

## DIARIES 1913\*

November 1, Saturday:

10.30 a.m. We embarked on the *George Washington*. Mama and the children saw us off. Mortie, Helen, Henry Junior and Tim were with me. Poor Henry Junior, Mama, and Alma felt badly. I am delighted to go. I feel greatly buoyed up by the love bestowed on me.

November 2, Sunday:

I met Drs. Brown, Barton, Watson, Bishop Lloyd, and Dr. Mackaye. They held splendid services. Helen played the piano for them.

November 3, Monday:

We had lots of books sent to us, and candies, and fruits, mostly from our intimate coterie. We slept a lot. I met Ingram of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. We discussed the French Chamber of Commerce.

November 4, Tuesday:

The weather was quite rough. The Foxes, except Tim, were under the weather. We remained up until 12:00 but had no definite news of the election. I had received lovely letters from Alma and Robert. I answered them and others.

November 5, Wednesday:

On ship.

November 6, Thursday:

On ship. I had a nice conference with Brown, Barton, Mackaye, Watson, and Lloyd. I gave them a lecture on social service and its development in New York.

November 7, Friday:

Mortie and I went all through the ship, machinery, pantry, etc.

November 8, Saturday:

We landed at about 10:00 at Plymouth after a fine trip through the English Channel. I was introduced to Capt. Eler and Judge Bidle. We reached London at about 4:00 p.m. We went to Claridge. In the evening we had supper at the Ritz and saw Vaudeville.

November 9, Sunday:

Mortie and I took a long walk and then a taxi. We went in the tube. In the evening we took supper at home and rested up.

November 10, Monday:

I called at the embassy and had a nice talk with Ambassador Page and Laughlin. I called at the Speyer Brothers. I talked with the Oppenheims and Woodin, nephew of Asquith. I went to "Girl of the Film" and then to the Carlton for supper. At 5:00 p.m. Page called at the hotel, stayed until 6:00, and took tea with us. It was most cordial.

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November 11, Tuesday:

Montefiore called. We lunched at Page's on Grosvenor Square. Mr. and Mrs. Moro and Mr. Cohen called about the White Slave matter. Schmasi called. Israel Zangwill took supper with us and remained until 11:30 discussing territorialism and the Jewish Colonization Agency.

November 12, Wednesday:

I went with Page to see Tewfik Pasha. Then we went to the embassy and at 12:30 saw Ibrahim Hakki Pasha the ex-grand vezier. I lunched with Laughlin.

November 13, Thursday:

We left London. Secretary Bell of the American embassy was at the station. The children behaved nicely. We reached the Hotel Ritz at 6:40. In the evening I went walking with Mr. and Mrs. A. Naumburg. The Herbert Lehmans and Margaret Fatman and Mr. and Mrs. Born were at Hotel Maurice. I rode at the English embassy.

November 14, Friday:

Franz Phillipson called. I called on Herrick at the American embassy. Mr. De Jong called and lunched with J. Stillman. I found him depressed and pessimistic. I wrote to Josie and called at the American embassy. Tea. I met Leishman and others. In the evening I dined with Montefiore, Leonard Cohen, and Lusati. We discussed the Jewish Colonization Agency until about 11:00. Cohen told me all about London charities. He said the Indian rail road was partly owned by the Government and privately, the former costs 59 per cent, latter 43 per cent. Leishman made a poor impression. I cabled Charles E. Bloch.

November 15, Saturday:

I called at Alexander and Company. Phillipson called and took me to Baron Rothschild. We conversed from 11:15 to 12:30 about Palestine and general conditions. Rothschild was not pessimistic. He is a splendid man, has a fine palace, and gave me his opera box for next Monday. He expects to be visiting Palestine in February. Phillipson thinks nearly all countries are short of money and will have to borrow. I had Phillipson to lunch. Mr. Peixotto and Mr. and Mrs. Lumley called. I dined at Ciro. I met Schimasi, Ingram and lady, and Philip and girl. We went to Comedie Francais and saw *Primrose*. It was very fine French. Mortie and I went shopping.

November 16, Sunday:

I wrote Penfield and H. Bristol. S. De Jonge autoed us to the Versailles and we saw the Grand and Petit Trianon and the large palace. We had lunch at the hotel and then called at De Jonge's residence. We had tea with Phillipson and family at Hotel Maurice. We dined at the Ritz at 8:30. We saw numerous South Americans. It was a regular vanity fair. Princess Pless and party. De Jonge told me of Schiff's early career and Budger's, etc. I met Fleischer, proprietor of a Japanese newspaper. I wrote to Josie and Robert Simon.

November 17, Monday:

I wrote a long letter to Josie and Robert Simon. Called at Alexandria. Met Jil Weil. Went to lunch with Jil Weil and Robitschek. Met three lady buyers, Miss Mack, Mrs. Cohen and Werz. Such a contrast from other late experiences talking retailing. I called on Herrick and with him on the Turkish Ambassador. I came back to the American embassy where I met

Gov. Warfield. Mrs. Herrick was unfriendly. I had Schmasi for dinner and then we went to the opera. *Samson and Delila* and ballet *Two Pigeons*. It was very fine and far superior to ours. I enjoyed occupying Baron Rothschild's box.

November 18, Tuesday:

I called on Heidelbach and we talked about French condition and importations, etc. Lunched at Duvals with Helmout. Then went to Montmartre, Pantheon, and Luxemburg. Dined at Larne and then went to Theatre Cappucine. We saw three small pieces. Very French. It is odd to sit in a theater holding only 100 or so. I am getting a little tired of vanity fair and will not like it long. They are real virile men and women for me. They are sincere. Others only scratch the surface and pat their stomachs. Baron Rothschild and Edgar Stern left their cards.

November 19, Wednesday:

Shoninger called. Meyerson and Frank of the Jewish Colonization Agency called and we had a long conference. I took Schmasi to the embassy and introduced him to Herrick and Stillman. I talked with him about Royal and L. He said their houses would not bring over 100. The Paris American Chamber gave me lunch at the Ritz. Beonut, Heidelberg, Reixotto, G. Le Gound and others. I wrote to Stephn S. Wise. Took tea at Favart. Called at Underwood. The manager called on me. Barnedianne Rodin and Kiss. We took a 7:13 train for Vienna and stopped at Brentano.

November 20, Thursday:

We traveled all day. It was just fine. The children behaved splendidly, the scenery was very attractive. We saw Penfield on arrival. He stops at the same hotel. I bathed, had supper, and went to the Burg Theater. I saw B Shairo Rggmalion [sic]. It was a very good performance. We then took some ice cream at the hotel.

November 21, Friday:

I called for Penfield. He told me of O'Shaugnessy's debts. I met Penfield's staff: Grant, Smith, Block, etc. Penfield was not quite happy. He is trying to find Americans for Thanksgiving. He criticizes Walter Hines Page, James Watson Gerard, Birch, and he told me of Vopicka's Bohemian agitations and of Bryant's interest in Block. We lunched at Penfield's. It was very nice. Then Grant and Smith took me to Hussein Hilmi, the Turkish Ambassador. Blaque Bey was present and we had a very interesting talk about the chance for the United States to help. Blaque Bey seems very alert. I called at Underwood Company's office, then went to Polen Blut, A 1, then supped at the hotel.

November 22, Saturday:

I called on Penfield. At 11:00 a.m. the Turkish Ambassador and Blaque Bey called and we talked for half an hour. They told me that they had reported our conversation of yesterday to the Grand Vezier. We looked at the Stephen Kirche and Kartre Tr. [sic]. I felt out of gear so went to bed from 1:00 to 5:30. In the evening I got up for supper, took a short walk, and then wrote to Josie and Alma.

November 23, Sunday:

Ignaz Lowy and Dr. Block called. We talked about Jewish problems. Helen and Mortie and I went to Schonbrun and around the city in an automobile. We lunched at Sacher's. In

the afternoon I took the children and all of Prater, etc. Mortie and I at 5:00 went to the kino and saw a combination of pictures and talking. Dr. Block called again. In the evening I had the Penfields for supper. He told us about Terrel and about how he had to take Smith to the country to win him over, and the incident of Mrs. Wonshaffer.

November 24, Monday:

We left Vienna at 9:25 and reached Budapest at 2:15. I was met at the Hotel Ritz by Gereben, representative of the Underwood Typewriter Company. He took us up to the castle and park subway, his office, and school. Coffin, Consul General, met us at the hotel and we talked until 6:30. He told me of Albert Leighton Floyd not to come back and the stupidity of Edelman at Jerusalem and advised visiting Macpelah, the Tomb of Abraham. In the evening we took supper at the Ritz and then went to a show. The first part was in Hungarian, the second in German. It was quite good, an extremely coarse sketch of Bad Gastein. V.G. He told me of Burns escapade on his arrival here, he having to free him by bringing 800 kronen.

November 25, Tuesday:

Coffin and Mallet called. Mort and I went with them to the Parliament. We saw them in session, Court of Justice Hall, and had a fine visit to the Agricultural Museum, where the manager treated us to tokay and showed us around himself with his assistant. We also visited the great bath house, the finest I have ever seen. We lunched at Wager and then with Count Zichy we visited the National Club, and then Park Club. We visited the Consulate, took tea with Mrs. Coffin at their flat, dined at the hotel with Gereben and then went to a coffee house. We met Molnar, author of the *Devil and Paul Keri*. We had a nice talk, then went to a kino to see the crowd, then to the train, where we met Helen and the children.

November 26, Wednesday:

On the train all day. We passed through some beautiful country very much like the north of England. Some very pretty hills, etc. We saw quite some remnants of war, burned down villages, and neglected fields. I played a lot with Henry Junior and Tim, and read Bennett's *The Plain Man and his Wife*. Philip telegraphed inviting us for lunch.

November 27, Thursday:

We arrived in Constantinople at 1:30 or so, and I was met at the station by the entire staff. Consul-General Ravndal and his wife, Dr. Ford, two representatives of the *Scorpion*, Oscar Gunkel of the Standard Oil Company, Dr. Peet, and about 20 people. Hoffman Philip introduced me to all. I left the station with Hoffman Philip and a cavass. We lunched at the hotel with Philip, Tarler, Major Taylor, Dr. Ford, Schmavonian, Mort and I. We had a nice talk on the embassy and went over the building, etc. The Third Secretaries of the French and Italian embassies called to pay respects. I discussed plans with Hoffman Philip and Schmavonian. We took rooms at the Pera Palace Hotel. In the evening I dined with Hoffmann Philip and Mort. I read big mail. Then Mort and I took a walk. At last I am on duty and do hope I can do something. They are all discouraging and thinking nothing can be done.

November 28, Friday:

We all breakfasted together. Tim was just over happy with his toys and cakes. I went to the embassy at 10:00. I had visits from President Gates of Robert College, the Secretaries of

the Russian and Persian ambassadors, and a long conference with Schmavonian, and revised my speech, had a conference with Philip about Gregory and loan, Judelsohn and Engert about rank and lessons. Gates was very pessimistic about what can be done. I answered all letters. I wrote to Robert Simon, Stephen Wise, Maurice, and Josie.

November 29, Saturday:

I opened a bank account and deposited my first salary received since 1905. Dep. C.G.6. Heizer called. He wants to be First Dragoman. Mess. Niego, Utrano, and Fresco, representing Bnai Brith, called and invited me. Dr. Patrick called and stayed for lunch. I went with Mort and Helen to the Grand Bazaar. It was very odd. Then we went to Beghian looking for a rug for Jessie Wilson. Consul-General Ravndal called and invited me to a reception to be given by the American Colony.

November 30, Sunday:

I packed and arranged some rooms at the embassy. I wrote to Josie. Five servants were helping. I walked and saw an old Christian church. In the afternoon I walked with Mort and Schmavonian to an old bridge of Stamboul seeing the old Roman wall. 6:00 Capt. McCauley called and remained one hour. He is a nice man. Mr. Levy called and offered to loan all the furniture we wanted, no obligation to buy. Tarler came in and chatted. I received an article from Budapest of the interview with Keri and also an article from *Vienisa Bloch*.

December 1, Monday:

I took possession. First lunch. I had Philip and Schmavonian as guests. White (son of Stanford) and King called. Also Mr. Peet, Mr. Strause, and others. At 1:50 I went to the Sublime Porte and had my first interview with the Grand Vezier. I also met the Minister of Finance, then drove through the park and visited a mosque. I discussed with Straus and Peet about Schmavonian being First Dragoman. I took a drive in the afternoon with Mort to the Sultan's Palace. Our first supper we took alone (three) and enjoyed it greatly.

December 2, Tuesday:

Mr. Damon of the *New York Times* and *Chronicle* called. We had a long talk. He taught at Robert College three years and married the sister of Prof. Huntington. I had a conference with Philip about Tarler and Schmavonian. I wrote a letter to Bryan and J. B. Moore. I received a letter from Engert who decided not to come here. I interviewed Outrank Clerks. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen called, chief of Bible House. I read State Department dispatches from January to July 31, 1912. Schmavonian's brother and his daughter called. I sent five pounds to Dorcas Ball for December 20. The linen arrived from Paris. Major Taylor called for tea. I heard of the failure of New York Security Real Estate. I wrote to Kurzman for his 70th birthday.

December 3, Wednesday:

Miss Dodd called of the Girls School. There was nothing doing at the embassy from 2:00 to 4:00. Mort, Henry Junior, and I drove towards Sweet Waters and saw the Liberty Column. It is a fine country and has good weather. I took my first French lesson. At 8:00 p.m. I had Philip, Tarler, McCauley, Schmavonian, Major Taylor, and Ford for supper. We had a nice talk afterwards. They all think the United States is apt to provoke Germany or some other European power into war and that we are unprepared. They fear that our Monroe Doctrine is making us unpopular and that we are so now in South America.

December 4, Thursday:

The electricians commenced work. I wrote to Maurice Wertheim. In the morning, the dentist, Dr. Malbon, called. A telegram came from the Smyrna Consul about the arrest of a cavass' wife. Mort, Andonian, and I visited a mosque, and an open and Egyptian bazaar. We saw barbers work next to an eating shop, a seconds' clothing dealers, birds, etc. Dr. and Mrs. Huff of the *Scorpion* called. I took a French lesson. In the evening Schmavonian and I went over questions of Article IV of the Treaty of 1830. I wrote to Josie. Schmavonian says that court officials receive less than 10 dollars a month. I read Dell documents, etc. People and not governments or newspapers make war.

December 5, Friday:

I had a long talk with Philip who told me he was rusty on his work because Ravndal did not consult with him and did all the work himself. It depended on the ambassador's character as to what a First Secretary had to do. He says he worries his brains at times with too much detail. At 1:00 White and King came for lunch and then we visited the mosques with an Arzhit, and the obelisks, tunnel, etc. and they stayed for tea. Sir F. Crawford called and the Paymaster of Boat and Ensign. Crawford is financial adviser [to the Ottoman Ministry of Finance]. He told me they are very anxious for a loan, and are very short and totally dependent on France and Germany. It looks discouraging for them. Miss Schwartz got engaged. Dr. Wise reports an interview with President Wilson.

December 6, Saturday:

Helen, Mort, and I went to the Girls College. We visited new buildings and classrooms and lunched with Dr. Patrick and Prof. and Mrs. Murray. We met a Turkish teacher, second graduate of the college, and also Kendal. The architect had a most overwhelming impression. It is really great what they have accomplished. During my absence the Grand Vezier had called, also the Frews. I am confident about a duty increase. I was with Schmavonian until 7:40, then took French lesson. I had Philip for supper. In the morning, Tarler told me about Mrs. Eliasco and diplomatic gossip. I wrote to Wise and received a letter from Marshall about Jerusalem. I also received a cable from C. S. S. selling El Bt at 12. French Cabinet crisis. German troubles in Alsace.

December 7, Sunday:

Andonian went with us to Stamboul. We saw the engravers, saddlers, food preparers, blacksmith, etc. all at work in their little shops. I shopped for a souvenir. We visited a mosque where doves were fed in the courtyard. In the afternoon, I took Tarler for a drive to golf links. At tea there were White, King, Tarler, Young, and Crane. Then I wrote a long letter to Josie after dictating to Henry, Alma, and Louis Marshall.

December 8, Monday:

I wrote to Bruere. M.P. who was at the back of the Chester scheme called. He represents one of the districts through which the road goes. He would like it resumed. He admits there is no agriculture and sparse population. Mort and I went to a Persian han and saw a religious celebration. Men chastising themselves with steel and attacking their bare breasts and cutting their scalps. Most gruesome. It shows barbaric fanaticism. Miss Dodd came for lunch. Fitzmaurice of the English embassy called. Tarler was sick on account of a diplomatic shift. Mort went to the club. Helen and I had a very nice chat 8:00-10:00. We talked over old times and her desires at present.

December 9, Tuesday:

I visited Consul General Ravndal. He has nice offices and they seem well run. I went to a furniture house. Had several calls. I planned with Hoffman Philip. I want to see if I'll stick. I expect to leave for Palestine at the end of March, return here May 10th or so, go to Therapia, and have Hoffman Philip leave on June 15th. We go to Italy about October 1st. I heard that my audience with the Sultan was arranged for December 11th. The Assets Realization Company stock is at 30 dollars. Evening, I was at home reading. I am enjoying them very much. I heard that I would have an audience with the Sultan on December 11th.

December 10, Wednesday:

Mr. Peet called about the Holbrook case. I arranged places for tomorrow. I drove with M.J.F. [sic] from 2:15 to 3:30. Received letters about Ruth's party on November 26. Walked with Mort 4:00 to 5:00. Then, after, had a talk with Philip and Major Taylor about interpreter students going to the Sultan. I decided as I was not taking the Consul General I could not take them. I looked over accounts of ceremonies of Leishman etc. I found that Oscar S. Straus served actually four years and five months and Hirsch took nearly six months vacation every year.

December 11, Thursday:

At 12:30 the Leiter party called. The day came and I was duly presented at 2:00 p.m. Two representatives of the Sultan arrived in five carriages and I gave them some wine and cigarettes, chatted, and at 2:35 we started with me in the first carriage driven by four horses, three outriders, and two servants hanging on behind. Then followed Philip and the Master of Ceremony, and then Major Taylor, McCauley and Schmavonian with Hewitt. We slowly drove through the town. At the gate of the palace we were met by a band who played *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. Then we alighted. I was handed over to a higher official who escorted me to the door of the Sultan's room and handed me to the Chief Master of Ceremony who ushered Schmavonian and myself into the room, and there was the Sultan and Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs. I read my speech. It was translated to the Sultan. He read his which was translated to me in French. We shook hands, the Sultan and I, and he said a few words about regards to the President. I then introduced my staff who had entered, and the Sultan shook hands with all of us and we were escorted into another room (backing out gracefully) and there took some tea, smoked cigarettes, and talked as best as we could with the officials. We rode back as we came and the two officials came too, chatted, took a cigar and left. It was all very impressive and agreeable. I struck out and spoke the best French I could, which was bad enough. Our glassware came. In the evening Philip and Taylor dined with us. I had forgotten my letters of credential and Balthasar, the cavass, brought them in a carriage.

December 12, Friday:

I wrote letters to all the Ambassadors informing them of my audience [with the Sultan] and sent clippings of accounts of the reception to family. It took over active charge of the embassy and signed my first letters. Our china arrived. At 3:00 p.m. there was great excitement preparing for our first dinner. Helen worked very hard. We had a very successful affair. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Colonel Campbell, Sir George Kepele, Mrs. Summorlen, Mrs. and Miss Clement Moore, Miss Williams and Dr. Marbury who were all

on Yacht Niagara, Hoffman Philip, Major Taylor, and Ford, and Captain McCauley and Tarler. I had a Turkish band play for us.

December 13, Saturday:

A very busy day. At 9:30 we all met at the Seraglio. Leiter, Moore, Mr. Summerlen, Schmavonian, Marbury and Tarler and Mort. A secretary of the Palace met us and the governor of the Palace received us and gave us cigars and coffee. We had a fine inspection of the Palace, library etc., a splendid collection of tiles. At the end they served added refreshments, tea, cigarettes, Turkish delights, crackers, cakes, etc. They refused tips as I was the Sultan's guest and they were his servants. I called on Pallavicini and we spoke German first. Then I called on Bompard, and he spoke French and I answered in English. Then I called on Mallet and spoke English. I lunched with the Leiters on their yacht. Mallet and Baron Moncheur were also there. They called on Giers, spoke German 4:00 to 4:30, then Baron Wangenheim. I also saw his wife and daughter 4:40 to 5:45. Then Schmavonian and I called on Mirza Mahmoud Khan, spoke English, and German with the Italian Ambassador.

December 14, Sunday:

Sunday. In the forenoon Helen and Mort and I drove out to the cemetery and saw a great sight. Big trees, old and new graves, lots of urchins begging, pigeons, the tombs of some of the prominent departed ones. We drove through the Jewish quarters. When I got home, I found lots of letters from home. In the afternoon Wood Pacha called and at 1:30 the Persian Ambassador and First Secretary called. Mort and I drove out from 4:00 to 5:00 to Abdul Hamid's Palace. At 5:00 I had Schmavonian and Peet for a conference on the Holbrook case. While at tea Ambassadors Giers and Pallavicini called and Helen entertained them nicely. Also Mr. and Mrs. Eliasco. In the evening a Mr. Thomson called to complain about the sailors of the *Scorpion*. I wrote McCauley to be here tomorrow about it. The weather was fine for the first time in a week.

December 15, Monday:

8:30 Thomson and McCauley came about the sailors. 10:00 Abramowitz, President of Maccabee [Society] called to invite me for their December 27 affair. I called on Garroni, Italian Ambassador. He talks French and Italian. I took Schmavonian with me. Mano, Roumanian Minister, called. Stayed one hour. I told him to send delegates to the United States. Schmavonian interpreted. Loaned a Greek woman, Mrs. Cassinuis, two pounds. She has a husband and three children in Montgomery, Alabama. Damon called. Took pictures. Sir Louis Mallet called. He had invited us for dinner and Fox. The invitation was addressed Mr. and Mrs. Straus. He was so sorry. At 2:15 Schmavonian and I called on the Grand Vezier. I met Mano, Giers and Pallavicini in the ante-room. Also called on the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, [blank] Pasha. Nice man. I told him of Holbrook case, Smyrna prisoner. Wangenheim, Moncheur (Belgian), and McCauley called for tea. Talked about Selim Pasha on the Bosphorus. Called with Helen on Pallavicini. She is the nicest yet, and also called on d'Anckarsvärd (Swedish Ambassador). Mrs. Pallavicini said she would take her to all the Ambassadors. In the evening I had Schmavonian for dinner and discussed naturalization question.

December 16, Tuesday:

From 10:30 to 12:00 interview and consultation with McWilliams, Philip and Schmavonian about prison, consular standing at Foreign Office, etc. 12:00 to 1:00 Gunkel

and Thomas of Standard Oil Company called about their affairs. In the afternoon the Italian and French Ambassadors came for tea and I called afterwards on Moncheur (Belgian). In the evening Woods Pasha dined with us. I felt tired and excused myself at 10:00. This is the first day that I felt as though Ma and Ruth should be here and not miss these agreeable visits and the splendid experiences we are having, and so I wrote to Ma. I gave Gunkel an explanation of the attitude of the Government towards the Standard Oil Company and old Ravndal that I must attend to all political matters and am willing he should attend to Consulate. Had very satisfactory talk.

December 17, Wednesday:

Delegation, Rabbi Palatchi and Saltaber, Secretary of the Grand Rabbi, called to represent his Eminence and bid me welcome. Helen and Mort were at Girls College. I went with Schmavonian to buy pumps, etc. at Grand Rue. Lunched with Henry Junior and Mort. Called on Baron Moncheur, stayed long and had a political talk etc. Met Spanish Minister there. Heard that many officials can't come for want of uniforms. Grand Vezier has requested full attendance and when told of no uniforms he reprimanded. They said how could such a luxury as uniforms be demanded when they have received no pay since July 1st. I took lesson in the morning and one in the afternoon from Mort's teacher.

December 18, Thursday:

I called on the Roumanian Minister Mano. Found that he could talk German. Called on Minister Pavlovitch of Serbia. At 2:00 I had my official reception until 5:00. Entire staff helped, also five from the *Scorpion*. Nearly all the members of the Cabinet, the Admiral, and Vice-Admiral, German officers, Under Secretaries and many Senators called. In all about 80 people. We drained 37 bottles of Champaign. Had a splendid and very special affair. Have heard everyone voted it a success. Rested for one hour, then, in the evening, went to Bal Durcas. A very nice affair. Talaat Bey asked me to call on him on Monday and Daid Bey told me he could call on Wednesday to discuss Article IV. Our trunks arrived too late for reception.

December 19, Friday:

Lesson at 9:00 and with McLaren at 6:00. I called on Giers as it was St. Nicholas Day. Met Marquis Pallavicini. Discussed condition of our countries. Helen and I visited Taxim Park. Mr. Peet called and we (Schmavonian and I) discussed Article IV and the unsettled claims of Missions. Dr. Patrick was here for lunch. Judelsohn requested me to approve of a letter to get him acknowledgment of what he did for the Red Cross. I am dropping into the work nicely. The Holbrook case is progressing. We are pushing the authorities to apprehend Arif who evidently is the real murderer.

December 20, Saturday:

At 9:30 we started for the boat *Scorpion*. Mort and I, as we passed, the other stationaires saluted us. Our little boat had hoisted a Union Jack which showed that I was aboard. I inspected the entire boat and crew. Drove to Robert College. Saw the Industrial Education branch and study room etc. buildings. Lunched with Dr. and Mrs. Gates. About 120 of the American colony gave me a reception at 3:00-5:00. Dr. Bowen, Patrick and Gates and Mr. Peet spoke. McWilliams presided. I made a five minute speech. No good. They were all spread out in the gymnasium. No contact. I drove Dr. Patrick down to the ferry. Met Miss

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Dodd and Mrs. [blank] at landing. Entered cafe and sat with them half an hour for coffee etc. Dr. Patrick is just splendid. Evening took lesson.

December 21, Sunday:

Sunday 9:30 to 10:40. Then Mort, Helen and I drove to the seven towers at Yedi Kule and walked along the old walls for one hour and then visited the oldest mosque in Constantinople, Kahriye Jamisi built about 1600 years ago. It has a most interesting old Mosaica of Bible stories and they are still o.k. Afternoon, Mort and I walked to Stamboul. We watched people on bridge, etc. Evening took lesson. Late evening I was reading Stratford Redcliff's so to prepare myself for interview with Talaat Bey tomorrow.

December 22, Monday:

Representative of Cultus Gemenide (3:00) called. Called on the Spanish Minister. Lunch at Tokatlian with Schmavonian. Called on Talaat Bey and we had a conference. He was very anxious to secure a small loan from America to influence French financiers. He was very frank. He asked me to make my loan myself and said he only did so to show that they know I could do so. His country was frugal and Ltq. 500 would last two months. I then called on General Izzet, Minister of War. He was very despondent and really pathetic and also called on Colonel Djemal, acting Minister of Public Works. He was installed today and was hopeful and Oskan Mardighian of Post Office. He is Armenian and a thorough businessman. Nahoum called and Sir Edwin Pears until 7:00. Evening at Mallet's British embassy. Our first dinner. Fine seat next to Wangenheim. Talked German. Beautiful sight. Grand Vezier and Talaat Bey and other Turks were there. All the diplomats came later. Played bridge. Wangenheim, a Turk, and a Greek. I felt thrilled when in this brilliant assembly I was introduced as "the American Ambassador."

December 23, Tuesday:

I wrote home. I have gotten the Standard Oil Company interested about a loan of 500,000 pounds to Turkey. I cabled Bryan for his consent to assist Turkey. At 11:00 a.m. the Bulgarian Minister called. In the afternoon I called on Mahomme Pasha (Marines). He spoke German and wore a uniform. His office overlooks the Bosphorus and he can see their fleet at anchor. Ibrahim Bey (Justice) only Turkish. He showed us their library. Not over 500 books. I called on Mrs. McCauley, the sweet flower, and on Willebois who was out. I sent 20 pounds to Frew for refugees and five pounds to Willebois for infants. I cabled Henry Junior. Schmavonian took supper with us and we discussed the possibility of Standard Oil making a loan and Article IV.

December 24, Wednesday:

Saw Bey [sic], Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, discussing general politics and Article IV. Called at 11:00 and remained until 12:30. He told me a great deal about their troubles and difficulties and their anxiety for a chance to develop peacefully. It is really pathetic. I explained to him our position and our desire to be fair but that I had to be more informed. Davis of Y.M.C.A. and Peet called about Y.M.C.A. Peet told me that every American is delighted to have me here. He spoke of Editor of *Levant Herald* to whom I gave an interview. Rode with McCauley, met Prince of Hesse and Rubino. Tarler dined with us and I then took lesson.

December 25, Thursday:

Christmas. Children, Helen and Mort all came into my room where the kids' stockings had been hung up. They all got into their beds and the boys raved over the contents of the stockings. We then went into the green salon where Helen had arranged a Christmas tree and we fed the help etc. At 11:00 Willebois (Dutch Minister) called about stopping opium export. I called on Nahoum who was out and Schmavonian and I took a walk. Afternoon, I rode with McCauley beyond Robert College. Fine view of the Bosphorus and Asia. A marvelous ride. Evening took lessons. Cabled Ma to extend my good wishes to Greenhuts, Fox, Wertheim, Mama, Seymour, Wise and Elkus.

December 26, Friday:

I wrote to Alma, Henry Junior at London, Seymour, Ruth. It rained hard at 12:00. Schmavonian and I called on Nahoum. Had a most interesting talk. I was surprised at his advanced thoughts. He is very close to the authorities. He went to school with Halil. In the afternoon I called on Mallet, who told me England makes no loans or investments to European countries, but confines itself to South America, India and their colonies, and China. 5:00 Mrs. Nahoum and Mr. Fitzmaurice of the British embassy called. The latter has been here 27 years. Took lesson before and one after supper. I read *Need of Change* loaned me by McCauley.

December 27, Saturday:

Wangenheim called to say good bye as he was going on two months vacation. We had a nice talk. He says Germany does not object to other nations investing money here as long as it does not conflict with them. W. H. G. Werndel of Reuters called at 2:30. Schmavonian and I called on His Highness Prince Yousouf Izzeddin Effendi. Talked half an hour about embassy affairs. He is short, has bad teeth, and is ill at ease, but he is interested in facts about American health provisions etc. He invited me to call again unofficially. Mrs. Willebois and daughters and Mrs. Fuchs called. Armenian Patriarch, Professor Hagopian and Rev. Schmavonian called. They talked Armenian and interpreted it to me. 6:00 to 7:00 I spent with Pallavicini. At 10:00 p.m. Mort and I went to Hannka Elebrat of Makabbi Twin Society. There were about 80 people and I met many prominent Jews. They made a good showing.

December 28, Sunday:

On the *Scorpion*. Helen, Mortland and I started at 10:00 a.m. Went to Prinkipo from where we saw snow capped mountains. Anchored there for lunch. Then went on the Bosphorus where we could see the Black Sea. Everything was wonderful. Weather, scenery, sights, company and humor. At 5:15 called to say good bye to Baron Wangenheim. Baron Moncheur and others were there. 6:00-7:00 lesson. Wrote Josie up to date 12 pages.

December 29, Monday:

Called on Tocheff (Bulgarian). Had splendid talk. He gave me a fine explanation about Serbian relations to them and Bulgarian condition. 720,000 soldiers out of 4,000,000, all educated and patriotic. War caused by their sympathy for Bulgarians in Macedonia. He thinks it will take war to finally settle matters, and that things are more muddled than ever. Called on Grand Vezier. Saw Pasha about opium matter and Article IV. Met Giers and Garroni. Called on Bowens and Peet at Bible House. Met Mrs. Poynter etc. Dr. Jacobson called. Explained about Zionism and their quarrels about German and Hebrew language in

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schools in Palestine. Evening took a French lesson. Helen and Mort went to dance at Moncher.

December 30, Tuesday:

Mrs. and Dr. Hoffmann and Mrs. Braustein called to invite me to act as Patron for Deutsch Israelitisch Frauen Verein for their affair on February 8th. Mess. Molho and Goldstein asked on behalf of L'Amicale de L'Alliance Israel Union to be present on January 17th at their concert. They told me they were not formerly permitted to have Societies. Greater freedom but harder conditions. Rents are much higher since Constantinople population increased to 3-400,000, living costs 40 per cent, and wages nil. Sir Louis Mallet, Sir Edwin Pears and daughter called for tea. Mr. and Mrs. Nahoum and Schmavonian came for dinner until 12:00. Nahoum told us that Turkish officials had great hopes for my help and they asked him to urge me on. He told me red passport matter not finally settled and it dependent on Turkey arranging matters with Arabians and Syrians. Mort and I played golf.

December 31, Wednesday:

Walked with Mortie. Signed drafts and closed up matters. Went on a horseback ride with McCauley. Met Mutius. Had lesson. Evening went to New Year's party at Willebois. Played bridge with Mrs. William Fuchs etc. Stayed until 1:30. It was a very [blank] party. Felt rather homesick (first time).