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special contributions for Belgium and other charities and also purchase and outfitting of Yacht ^[[2220]], and purchase of new car (1818), also money loaned to Ernest Blanchard, [[?]] etc.

~~Housekeeping & Celine~~ I feel very drowsy and tired and uninterested in everything. Wish I could get away for awhile. Afternoon drove to New York and saw photo-play "Pudd'n head Wilson" after Mark Twain's book. -- Very good Early to New York for Director's Meeting of General Bakelite Co Everybody present. Declared a dividend to everybody's satisfaction and over \$8000 surplus bonus voted for different employes in office, factory and lab. May - Rossi - and Swan each \$1500 extra. Fuller \$1200 then follow the others inclusive

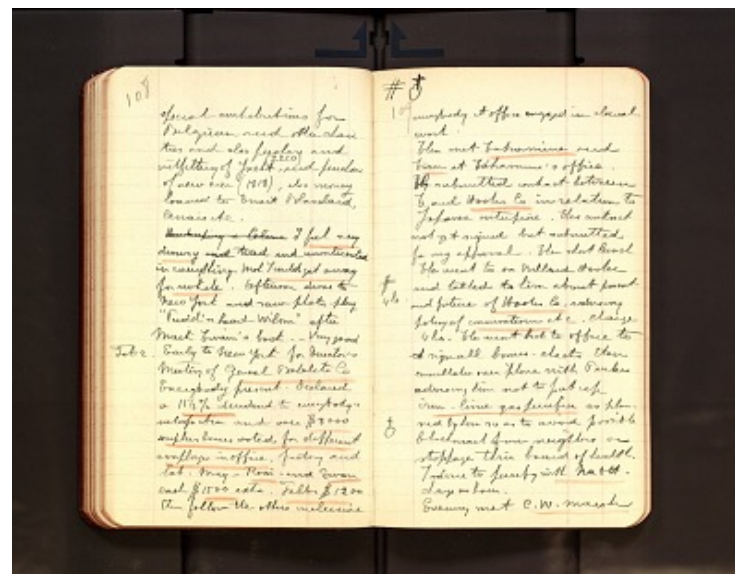
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[[hash mark and circle with cross above in top left corner]] everybody at office engaged in work.

Then met Takamine and Tison at Takamine's office. They submitted contract between Tison and Hooker Co in relation to Japanese enterprise. This contract not yet signed but submitted for my approval. Then short lunch Then went to see Willard Hooker and talked to him about present and future of Hooker Co. advising policy of conservation etc. Charge 4 hs. Then went back to office to ~~sign~~ all bonus-checks then consultation over 'phone with Paulus advising him not to put up iron-lime gas purifier as planned by him so as to avoid possible blackmail from neighbors or stoppage thru board of health. I advise to purify with NaOH. charge one hour.

Evening met C.W. Marsh



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