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Jan 17-

Warriner off for Toronto yesterday to settle terms of Colonial lease with Germer.

Long conference yesterday with Thompson and Shonnard. They want new deal on same basis as Yeder.

My busy day. Bill Tanner & his son in from Alaska-Premier mine. Bryce down from Toronto, Waddams wanting information, Morrison with draft of King Edward lease, Taggart to make arrangements to tell prospective English purchasers about Continental.

Doctor came to see Lisette says she has had touch of pneumonia.

Jan 21 (Sunday)

Snow thawing rapidly. Roads simply rivers. Lisette still confined to house. Yesterday we took in the Thompson-Leary wedding. Leary boy, fat and pussy. Tompson girl quite nice looking. Reception at Sherry's later. Dined at Davisons, Marion laid up with trained nurse. Howard & Louisa Slade there. Going home got carried by New Rochelle and had to take taxi from Larchmont. Raining like the devil.

Today Helen Stout and her son Howard drove over from Ardsley.

Called on Mrs Keogh. About a thousand sons and daughters and wives there. Nice family.

Jan 22.

Quite warm. Arranged to go to Canada tonnons. Warnica was in Toronto last week and met Germer. Arranged the terms of the Colonial lease giving Germer everything he wanted. If I had done this he would never have gotten out it.

Letter from Kirkland Lake saying that good looking ore was encountered at 40 feet.

We are getting a little shy of money and need either a strike at Colonial or K.L. to boost the market.

Jan 23-
Left New York for Toronto at 6.45.
Very hot on train. Drunken textile man from Paris Ont. named R. Thompson.

Jan 24. Arrived Toronto on time.
Bryce away. Went over subject of Colonial lease with Shapley and gave my ideas on subject which he will incorporate in draft. Signed 1250 stock certificates. Continental not listed on Toronto Exchange. Reason given not enough distribution of stock and not listed concern. Went to movie. Left for Cobalt at 8.45. P.M.

Jan 25.
Arrived Cobalt at about 11 a little late. Hussey having trouble account of overbreak at 730 ft. Seems to have shaft fastened now. Mr & Mrs McLean in for supper. Later movies. Thomas of Harvey-Kirkland on train.

Jan 26
Bateman of LaRose came over. Got information on milling from him. He was very cordial, showed me his plans etc. I wonder what he wants. Left for Swastika at 1 P.M. Arrived 45 minutes late. Took cutter from Kirkland Lake and went to Continental. Put up by Glazier. Talked generalities for evening. Glazier has nice camp and quite reasonable in price

Jan 27

Talked on plans and estimates with Glazier. Told him to lay off unnecessary overhead and continue on 3 shift hand steel basis unless notified to contrary. This includes Smith and Mc Donald @ 150 and 175^{m} and board. Also told him to spend about 300 on Greenfell township on his option there. After lunch went out to shaft. Depth about 50 ft. Took some samples and specimens. Looks pretty good. Bands of quartz coming in on about a 80° from horizontal dip.

Jan 28

Glazier and I went to Harry-Kirkland. Mr Thomas took us over the plant and down the 60' shaft. They have some values in grey porphery and are in greywacke. Had lunch and supper there Mr T. sent us back by sleigh as far as the Tough-Oakes. 20° below zero but not uncomfortable. I was going to take the train but it was 8 hours late which would have meant staying on a night at North Bay.

Jan 29 (Monday)

Glazier and I visited the King-Kirkland. Mr Craig showed us around. Came back to Camp for lunch and then went to town. Got stage out and on board the T. N^{O} which was on time. Took whole section through to Toronto.

Jan 30
Arrived Toronto on time. Saw Bryce and talked Colonial lease with Shapley. They are very slow but promise to have another draft of lease in mail tonight or tomorrow. Lunched with Shapley and Bryce. Signed 500 more stock certificates. Took 5 o'clock train for New York. 33° blow zero last night at Scotia Junction.

Jan 31
Arrived New York at 8.30 about half an hour late. At office. Telephoned Renée no coal in house.

Feb 7.
Warriner in Toronto left on 5th., to settle matters with Gerner. Hard snow storm last night 4½ inches of snow. George Parks, head of General Land Office in Juneau dropped in today. Had a good talk with him. Took him to Banker's Club for lunch. Negotiating with Mrs Lash for her Liberty car. She wants $400.

Feb 13. (Tuesday)
Yesterday Lincoln's Birthday so I staid home Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Snowed Saturday and last night. Helen Stout and her son Howard our for Sunday dinner. Times sent me $10.00 for my article on

Buddha lamp. Renée has had toothache. Margaret called me up this morning so I invited her for dinner on Sunday. Still flirting with Mrs Lash on the Liberty car.

Feb 14. Talked with a man named Wishheart who owns claims in Porcupine and South Lorrain. He may have something. Saw Bill Farmer who tells me they have struck ore on Alanka Premier that runs 35 oz gold over 5 feet.

A little more stock selling. Delivered 2000 shares in addition to the 4000 I talked Thompson into taking.

Feb 15.

Had lunch with Fred, Toby and Paul at Lawyer's Club.

Feb 19. 6400 shares gone out today and cash collected.

Feb 20 Got another lawyer named Mann in to help on Colonial matters. I like him. He is right on his toes and not so high priced as Faust or the Canadian lawyers. We worked out notices to Germer & the Colonial until 5.

Renée in bad shape. Thinking of an operation. Had to give up a dinner at Fred's on that account. Fred and Alys sail on the 28th on a

cruise to Egypt and elsewhere. They are very much worried about Tracy who has had another breakdown and is in a hospital at Rome.

Feb 27.

At a meeting of Ways and Means Committee of the New Rochelle Democratic Club of which I am a member. Only two turned up besides myself.

Today long confab with N. E. Southworth and Bob Bryce on purchase of O'Brien. It seems that Dickinson the manager of O'Brien will recommend the sale if we give him $100,000. We have got to have caucus how we deal with them. Am to go to Ottawa to see Ambrose O'Brien. My personal opinion is that Ambrose is also in on the proposition.

Dinner with Cliff Rosengarten and a Mr & Mrs Robbins.

Have paid Mrs Cash first instalment on the Detroit car. It is now in the shop.

Feb 28.

Warriner left for Erie to settle lease with Germer. Tedesco and Mann went with him.

March 2. (Friday)

All my correspondence is up to date. Warriner back after a successful trip to Erie. Gerner is to pay half of the expenses and to take half of the profits. So we will have about $20,000 from him before long, which will finance the Colonial for some time.

The stock is selling all the time in small quantities. Just about enough to keep us going.

Class of '94 dinner. Drank a little more than was absolutely necessary and made a pretty good speech.

March 5.

Democratic Club meeting. Tried to get out of being Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee but failed.

March 6.

Renée and I came into town. She to the dentist and I with my grip en route to Ottawa to see Ambrose O'Brien re purchase of the O'Brien mine at Cobalt. Fierce snow storm all day.

March 9.

Arrived in Ottawa on the 7th only half hour late. Could not locate Bryce, called up O'Brien's office and made date for 8th at 11 - alone - O'Brien said the date was for me.

Bryce showed up next day having

taken a day off to go to Montreal to attend a meeting of the mining institute. He evidently got quite tight. We went to O'Brien's after but O'B. would not see Boyce. Did not want a witness evidently. He put his price at $1,500,000 cash for the mine payable here April 1, without examination of the mine — an impossible condition. I think he was trying to back out of the deal.

Saw Craig and several other engineers and got a prescription for an expense grant which I had in my overcoat and hanger through all right.

Better assays from Kirkland Lake. Colonial is evidently near contact.

Thompson more optimistic on Stock Sales.

March 13.

Went with Jack Munro, the old heavy weight prize fighter to look at a new invention called "Frost Air". Its a wonderful little contrivance for use of power or for generating cold. I can get in on it for $55.00 a share, but I haven't the $55.

March 14.

Renie came into town to see the dentist. Had lunch with Cotton formally of the R.F.C. and discussed the upheaval in the Alaska Railroad. Means has been hampered back to the Army and Col. Steese has been put in charge.

Fred Condert is on the way back.

He cried that Tracy is seriously ill.
Too bad. Poor Tracy is unbalanced somewhere and can't come out of it.

March 15

Van Manning dropped in during the afternoon. He is trying to engineer the Pan American Petroleum into taking leases or buying Maracaibo. He wants to get a commission so did not want to spill the full particulars. Joe Cotter and he will recommend to Doheny. Sent a long telegram to Mein.
Dined with Helen Stout at Ardsley. Mrs Craig there and a Mrs Tyszowski, who was a Miss Woodward of Woodward and Lothrop, Washington.

March 21

Directors meeting of Continental Rumely. No difficulty presented itself. Manning and I are trying to get the Pan American Pete to take up Maracaibo leases and holding out for commission. Joe Cotter the vice-pres of Pete trying to help us.

March 22.

Conference with Manning when I came in town. Pan American interested but Gulf has first choice. Mr. R. Jamieson in from Stewart. He thinks he has sold the Pittsburgh. We have half interest.
Mann back from Hamilton. I think

the lease for Colonial is now in fair way of getting ironed out.

March 24 (Saturday)

Lisette had a birthday party. 14 were asked and only six came. Renie had to go to town before it was over to see her mother who had asked for her and left me to handle the young devils — here again.

March 25

Renie to see her mother again. Look Lisette. Mrs C. very weak and apparently exhausted as a result of the temporary return of mental activity. She got back about 6.30.

March 26

Lahred with Van Manning. Got as far as getting the Pan Pete and Maracaibo people to talk to each other. Maracaibo very cocky now that the Gulf people are going to take a lease. A Jew (I think) named Weeks is Chairman of the Executive Board and like all Jews when he thinks he has the best of it gets very arrogant. Damn a Jew anyhow.

Lahred me a long letter to Wickersham & Taft on the Clara C Moore matter. I saw Smyth of the firm on Friday and talked matters over with him.

March 28

Mrs Cudlip has a touch of bronchitis or pneumonia. Renée did not go to town ~~altho~~ as she did not get the news until late and the nurses and doctor thought she could not be in immediate danger.

March 29

Renée in town until late. Mrs C. rallied a little.

Talked with Warriner in regard to getting a position in the Bishop Oil Co. Two wells on the Wardaman lease flowing about 16,000 barrels. We hope to be able to buy the holdings of the Conrose estate.

I am to go to Toronto to hold the annual meeting, leaving here on Friday night if Mrs C.'s condition will permit.

March 30 (Good Friday)

Both Warriner and I bought our grips to town. For a time it looked as though Mrs C. would rally for a few days but Renée telephoned me about 2 that she was getting much weaker, so I asked Warriner to go. He was extremely nice about it.

Ted Connell in from Toronto. He thinks that Ponoka Township is the fashionable mining district at present.

April
~~March~~ 17.

I have neglected to put down several matters of great interest to me for some unknown reason. The first is that Renée is to be operated on tomorrow and will probably be at the hospital for at least two weeks. Dr ~~Kilgy~~ Wiley is to be the Surgeon.

The next is that I have bought a 1/10 interest in one of the 14 Shares of the Wonder Co. We bought it from the Conover estate. 1 Share carries with it 2800 Shares of Maracaibo Oil 1/4 of which is optioned at $12.50, 133 Shares de foin and 28,750 Shares of Bishop Oil. The whole thing Cost us $22,500 of which my share was $2,250. Now the option on the Maracaibo has been exercised so the money is in hand to make a distribution which will clear us. The Bishop Co has bought in two wells one flowing about 7,200 bbls and the other 11,000 bbls. The Company has a 1/8 interest in this. The oil is now worth 1.04 at the well. This should make the Bishop Shares worth at least $10.00 each so I can't see why we will make less than $30,000.

The contract on the Colonial mine was cut at 96½ feet. Soon we ought to get ore from that source.

Nannie comes tonight to be with us while Renée is out of the hospital.

Fred Conduit and Kilgo back from abroad; Tracy in bad mental condition and they had to bring the poor boy home. Its pretty tough.

Optioned the Pittsmont to Jamison and the Cascade to Bill Tanner.

Nannie arrived today to be with me while Renée is in hospital. Maria with the children

April 18.

Renée successfully operated on at 8.30. I went to the operating room and staid until she was unconscious. Walked up to Fuds who drove me back at about 10.15. She was still under the influence and did not come out until 11.30. Suffered very little pain and had little nausea. Doctor Wylie did not find a malignant growth he feared. Had dinner with Alys and staid all night with Fred Bull.

April 19.

Renée had sleepless night but everything going well. Paid two trips to hospital. Went home and found everything serene except for naughtiness of Tommy when parental authority had been removed.

Had long talk with Shumard ~~April 20~~ who has just returned from a yachting trip. He will put in more money but want to see Mein first. Mein is on his way East.

April 29

Renée much better and very cheerful. Everything going fine. Nothing new at office.

April 30.

Our tin wedding. Everything going well with Renée. D.V. she goes home tomorrow.

At the office we have formed a syndicate to take over the control of the Silver Spot Mine at Silver City N.Mex. Fred Searle is to make the examination. Nannie still with me. Weather has not warmed up yet. Furnace still going. Mein back from West and is in Washington.

Staid in town and had dinner with Bob Adams of San Francisco and Mrs Lash. Bob gave me good news of Argonaut.

May 1

Took Renie back home. Fred lent his car for the occasion. She stood the gaff very well but was a little tired.

May 2.

Directors meeting. Nannie went home on the 1.10. I brought her into town with my car and staid with her until the train went. We went in to see my latest great niece Nannie Cox – quite a kid. Mein back in the office all filled up with cement – his latest hobby.

May 3.

Wire from Hussey that silver vein had been cut in north drive from station.

May 5.

Bull, Bradt and I left for Cobalt. Missed Toronto train as it had been changed from 6.45 to 6.30. Took train at 8 p.m. to Buffalo.

May 6

Arrived Toronto about 11.30. Took room at King Edward and cleaned up. Left at 7.45 for Cobalt.

May 7.

Arrived Cobalt on time. Went down drift. Silver showing but not in such good quantities. However we are in the silver horizon.

May 8. Saw Fairlie of Cobalt Reduction Co re reduction rates. Bull & Bradt left for

Kirkland Lake.
Chat with Bateman of LaRose. A man was killed by rock falling from roof of station on the 3rd in Colonial
Cold & snowing. Thermometer 15

May 9.
Left for South at 6.06 p.m. the others on the train. Saw Cyril Knight and Tommy Jones on train.

May 10
Spent the day signing Lorento stock certificates. Left at 5 p.m.

May 11
Busy in office. New job wished on me; namely to help liquidate the Wonder Securities Co.

May 12.
Spent day at home. Very disagreeable. Renée getting along better.

May 13. Beautiful day. Motored around and am getting to be quite an expert.

May 22. Silver again struck in Colonial.
Lunched with Dr Frank of San Francisco. It seems he is interested in the Wardeman oil lease with Keck.

May 23
Left on midnight for Baltimore to see Kane who is leaving for Atlanta tomorrow (Thursday) and I wanted to get liquidation under way.

May 24 Worked with Kane almost all day and got very satisfactory results. Had lunch with John Pleasants. John said his wife left at 9.13 for

with Hartley and that he fell off the water wagon on 9. 14. Went on to Washington 4th p.m. stopped at Cosmos Club. Got hold of Florence and Fenton for supper.

May 25

Fenton drove me to Baltimore. Got Renée's jewelry at safety deposit. Appointment with Secretary of Interior at 2.30 to discuss moving Land Office from Juneau to Anchorage. Secretary said could not withdraw order. Returned to New York on Congressional limited.

May 26

Saw a house on Bayview Ave. we liked. 18,500. made offer of $18,000.

May 28.

Signed contract on 28 Bayview Ave for $18,250. $5000 cash, $17250 first year, $2500, 2nd year balance $9000 on first mortgage. Came to town late. met Renée at hammerstein's at Pennsylvania and took her home. Wire from Colonial mine saying that they had struck Speculator ~~May 29~~ silver ore. Everybody elated.

May 30

Signed further contract for house and paid another $1250.

June 4
Hard day at office. Several cables from Home Smith saying he can place stock, also from Meseur saying he also expects to place some in London. Getting ready to go North tonight with Shonnard and Frank Webb. Renée has hard cold. Let Margaret Whitney in on the mining deal. Left at 6.30 p.m.

June 5.
Arrived at Toronto without trouble. Left on 8.45 p.m. with Bryce, Shonnard and Frank Webb.

June 6
Arrived Cobalt. 10.32 a.m. Went to Colonial mine. Fine silver showings. I had Shonnard pick a piece out of the face himself. On the surface I broke it open and it was our half silver. I later estimated it to have about $23.00 worth of silver in it. Shonnard and Webb delighted. Fine lunch at the mine and then went through the Nippissing mill. Left Cobalt at 3.30 and put up for night at Kirkland Lake at the mine.

June 7.
Went on ground with Glazier. He is slower than molasses. Has done nothing so far as I can see. Shonnard also noticed it and commented on it. Tried to get his power line tangle smoothed out.
Tough-Oakes has found good ore body 150 feet east of the big North & South fault, which helps us a great deal.
Shonnard & Webb went down the

Leck.- Hughes while Glazier and I were going our matters.
Left on the 3.30 train.
Shonnard bubbling over with enthusiasm.

~~Arrived~~
June 8
Arrived Toronto. Wire on train from Hussey that better silver than ever showing in face.
Saw Alec Fasken, the attorney for the power company in Toronto. He read a telegram from one of his scouts saying "Continental is here to stay" etc. All Toronto talking about our find. Got matters pretty well straightened out with Fasken and wrote Glazier.
Shonnard tried to get 1000 shares Continental in Toronto but only got 200.

June 9.
Arrived N.Y. at 9 a.m. Went to office and found Warriner & Bull going over telegrams from Home Smith. He has evidently sold his 100,000 shares to Sir James Dunn to net us $3.50 per share. Meseur also has people interested. Got home about 3. Tommy pretty hard looking specimen with poison ivy.

June 10.
A Mr Townheim has rented our new house for the summer $900. Went over furniture etc with him and his wife.

June 11.
Am a director of Bishop Oil. Got my first director's fee. $20.00 in gold. Gave it to Renée.
Accepted invitation to deliver Flag Day oration to Elks on Flag day June 14th. Pretty busy all day.

June 14.
Delivered the flag day oration to the Elks at New Rochelle.

June 16.
Mr Lowenheim's firm has failed for $12,000,000 and the check he gave us N.G. He still wants the home however.

June 19.
Renée very busy all day with moving furniture etc into the new house. She was tired out.
I gave a lecture to the men's club of some Lutheran Church. It seemed to though they were all Swedes.
Long séance with Harry Kerr on Woolen liquidation. Van Wyck has gotten Kerr pretty well aroused and mad. I don't blame him very much.

June 20.
V. W. has Kerr now thoroughly mad. I called him on the telephone today in Baltimore and asked if he approved the terms of settlement as I wanted to present it to the Board of Woolen Securities. He was as mad as a hornet because

van Wyck had not told him of the meeting. He being a director.

June 28.

Got through with Karr last week. Karr would not take responsibility so practically everything was shoved off on Mein as syndicate manager.

We spent the week end with the Davisons at Millbrook and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Renée developed an ulcerated tooth which had to be yanked by local talent. She suffered a good deal. Had to have the village doctor come out and give her a shot in the arm. We drove up in the "Greyling". Kids very good but accumulated poison ivy jumping around in the new hay. Saturday night had dinner at Thorndale. Tables served out doors. Played golf and drove around the country. Called at Fred Cheesebrough's and the Flaglers. Monday motored back and stopped for a short time at the Semple's at Mt Kisco. Sent Fritz Condert telegram for his wedding.

Hard work trying to stop Warriner from buying claims in Rouyn Township.

Had lunch with Alys, Renée and the new niece Mary Condert (née Callory) at Woman's Exchange.

~~Dined at Ardsley Club with the Stouts.~~

Dentist.

July 2
Harry Meseem in from London. He practically had 50,000 Share Continental Sold to Rouballay in Paris. Int Central Mining Co was not very enthusiastic and did not endorse Warriner who they said was unknown to them. Called Warriner up at Montreal. He was very much surprised. Telegraphed Meem.

Then Sir James Dunn ~~was~~ would not take the the 43,000 shares in 1000 share lots but wanted 50 share certificates. Got this all arranged and then found out that he did not have enough certificates to go around. Ordered 6 taken immediately.

July 4-
Set off Crackers with kids. Tommy would blow his head off if let alone. Worked on car all morning.
Children set off rockets etc at night.

July 5-
All came into town today. Renée to dentist and then to see her mother. Meseem in again and we executed a telegram to Rouballay. Had to wait long time to sign up stock certificates for Dunn.

July
Whole family came to town today. Renée to the dentist and the kids for shows. Margaret Davison came out with me to spend night.

July 24
~~Came in town about 3.~~
Home Smith in town. Was glad to be able to tell him that Sir James Hamett Dunn had paid up his draft of about $80,000. This allows us to go ahead. as about $160,000 more is coming. He wants Dunn as a director, a commission and quick work on development.
Dick Ryan and George Goshaw ~~July~~ having been talking for farm on Shishmaref Island in Bering Sea. It sounds good to me. Took lunch with John Burnham. He also approves.

July 25
Came in about 3 with the family. Saw Ryan and Goshaw. Wrote Mein about Smith.
Left at 6.30 standard time with whole damn family for Toronto.

July 26.
Arrived Toronto. At King Edward Hotel getting cleaned up. Saw Chas McCrea, the new minister of Mines. He was one of our directors. Accepted his resignation. Wanted him to put a railroad line to the north of Gull Lake instead of below it. Too late to do so, but he promised me they would build a spur at their expense if we got a mine. This suits me all right especially as he also promised to get right after the wagon road and put that in condition.

~~Luncheon~~ Tea with Home Smith. Supper at King Edward and then off on the 8.45 for Cobalt

July 27
Freight wreck on road. Seven hours late. Fortunately we had brought some rolls from the hotel and were able to get some fruit on the train. Got to North Bay about 12 and had sandwiches and milk. Got to Cobalt in time for Supper. Put up at the mine.

July 28.
Went down mine with the whole family. Tommy delighted with it. Lisette would rather stay on dump and pick up pieces of high grade. Mine looking very poorly. Went down LaRose. Left on the National around Swastika on time. Motored over to Continental. Glazier had nice camp for us. Two tents and steel bunks. Floor in tent and stove. Meals at mess house after men are through

July 29 (Sunday)
Renée and I walked around. Kids have taken up with two little girls of the cook. Compressor at #1 shaft on ground and the rest ordered and shipped. Work going very slowly.

July 30
Stormy. Got Glazier to put a little pep into himself and make inquiries re machinery by wire. Looked over the ground somewhat and took things easy. Kids went swimming.

July 31.

A letter from Bull with a tale of woe from Bob Boyce who seems to think that Bill Mein has double crossed him on his deal in Continental. He evidently wants me to act as peacemaker. Also word that McMillan wants to discount his property payment due in December and wanting to know what to do about it. Recommended that payment be made by the syndicate.

Walked out to No. 1 shaft with family and Mrs Glazier.

August 1. Rain.

Wrote letters almost all day. Home Smith, Warriner, Mein, Bull, Boyce, McCrea. It is not so nice king-caged in two small kids on a rainy day.

Aug 2.

Went in town in a.m. Rain in p.m.

Aug 3.

Received word today that the President died last night. It is said he had been poisoned from canned food eaten on the Alaska Trip.

Went to town to see Alex Gray and Bill Greene. Alec to keep him sweet in his newspaper articles and Greene about a mine.

Came back after lunch and went to both shafts. No 1 Compressor getting rigged.

Lisette my much off her feed. The cook here is very poor. We hope to get milk tomorrow.

Canoeing with kids and Renée after Supper.

August 4. Clear

Rained hard during night. Walked to town during afternoon and got papers on President's death. He died suddenly of apoplexy while Mrs Harding was reading to him. Coolidge was sworn in a few hours later by his father, an old farmer notary public.

Got some milk from Mr Thomas of the Tough-Oakes.

Took kids canoeing. Lisette took very well. I hope the milk will set her up.

Aug 7.

Went up to Sesekenika to look at some claims belonging to Bill Greene. Came back on a speeder and nearly froze. Thermometer might went to close to freezing.

Telegram from Hussey that silver is coming back in the raise.

Aug 8.

We decided that Lisette was falling off rapidly on account of the food, so Renée and the kids packed up for Ste Anne de Beaupré and Hammie came as far as Cobalt with them. Jim Hussey got himself very unpopular with Renée by presenting the kids each with a pick. They themselves were delighted

Aug 9.

Children mined blow and on top of ground. Tommy went a hole in his pants with a miner's lamp. I did not go with them as I had a bad cold.

Family off on 1.-4 for the south.

Aug 10.
Cold a little better. Some silver showing but not much. Just enough to tease one into thinking that more is to come. Had supper with the Hotchkiss.

Aug 11.
Walked over hills with Hussey. In evening went to party at the Bungalow at Haileybury with Major Rattray. All the "best" people there. Had long talk with that crook Dickenson of the O'Brien mine.

Aug 12. Sunday.
Came back to Kirkland Lake on the National.
In morning Jim put in a pot shot on the high grade to get specimens for the Toronto exposition. Got some magnificent specimens.

Aug 13.
All machinery in at #1 Shaft. Motor still to be alligned. Head frame in process of erection. Glazier and I went to town for mail after supper.

August 14.
Work seems to be moving slowly. Stiff legs and one vertical member up but not bolted. Tripod over #2 Shaft. Hard rain in afternoon.

Aug 15.
Hoisted other member of head gear, did some piping and wiring, set transformers, got #2 Shaft ready for hand work.
Bob Bryce and John Nicholls, supt of International Nickel came in for supper.

Aug 17

Spent the morning with Professor McLean on the United Kirkland. He is doing the same sort of geological work there as he did here last year. A Mr W. S. McCann came in with a letter from Home Smith. He is evidently a scout for Sir James Dunn. I used to know him when he was an assistant to Dr Carries of the Canadian Geological Survey on the Alaska boundary.

Aug 18

Arranged yesterday to go down Tough-Oakes today. Glazier, McCann and self. Thomas took us all through the mine and showed us his maps, as a consequence we will have to rearrange our ideas as to the "main break". This starts 300 feet north of his shaft and runs direct toward our S.W. claim. What we having been calling the South break starts 300 feet South of the shaft and runs towards us. I do not think very much of the South break. In the main break he has ore on the 2-3-5 levels 3' wide and in places very rich. If he gets it on the 7 + 8 he will start up the mill. He places his main dependence on this break

Aug 19

Planning to leave for Cobalt tomorrow as had a wire from Schnauffer that he had sent the power contracts which have been holding me here.

Loafed around looking at rocks with McCann. He was in the Canadian army for four years and was wounded in

September just before the armistice. –
With McLean is a young Australian named Chiest(?) who was all through Gallipoli and Mesopotamia. As a mucker he has a little fellow who was a captain of aviation. I admire the way they go along and never mention the things they were in unless asked.
Sometimes I get a little blue over these mining claims. Will they pan out? It would be pretty hard at my time of life to be a failure. I was figuring up last night how much I would have to leave to take care of the family and find they would be pretty hard against it unless I should die by accident. Even then they would not be rolling in the lap of luxury.

Aug 20.
Power contracts arrived from New York so I was able to sign them and send them on to Cobalt. Compressor pumps not yet arrived. Finally got Glazier to telegraph about it.
Left for Cobalt on 1.54. No silver showing.

Aug 21
First round blew off the top of the treasure chest. 1 to 6" of high grade. I told Hussey to leave it as it was so the engineers could see it. Perhaps the next round would blow it all away. Hussey also put in a shot on the high grade in the raise so that the visitors will see silver every where.
Left at 1.24. Took C.P.R. sleeper for North Bay where it is put on the train for Montreal. Bitterly cold in North Bay.

Aug 22.
Took 9. a.m train from Montreal to Quebec. Arrived 2. P.M. met by Renée, two kids and Lizzie Moore. 3.15 train for Ste Anne.

Aug 23 - Chilly -
Renée and I went on spree to Quebec. Lunched at Chateau Frontenac and had bottle of Sauterne. Slipped. I bought and our coat and one for Tommy suit case, socks, stockings etc.

Aug 25
Lisette with high fever 104. Sent for Dr Fortier. Aspirin & cafeine every three hours.

Aug 26.
Lisette better. Doctor says no travelling tomorrow. Everybody praying to Ste Anne, the Little Flower and all the other saints.

Aug 27.
Lisette much better so left on Quebec Central for home. Rotten train. Smuggled in quart of cooking sherry, bottle of Benedictine & pint of rye. We had our last bottle of wine on the train.

Aug 28.
Arrived home in afternoon. Lisette pretty well. Glad to get back. Mrs Lash has sold the house. Han Kan elected a House member of Wykagyl Club.

Aug 29

Busy day at office. Desk piled high. Interview with John McMartin about some mines near Cobalt and in Nova Scotia. They look pretty good. Things are started at Kirkland Lake on 24th. Check for $2055 from Trust Co which helps a good deal. Rene with feeling particularly well.

Aug 30.

John McMartin offered us two attractive sounding properties, one at Cobalt and the other in Nova Scotia. Wrote Hussey to examine the Cobalt one.

Aug 30.

J. H. Glazier bought in a hundred Worth, the principal owner of the Elliott-Kirkland. Talked possible terms with him. Letter from Hussey saying that good looking ore showing in the faces of Colonial. Paid second instalment of Silver Spot.

Sept 9

Conference with Faunt, Osler & Bull. Sir James Dunn has definitely refused draft on him for stock. $83,125. Claim misrepresentation. We can either bring suit or cancel the deal and pay him back his money which would put us in awkward position. Am leaving tonight for Toronto. Warner still in bad shape. He has reoccurrence of fever every seven days.

Sept 11.
Did not learn for sure until today as Osler would not be ready for conference before Wednesday (12)

Sept 12
Conference with Osler, Howe Smith and his attorney. Smith wrote a stiff letter to Dunn telling him his contract would probably be cancelled. This will mean repayment of $83,000 already paid as which does not appeal to me. Started back at 5 p.m. missed my train. The 7.14 train did not have a berth left so I took a seat for Buffalo and for a train out of there at 1 a.m.

Sept 18.
Warriner was decided to go to Europe after a trip north. Shumard will follow him. Bill and I in an unobtrusive way have been trying to get Mein interested in financing the company, but Bill always wants a new thing to play with and this is getting old to him. Now it is all lime and cement.

Sept 29
Moved into the house we bought at 28 Bayview Ave. New Rochelle. Putting in a new bath room and servants room on third floor and a garage. Everything upset. I think we are going to like the house very much.

Oct 2.
Warriner sailed on Aquatania for London to sell Continental Shares. Harry & Frances Fairbanks on board and her sister Mrs Ford. I introduced them.

Colonial in production in small way.

Oct 8.

Children at school and Jimmy taking violin lessons. Renie bought him a little violin out of my directors' gold pieces. Repairs and alterations of home going forward slowly. Little Anna Rolfsen next door has scarlet fever and Renie is worried stiff especially as the next door kids can't be kept out of our back yard.

Oct 9.

Lunch with Renie and Mrs Percy Fearn who is going to join her son in Juneau. She wanted all sorts of information. We gave her letters to help her on her way. I saw Mrs Charles Dana Gibson (Irene Langhorne) there. I had'nt seen her for 15 years. I used to be very sweet on her at the old White Sulphur Springs. Garage floor concrete poured and plumbing nearly all in.

Oct 17 -

Celebrated 50th birthday and so enter the ranks of old men. Went to wedding of Tracy Lyon to a man named Brewster. Saw lots of cousins I had forgotten all about. Anniversary Kate's death.

Oct 19

First cable from Warriner holding promise. He evidently expects to sell 200,000 shares. Raining so can't try out new Nash sedan which I bought on the 15th. I traded in the Liberty for $900. It had cost about $5.500 with all repairs. Plumbers, concrete workers and carpenters still hanging around.

Oct 29

Nothing news from Warmer except that he wanted to know if we could furnish him with Treasury Shares.

Everything running satisfactorily at New Rochelle. I was chairman of the City Committee for a time but it looked like too much work so I found a legal inhibition against my having the job and passed it on to Lyman.

Saturday Renée and I motored over to Scarsdale and called on the Lakins. It was beautiful. All the trees out in their autumn coloring.

Garage all finished except the lighting. I move the ash cart in tonight.

November 2

As I went up the station steps at New Rochelle, I noticed a poster "Democratic Rally, Speakers Augustus Thomas and Hon. Thomas Riggs" etc etc This was the first I had heard of it so in the evening we went on to Priority Hall and spouted. I had the feeling of having made a very poor speech. Thomas was exceedingly good.

Nov 3.

A beautiful day. We motored to Glen Point Ferry and thence to Flushing where we picked up Marie. Then to Oyster Bay after lunch. Found Alys there with Alexis. ~~Robin~~ having Alexis and the girls immediately went out rowing. Got to Flushing in the dark and then ran into traffic jam. The worst I have been in yet, but weathered the storm.

Nov
~~Oct~~ 4

New furnace man - a Loop - named John started in. I took down screens and awnings and stowed them in garage, put on cellar door lock, cleaned car. About 4 we called on Senator and Mrs Lowe. The senator is about 60 and his wife about 30. She has been a cutie and still puts black under her eyes but is not beautiful now - rather fat.

Nov
~~Oct~~ 5

Letter from Warriner of 23rd Oct. Making slow progress with Vivian Gray in London. Telegram from Hussey saying 9 tons of high grade on hand, he lost we have encountered and that one piece 14x15x18 inches weighed 340 lbs.

Nov. 6. Election Day.

Renée and I voted. It did not do much good. The republican ticket in New Rochelle was overwhelmingly elected. We did'nt even get a Councilman. I guess I should have kept out of the campaign.

Nov 7.

Had a hair cut and a manicure. The manicure was quite naive about her "Sweetie". Was highly indignant toward the other girl because she was rather promiscuous. Got estimate from Rolfsen for a sleeping porch and storm windows.

Nov 8.

Conference with Mann over procedure to be followed in the matter of the Dunn draft and Kirkland-Munroe. I think we are going to throw up the K-M. option as we are pretty hard up. Warriner

writes me that he is making progress. He expects to sail for home on the 17th of this month.

Nov 9.

Led Bull and I left after lunch for Princeton in my car for the Princeton - Harvard foot ball game. Put up at a boarding house in Princeton and lodged at the Nassau Club where we were put up by Alex Benson. Bob Lewis who is living there was in Portland so we did not see him.

Nov 10

Had lunch at Colonial Club and then saw Harvard defeat Princeton 5-0. Very slow game. We had seats at the very top of the Stadium. Lovely day. Bull went home after game and I kept on to Philadelphia. Staid on night with Cliff Rosengarten. Had little trouble in the traffic and got to Phila about 7.30

Nov 11

Kept on going and reached Washington at 6.30. At Hotel Roosevelt where Nannie is now staying. Nannie & Lizzie in the throws of the annual bazaar for the Guild of the Little Flower.

Nov 12

~~Acted as~~ Hard rain all day. Kept car in garage. Saw Faust, Col. West and others. Went to poker party with Genl Richardson, Bill Manow and Capt Wilson at Judge Elliott's home lost $11.00

Nov. 13

Acted as taxi for Nannie & Lizzie took Nannie & Jane Riggs out to Arlington in afternoon. Got things out of house (1731) and put it in hands of Randle Wagner to rent. Addison who has it is doing nothing with it.

Called on Mrs Taylor & Faust in p.m.

Nov 14

Had lunch with Luckemans at Powhatan. Said good bye to family. Fenton Cramer drove me out to Baltimore. Staid with Mac and went to "Follies" in evening. Poor show. Frank and Harry Riggs came in for Cocktails. Saw John Pleasants at Athelatic Club which he frequents because he can get real Rye there.

Nov 15

Left Baltimore at 8.45. Going through Phila. a big truck shaved out of a side street and carried away my front bumper. One fender was slightly hurt but not noticable. I was very lucky. Staid all night at Trenton.

Nov 16 Reached by Hackensack and Dykeman at Jersey. got home 1.30. Glad to get home and very tired.

Nov 17

Came into town. Letter from Warriner saying that he hoped to interest a large Company. Nothing definite

Nov 19.

Talk with Shonnard who came ahead of Warriner from London. He says that the Union Corporation is looking into the matter but might want an examination and are used to having their own organization.

Nov 20.

Got off a lot of letters. Calls from Wadhams, and Worth. Worth thinks he controls Elliott-Kirkland. Bryce says not. Lunch with Elijah Woodward.

Nov 23

Bull and I saw Chadbourne & Thompson as we came from lunch.

Continental meeting at 3.15 send notice on Chadbourne that we would default in the Munson payment. Schnauffer took notice down to Chadbourne's office and found that he was in. Faust up from Washington.

Nov 27

Warriner returned on "President Garfield" arriving in the morning but did not come down to office.

Nov 28.

Warriner down at office. No luck in London. Immediately began to raise — because I had not taken down $15,000 from Shonnard. The understanding with S. Ising however that this was to be done only as a last resort.

Dec 3.

Mein arrived from California. He does not seem to be very much worried about the financial situation even though we have a commitment of $40,000 on Jan 1.

Dec 5.

Jack Munroe came in to see me. He will go to Toronto for a directors' meeting of Kirkland-Munroe on Dec 11 and put in our two men. He says he will return after Jan 1 and will make almost any terms we want on the balance of the stock.

We came in on the 5.51 and had dinner at the Davisons. Others there were Mr & Mrs Franklin (Prest of Int. N. Merchant Marine) Mr and Mrs Delafield (lawyer) Dr & Mrs Coper. Dr Coper was formally in Public Health. I knew him in Washington when he had the society bug in his bonnet.

Dr Litus diagnosed Tommy's glandular swelling as "mumps".

Dec 6

Nothing very much doing except routine work and discussing Wardle Co with Mein.

Dec 19.

Mein arrived about 10 days ago and left today. He helped the situation a little by putting up the $40,000 due on January 1st on the four Western Claims of Continental. Colonial produces about enough to run itself and we are hoping all the time for greater development.

The Anderson Abb Galleries yesterday auctioned off Renée's Louis XVI parlor set

and greatly to her distress it only brought $210. She bid it up herself from $100 to $200.
Have been elected a director of Wonder Co. Got $40 on Monday in directors' fees.
Elected a member of Banker's Club. $220 initiation is a pretty good burden to me right now with Christmas, mumps, auto payments, mortgage payment due on Jan 1, interest on notes and very little coming in.

Dec 31.
And so another year has gone into into the discard.
The kids had a wonderful time on Christmas. They are doubtful about Santa Claus, but not doubtful enough to want to take any chances. They were up at 4.30. My sister Nannie and Lizzie Moore are with us for the holidays. Nannie is not strong. Her heart is not dependable. Some day she will simply pass out.
On the whole Renée is very well. Tonight she broadcasted from W. J. Z. New York the bedtime stories. Fred & Aly Conduit, Kidie and I went with her and listened to her over the radio. She did remarkably well. She made a little opening address and then read from her "Animal Stories from Eskimo Land".
Fred Conduit gave Renée a radio set for Christmas. It has taken hold of the imagination of the whole family. Tommy is wild about it. I too am a little weak in the mind about going to bed when there are still other stations to be collected out of the air.
I am giving a furnished room to the Ketchikan Hospital in Kate's memory. She had 193.00 in a savings account and I am bringing

it up to $200.

In the mining, we have been rather hard up on account of Sir James Dunn failing to take up his Commitment and Wariner failing to make London Connection. Hanna Mein has come to the rescue on the Jan 1st payment of $40,000 and other Syndicate participants are buying more stock. The Colonial mine is paying its own way and a little more besides. We are about down at Kirkland Lake until we can build up a little surplus from Colonial.

The Wanda & Bonhop Oil Companies have no debts and about $600,000 in cash. We will probably put this money into cement which Mein has been working so long on.

Personally we are also hard up. On Jan 1. we had to make a payment of $1272 on the New Rochelle house and there are a thousand unforseen expenses. It is hard work keeping ahead of the game, although we have everything that a person needs for Comfort and pleasure a nice house, a good car, radio, two good servants and — Happiness.

Renée sold some of her furniture which she expected to get large sums of money for. Her antique parlor set only brought $210^{oo}. I bid in the Spanish screen for $175^{oo}. Instead of getting several thousands dollars she only got about $600.

President Coolidge has made a great hit in his no bonus and decreased taxation message. Poor old Harding would have wrecked the Republican party, but Coolidge I think is to be the nominee and will be elected. I do not think we have a chance. Sir Allen

though they evidently threaten otherwise as the organization is after me to be a candidate for governor again. I said that if I made $250,000, I would do so but must have enough to be able to tell everybody from the President down to go to Hell.

Good bye old year. You have been pretty good to us taking it all in all. We have not been rich but what is more we have been happy. Vale!!