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We will delay another day so as to give Yang an opportunity to fully recover before starting.

I am working over Smithsonian accounts and hope to mail a report of the Mupin trip tomorrow.

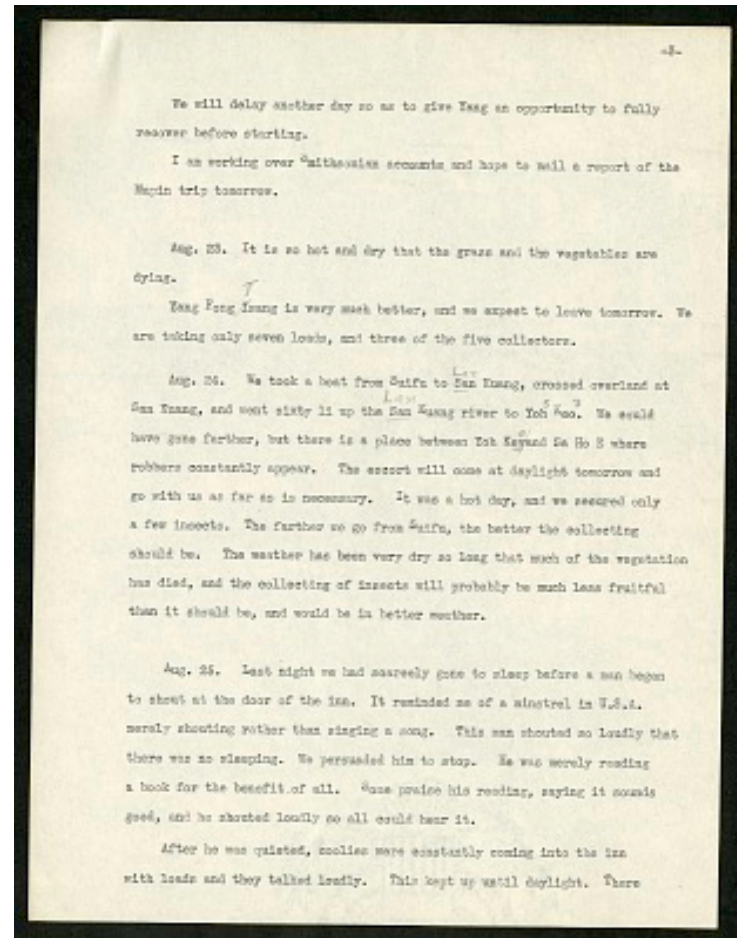
Aug. 23. It is so hot and dry that the grass and the vegetables are dying.

Yang Fong ~~[[strikethrough]]~~^{[[T]]} is very much better, and we expect to leave tomorrow. We are taking only seven loads, and three of the five collectors.

Aug. 24. We took a boat from Suifu to San Kuang, crossed overland at San Kuang, and went sixty li up the San Kuang river to Yoh⁵ Keo³. We could have gone farther, but there is a place between Yoh K^{ev} and Sa Ho E where robbers constantly appear. The escort will come at daylight tomorrow and go with us as far as is necessary. It was a hot day, and we secured only a few insects. The farther we go from Suifu, the better the collecting should be. The weather has been very dry so long that much of the vegetation has died, and the collecting of insects will probably be much less fruitful than it should be, and would be in better weather.

Aug. 25. Last night we had scarcely gone to sleep before a man began to shout at the door of the inn. It reminded me of a minstrel in U.S.A. merely shouting rather than singing a song. This man shouted so loudly that there was no sleeping. We persuaded him to stop. He was merely reading a book for the benefit of all. Some praise his reading, saying it sounds good, and he shouted loudly so all could hear it.

After he was quieted, coolies were constantly coming into the inn with loads and they talked loudly. This kept up until daylight. There



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