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[[vertical annotation in left margin written in red]] Equator SS Callao  
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of the population in Rio de Janeiro have at one time or another [[red underline]] had ~~syphilis~~ syphilis. [[red underline]] He says that if it were so the effects on the general health would be ~~more~~ more visible. Says statement of Crowell much exaggerated. [[red underline]]

We are about 2° South of the Equator and the weather is growing much warmer and sultrier. The temperature in my cabin is 90°F altho' it is well ventilated. We have the wind with us and as it travels about as fast as the ship ~~there is no~~ breeze the air is practically stagnant.

Collars wither and some passengers breaking with South-American conventions take off collar and coat I am told by Phillipi that part of the refrige-

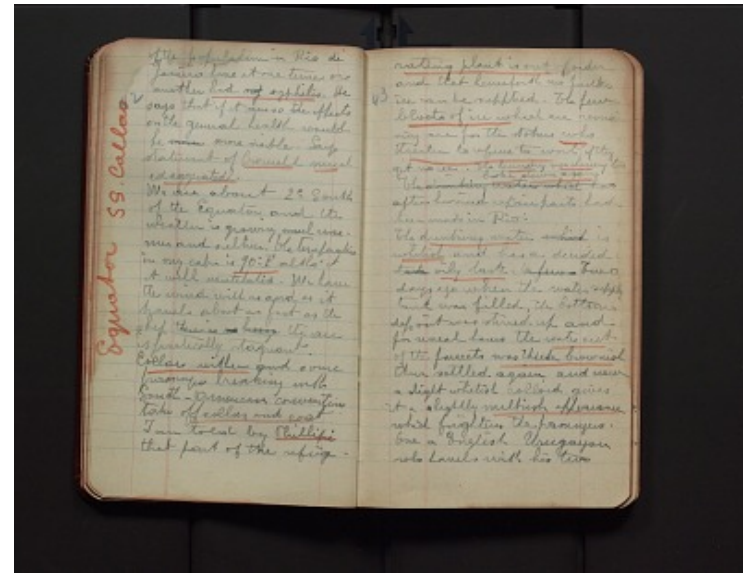
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rating plant is out of order and that henceforth no further ice can be supplied. The few blocks of ice which are remaining are for the stokers who threaten to refuse to work if they get no ice. The laundry machinery too broke down again

~~The drinking water which has after hurried repair parts had been made in Rio.~~

The drinking water is whitish and has a decided ~~tast~~ oily taste. A few Two days ago when the water supply tank was filled, the bottom deposit was stirred up and for several hours the water out of the faucets was thick brownish then settled again and now a slight whitish colloid gives it a slightly milkish appearance which frightens the passengers. One a English Urugayan who travels with his two



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