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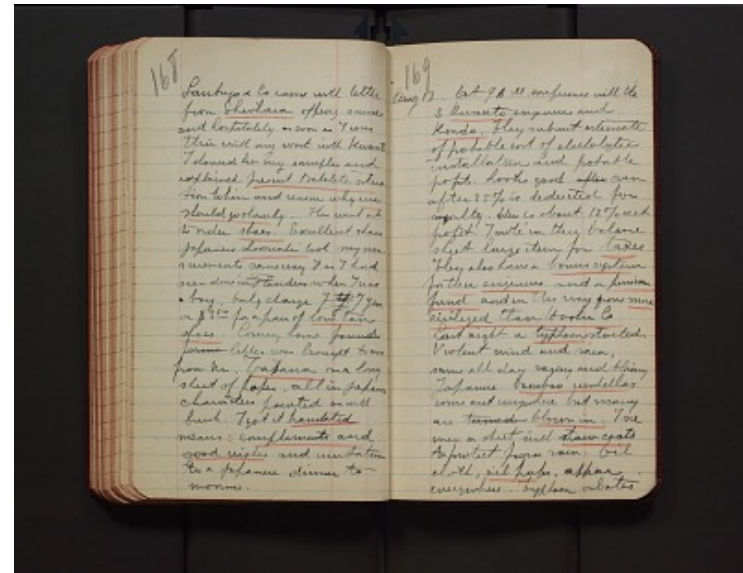
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Sankyo & Co came with letter from Shiohara offering services and hospitality as soon as I was thru with my work with Kwanto  
I showed him my samples and explained present Bakelite situation to him and reasons why we should go slowly. Then went out to order shoes. Excellent shoes japanese shoemaker took my measurements same way ~~I~~ as I had seen done in Flanders when I was a boy. Only charge ~~7 Y~~ 7 yen or \$3.50 for a pair of low tan shoes.  
Coming home found ~~forma~~ letter was brought to me from Mr. Takana on a long sheet of paper. all in Japanese characters painted on with brush. I got it translated means: compliments and good wishes and invitation to a Japanese dinner to morrow.  
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Aug 13. At 9 A.M. conference with the 3 engineers and Kondo. They submit estimate of probable cost of electrolytic installation and probable profits. Looks good ~~after~~ even after 25% is deducted for royalty. This is about 12% net profit. I note in their balance sheet large item for taxes. They also have a bonus system for their engineers and a pension fund and in this may prove more civilized than Hooker Co.  
Last night a typhoon started. Violent wind and rain, same all day raging and blowing Japanese bamboo umbrellas came out everywhere but many are ~~turned~~ blown in. I see men on street with straw coats to protect from rain. Oil cloth, oil paper, appear everywhere. typhoon abates



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