day.

Still house hunting. Offer for Flushing home still in the air.

An Alaska nut called on me today an old prospector named Zorn. He thinks he has a bonanza in the Mt McKinley region.

Young Howard Davison spent a couple of days with us. He seems the only one of the younger generation who is not filled with arrant selfishness. The two Condert boys are the acme of it.

Am trying to systemize the office routine on Continental. Now that all are away, I can get at it now that all are away.

Aug 29.

We had to get Warriner down from his vacation to attend a directors meeting of Continental from Thousand Islands. There were several technicalities in connection with changing our capitalization. Forest also came. I had wired a letter to Mein for his consideration which he is to sign for me in promotion. Mein wanted Warriner to go over it which he did and made minor changes. Feder and Shumard & Co enthusiastic about the letter. Thompson of Shumard & Co told me this morning that about half of the issue was already entrenched for.

Renie has not been well for ten

days or more. I am worried about her. Both kids have more poison ing.

Nothing new concerning a house. Have given up the idea of buying if we can rent. Looked at more houses in Flushing. and made offer on one which would just suit us.

Aug 30

Busy all day at office. Off for Canada 7.45 P.M.

Aug 31 -

Two home late into Toronto. Saw our lawyers - Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt and found everything in shape. At Bryce's office found Jack Agnew who was discussing raise of capital. He and Bryce determined not to take less than their proportion of the new capital and absolutely refuse to accept the same amount of par. Lunch with Agnew at Toronto Club. Telephoned Home Smith but could not see him as he is in the thick of a row over the harbor. Went to Exposition and had supper there. It was very creditable. Left for Cobalt at 8.45 P.M.

Sept 1

Arrived Cobalt at about 11. Hussey met me and we went to mine. Good progress being made on shaft sinking 113" 5" - Temporary

hoist installed and everything running smoothly. Stopped at Mine. Dinner and supper with Hotchkiss. Went down shaft, went over plans and discussed several plans of procedure re buildings etc. Telegram from Scott Cathcart saying he could bond. some of our properties at Hyder if we could put in the Tip Top. We do not own the Tip Top.

Sept 2nd

Left Cobalt 12.55. Arrived Swastika 3.25. Went to the camp at Quill Lake. Road now in such shape that an auto can get over it. Slept the sleep of the just

Sept 3rd

Spent all day with Glazier going over property. I was surprised at the amount of work they have done. The geological part is now in pretty good shape. Jack Munro drove along and I had a chat with him. He is anxious to join the Company and wants to know how many shares we will let him have for his treasury stock. Gave G. instructions to get ahead on drilling & buildings.

Sept 4 (Labor Day)

Very cold last night followed by a beautiful day. Mr H. H. Brodt Stannard & Co's engineer came in this morning suffering with hay fever. He went out along the line

with glazier. Went down to Lange-Oakes but found Bert and Thompson both away. Had a little chat with Mr Thomas the manager. He seemed pleasant but did not volunteer anything. Took bath in lake. It was pretty cold.

Sept 5.

Went in town and met Mr Rob't Longyear of the Longyear Drilling Co and talked drilling to him. Called on Forks. Came out with Jack Munro who is going to stake me in on his next trip. Brodt suffering with hay fever. Got news that O'Brien mill, blacksmith shop and shaft house burned down on labor day.

Gompers evidently threatening general strike on the railroads.

Sept 6

In bush all morning with McLean, Brodt & Longyear. Train for South 2 hours and 40 minutes late. Met Sherman of Forest Service on train coming from Alaska. He told me of latest development there. He is very much disappointed in Gunnar Bone. Too thick with Wickersham. Arrived Cobalt at 9.30. Mr Newton of the Coal Co. drove me out mine. Transformer burnt out so no lights. Pretty cold at night. Warmer on way up.

Sept 7

Met Warriner. He is very much agitated over the possibility of Bryce and Agnew kicking up a row. Left at 6.43 for Montreal.

Sept 8.

Got down to Ste Anne de Beaupre about 7. Glad to see Nannie and Lizzie. Both seem pretty well although Nannie is fat and very frail.

Sept 9.

The three of us went to Quebec. I got some keep sakes for the kids and Renée. Lunch at Chateau Frontenac. Had quite a talk with Bro. Bruno and Fedèle. Saw the ruins of Ste Anne church which burnt down last March. Donated a ten spot a/c Kate.

Sept 10

Went out with Lizzie and saw Fr Giroux for a pleasant visit. Left at 11. Waited 1½ hours at Levis for train. Arrived at Montreal 8.15 P.M. Left in upper berth at 9 on D. & H. Nannie seemed glad to see me and appreciation of my coming.

Sept 11.

Arrived at 9 a.m. hour late went to office after breakfast. Released the meeting of share holders of the company. Forrest and Warriner there. In afternoon the meeting went off without hitch. Chadbourne and Agnew both behaving decently.

Sept 12

Dined at Reen Merritt's. Other Guest – Mr & Mrs Frank Remington. Mr Ballard, Mrs Fearn. Delicious things to eat and drink.

Sept 13

Getting things shaped up. Made an offer of $200 per month on the house in New Rochelle that Renée liked so much. Letter from Dr Frank in San Francisco offering me a job.

Sept 14

Saw the New Rochelle House like another home better.

Sept 15. Could not get house I liked as owner raised price. Closed on Cash house for a year at $2400. Quite a way from station and school but will probably be comfortable. Renée down with rheumatism

Sept 18.

Renée badly crippled. Feder the unknown in our stock deal now backing on handling the matter unless he has a letter from Mein confirming it. Mein in West and we want to shoot it right away. I am afraid the Balkan situation may cause a bad market.

Sept 20

Harding retired the bonus grab till yesterday.

Sept 21

Went to a reindeer dinner given by that old rascal W. E. D. Stokes at Manhattan Club to help out Carl Lomen who is trying to finance the proposition. Others there were an interesting journalist - Edmund Marshall who will review Renée's Esquimo Stories, Steffansen the explorer, Wagner of Standard Oil, Crawford the artist, Noyes formally with Steffansen, Hawley, Brownell & Lomen. Old Stokes gave me a bottle of wonderful whiskey. Got home on last train. Renée crippled now in one hand.

Sept 22

Pump out of order, no water in house. I stayed at O. B. until the 12-35 train. Have to go to Erie at 7. tonight to smooth things

out with Germer who is on the warpath.

Sept 25.
Meier back. Everything seemingly running smoothly on flotation.

Sept 26
~~Hotchkin~~ Hotchkin down from Cobalt trying to get lease on Silver Cliff and King Edward. I went over matters with him and outlined a line of attack. O'Brien trying to get the Cliff also.
Renée not so lame but is running a little fever. Had Dr Hall in. New governess arrived.

Sept 27.
Talking with Hotchkin. Silver Cliff people inclined toward us. Renée a little better

Sept 28.
It is really very discouraging trying to get a decision on the matters in conflict between Germer and us. Meier has not the time to devote and Warmer can't give a decision or a constructive suggestion. I see ourselves running into a law suit with Germer right now. Analyzed the Silver Cliff proposition with Hotchkin and sent him over to see Peacock. Saw Meier for few minutes. Got a few things straightened out. Margaret the cook ill. Seems to have appendicitis. Renée better.

Had dinner with Fed and Alys.
Old Mrs Wilmerding, Alys's mother staying
there. She is a Terror. Raises Hell
about every thing.

~~Sept~~ Oct 2 Came to Washington on last
night midnight train. Went to home
and got out furniture etc for shipment
by Security Storage Co. Lena met me
there. Saw Harriman, Alice and Jane,
Addison's office who have the renting.
Had a long talk on game with Nelson.
Gave him a drink of Scotch.
Went to town show at Palace
with Arthur Peter.

~~Sept~~ Oct 3.
Got furniture away from 1731.
Worked with Bill Mein & Trust,
and came home on Congressional.
Found Renée letter.

~~Sept~~ Oct 4.
Bryce down from Toronto.
Brodt & Holchkin in. Lunch
with Ned Holmes of Boston.

Oct 11.
Moved from Oyster Bay to New Rochelle.
Our furniture was there very much
damaged but we managed to get a
shake down for the night. Rides out
Mein Whitney in New York. Worked like students

Oct 13 - Friday.

Friday the 13th. Put Continental on the market. Going rather slowly. Both kids home. Mrs Whitney sent us out in her car. Was at the office for a while.

Oct 16.

Back at office. Donnelley back from Venezuela so I have no home. Van Wyck, Mein's San Francisco attorney also occupying a room, Howard Smith back from Cly in another. All stenographers too busy to take any work. Got lease for Silver Cliff agreed upon. and final draft for final revision.

Oct 17.

My 49th birthday and the anniversary of my dear sister Kate's death. I wired Hannie telling her my thoughts were with her.

We are going slowly on promotion of the stock and making only a little headway. Had lunch with Thompson and Boyd.

Slowly getting settled at the house. Kids started school yesterday.

Oct 22.

Pretty well settled now. Helen Stout & family are to see us yesterday. Kids at school.

Oct 23.

Have got to go to Canada to hold Directors meeting of the Menago Co, settle the question of the Schnauper note, start publicity, bring down shares and do all the dirty work that no one else wants to do.

Nannie and Lizzie came down from Canada. I met them at 9.20 p.m and took them to New Rochelle. Dined with Fred and Alys. Father Clifford there. Tracy all enthused. He is private secretary to Grant Smith, the first Minister to Albania and leaves on Saturday.

Oct 24.

Lunched with Thompson of Sherwood & Co. Told him all we wanted now was money and to get after it. Went home early.

Oct 25.

Staid at home until the 11.54. Talked over matters with Nannie and Lizzie, then came to town to get ready for the Canadian trip. Left for Toronto at 6.45

Oct 26

Arrived Toronto on time. Boyce out of town and no trace of him. Settled up some matters with our lawyers Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt and am to see them again tomorrow. They will

tell you all the things you can't do, but will not tell you how to do them.
Saw Home Smith and made an engagement to have lunch with him tomorrow. I have to stay over to meet Agnew here to have a Menago directors' meeting. This will save me a trip to Sudbury.
Saw Browse and Mitchell the stock brokers who are our agents for Continental Mines. Weather bright and crisp. Laid in a supply of socks for the family. Theatre alone "The Dover Road".

Oct 27.

Bryce returned to town. Long siege with Osler over the Schnaufer note. I finally suggested a scheme to him by which we could get an out. He seemed to acquiesque. Lunch with Home Smith and an English friend. I talked Continental and sold him 1000 shares. Then back to Osler, then hotel to see Agnew with whom I had had a Menago meeting a short time previously. Then Bryce, then Osler to go over Silver Cliff lease. Wired McCrea at North Bay to meet me and discuss publicity. To hotel to talk with Agnew. Dinner with Agnew. Left at 8.45 for North Bay & Cobalt. Drawing room with Tom Jones.

Oct 28.

Got off at North Bay at 6 a.m. Found that Jimmy McCrea was in Cobalt. Went to Cobalt on the 9.10. Met McCrea and agreed that we or rather Shorward

should take out a page at $500 in the special edition of the Nugget on Dec 15. In return McCrea is to keep all his papers jazzed up. At Colonial found that guide timbers had not been delivered although ordered a long time ago. Engine and hoist installed and skip in head frame working perfectly. The fire must have been a terrifying affair. Hussey put the women in one of the drifts and with a few men put out a number of small fires. Then the wind changed. All his blankets stolen. Dined with the Hotchkiss and took the 6.43 back to Toronto. All the towns and uppers filled so had to travel in the tourist car. Very comfortable.

Oct 29.

Arrived in Toronto on time and left for New York at 9.10. Got home about 12.30. All well.

Oct 30.

Nothing new at office. No more money or action. Lunched with Clarke Thompson and discussed situation. Mein in a row with Howard Smith on Con. Coppee and Mein resigned the presidency. I put in an order to sell my 200 shares. Office still congested and I have no home until Smith gets out.

Oct 31.

Mlle. Durt left today. She is a nice sweet girl with nothing except hair on her hair.

Nov 3.

Long seance Warriner, Faust, Bull and self on the Schnauper muddle. I think it can be all cleared up satisfactorily. Schnauper has deposited a certified check for $10,000 payable to Silver Cliff Mines when the lease for the mine finally goes through.
Talked on the phone with Mr Ward of Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft on Lizzie Moore's affairs. It looks as though they were trying to put something over on Lizzie.
Tommy has hard cold.

Nov 20.

Got the Silver Cliff lease signed, sealed and delivered today. I think I got a pretty good lease. Lunched with my sister Margaret

Nov 21.

Warriner went north yesterday. Cleaned up things around the office

Dec 5.

Financing of company going very slowly. We are living just from hand to mouth. Kdu and Shumard did not perform according to our or their expectation. At present writing we are only in funds enough to see us through December.

Quite a satisfactory ore showing at Kirkland Lake. Warriner was up there and came to my way of thinking that the first thing to do was to sink a shaft. Values as high as $40.00.

Colonial shaft going down at rate of about 150 feet a month. Now down about 500 feet.

General situation rotten. Civilized world is letting the Turks see notice that unless 7,000,000 helpless Greeks are moved from Anatolia and Thrace that they will be murdered.

Clemenceau is in U.S. telling the United States in diplomatic language that we are quitters. He is the only man who has had the guts to tell us so. We deserve it.

Renie ill with hard cold. I believe it is something like 'flu. for I had it and now feel as weak as a kitten.

Weather stays mild for which thank Heaven as the coal shortage is still acute. We can only get a couple of tons at a time.

Dec 7.°

Two days of cold weather followed by snow and sleet. Met my old friend Dr Jim Bunn of Chicago in sub-way. He had gone all to the devil but pulled himself up again and is now a prosperous looking travelling man for some car supply house. Also met Mansfield Patterson in the subway and had lunch with him at the Merchant Club. He is just back from Europe. He thinks Mussolini, the Fascista is a great man. I think him the reincarnation of Rienzi and think his egotism will be his ruin as was Rienzi's about 1345.

We finally persuaded Warriner that the only proper thing to do was to keep on with the Munroe option at Kirkland Lake. Both Buell and I considered throwing it up would hurt our market and also would be lending assets to sharp practice on Munroe's part as he evidently wants to eliminate all his obligated commissions.

Bishop Crimont of Alaska called me up this morning. I am taking him to New Rochelle to spend the night with us.

Renie's cold better. Had seance this morning with the dentist.

Mega. Carrol in for dinner with the Bishop

Dec 8.

Much to Renée's delight the Bishop with the assistance of Father Carroll celebrated a pontifical mass in the house. We rigged up an altar on the stair landing.

The Bishop returned to Seattle in morning.

Dec 15.

Hotchkiss down from Cobalt day before yesterday to help negotiate the King Edward lease. We worked on it and yesterday wired Mr Amos, the secretary at Cobalt our objections to his terms. A man named Taggart butting in claiming to have power delegated to him from Mr Ward, the president of the company. Snow last night. Pretty sloppy today.

Dec 21

Nannie and Lizzie Moore came up to spend the Christmas holidays with us. I met them at Penn station and took them across to Grand Central where we had dinner then home.

Dec 24. Sunday.

Christmas tree with a few small toys. The kids seemed to enjoy it. The chauffeur, wife and baby came as our only other guests.

Dec 22.

Great party at Shoonard's. Liquor, dancing and games. I was one of the few outsiders invited and stayed only a short time. All the young stenographers and clerks were hugging each other and having a glorious time.

Dec 25 Sunday.

Such a day for the kids. All hands except Papa went to 7. a.m. mass. Then the stockings and presents. Aunties looked on admiringly. A big patent leather cat for Lisette was her joy. Jimmy revelled in a base ball suit and a pair of boxing gloves. We immediately had a go. It surprised me to see how readily he caught the idea. After lunch skating on the new skates and they both stood up pretty well. The usual inter-family gifts of socks and handkerchiefs.

Dec 26.

Back to the office. Nothing much doing except that Germer writes in some pretty snappy letters. I want to snap back a little but Warriner wants to placate. Two of office girls engaged.

Dec 27.

Warriner too busy to take up Continental affairs. Fixed up with dentist $115.00.

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Dec 26.

Back to the office. Nothing much doing except the Germans with [illegible] [illegible] I want to [illegible] [illegible] a little but Warren wants to [illegible]. Two of office girls engaged.

Dec 27.

Warren too busy to take up Continuous affairs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]