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waiting. Transferred in open steamer very shaky and exposed to rain and spray. Steamer Rotterdam, big roomy, clean, excellent Good service. Much better than Kronprinzessin Cecilia Excellent concert of string instruments. Palm Garden.  
April 6 1914 (Sunday) Slept very well Very steady ship. Made acquaintance of Arthur Bullard, who writes under pseudonym of Albert Edwards war correspondent of the "Outlook" just back from the Balkans. He tells me that mostly all the ministers in Bulgaria are graduates of the American Roberts College in Constantinople. Met also a certain Mr. Selby his wife and sister and law who comes from the Cape

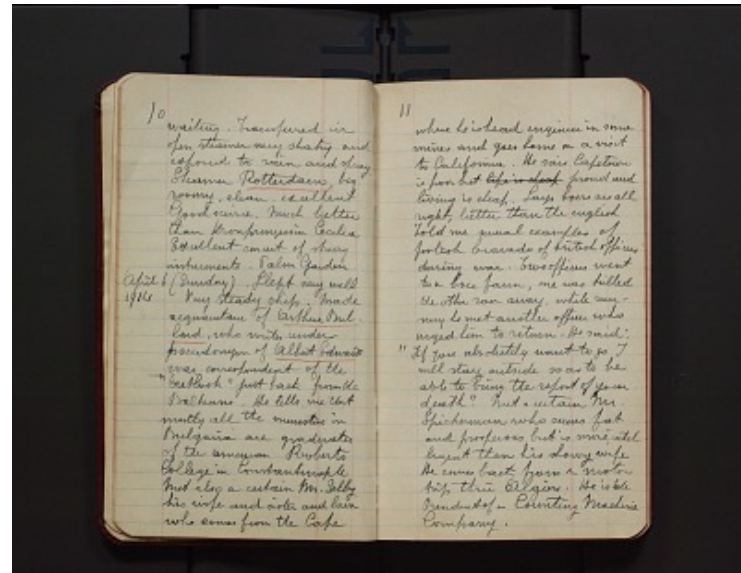
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where he is head engineer in some mines and goes home on a visit to California. He says Capetown is poor but ~~life is cheap~~ proud and living is cheap. Says boers are all right, better than the english Told me several examples of foolish bravado of british officers during war. Two officers went to a boer farm, one was killed the other ran away. while running he met another officer who urged him to return. He said: "If you absolutely want to go I will stay outside so as to be able to bring the report of your death." Met a certain Mr. Spicherman who seems fat and prosperous but is more intelligent than his showy wife He comes back from a motor trip thru Algiers. He is the President of a Counting Machine Company.

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