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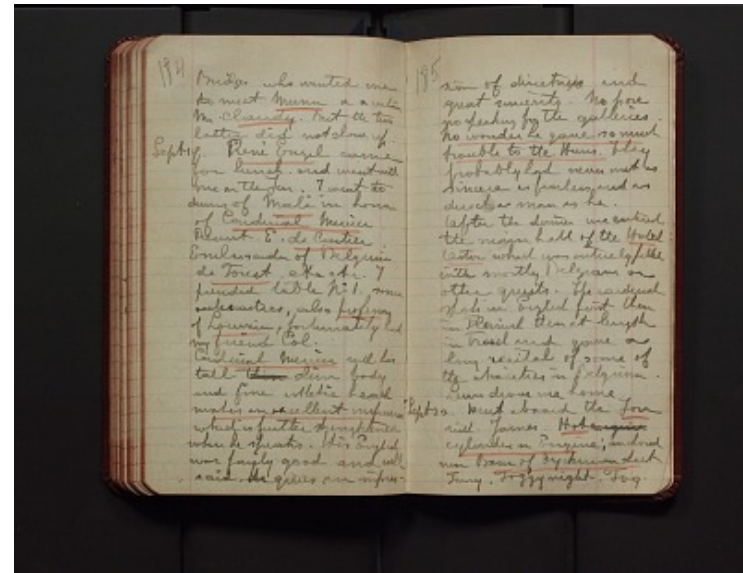
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Bridges who wanted me to meet Munn & a certain Mr. Claudy. But the two latter did not show up.

Sept 19. Rene' Engel came for lunch, and went with me on the lon. I went to dinner of Mali in home of Cardinal Mercier. Present E. de Cartier. Embassador of Belgium de Forest etc etc. I presided table No 1. some ties, also professor of Louvain fortunately had my friend Col. Cardinal Mercier with his tall ~~thin~~ slim body and fine athletic head makes an excellent impression which is further strengthened when he speaks. His English was fairly good and well said. He gives an impression of directness and great sincerity. No pose no speaking for the galleries. No wonder he gave so much trouble to the Huns. They probably had never met as sincere as fearless and as direct a man as he. After the dinner we entered the main hall of the Hotel Astor which was entirely filled with mostly Belgians or other guests. The cardinal spoke in English first then in Flemish then at length in French and gave a long recital of some of the atrocities in Belgium. Lewis drove me home.

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Sept 20. Went aboard the lon with James. Hot engine ~~cylinders on Engine~~ anchored near Bases of Dyckman street Ferry. Foggy night. Fog.



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