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18th floor offices I decided to extend our lease of New York offices until May 1 - 1934 - dropping lease of 8th floor from Oct 1 - 1932 and plan obtaining a reduced lease to \$20000 annually for 18 floor, thus saving about \$4500 of our present lease until May 1 - 1933 when our term ends. This brings our deducted from our lease for 1933-34, brings it to \$15000, and will avoid a dangerous untried experiment as Rossi et al propose from transferring our present offices to Bound Brook, incurring undetermined expenses and risking of making a mistake at present changing times, when improving opportunities for businesses would make our offices considerably less accessible to possible customer. if they have to go and hunt us up in a difficultly accessible place like Bound Brook. I want to postpone this experiment until more settled times. I have not been convinced by the arguments of Rossi, Swan, the Browns and Lowe.

Sept 30 Further talks with Weith over phone, and Rossi about Taylor situation and gave them my arguments why their abrupt method of an immediate dismissal does not meet my views. I shall have a talk with Taylor and tell him that I expect his good will and harmonious cooperation if he wants to remain employed to July 1 - 1933 as he begs me to do. George B approves my standpoint. Went to Bank to deposit Nina's securities in my box, and which she gave as collateral for my loan X.

X Gave 15000\$ short term Gov. securities to sell by Bank for new securities

At 5 P.M went to call on Commodore Ralph Munroe and his wife who are at the Wellington hotel on their way back to Florida

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Oct 1 - 1932. At home all day, writing and studying

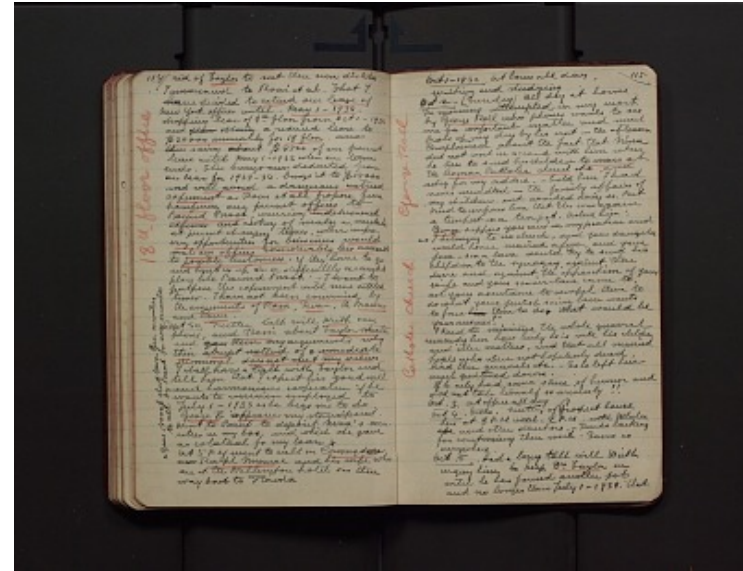
Oct. 2 - (Sunday) All day at home.

George Roll

In morning interrupted in my work by George Roll who phones wants to see me for important matter and much broke up my day by his visit in the afternoon.

Catholic Church

Complained about the fact that Nina did not work in accord with him when he tries to send his children to mass at the Roman Catholic church etc. and asking for my advice. - Told him I had never meddled in the family affairs of my children and avoided doing so. But tried to impress him that this was again a tempest in a tea pot. Asked him: George suppose you were in my position and as I belonging to no church, and your daughter would have married a Jew, and your Jew - son in law would try to send his children to the synagogue against their desire and against the opposition of your wife and your son-in-law came to ask your assistance to compel them to do what your Jewish son in law wants to force him to do. What would be your answer?"



I tried to minimise the whole quarrel reminding him how lucky he is with his children and other matters, and that all married people who were not hopelessly dead, had their quarrels etc. - So he left here much quietened down.

If he only had some sense of humor and did not take himself so seriously !!

Oct. 3. At office all day

Oct. 4. Ditto. Meeting of Prospect house here at 8 P.M until 2 P.M. with Wheeler ~~etc~~ and other directors. - Funds lacking for continuing their work. Same as everywhere.

Oct. 5. Had a long talk with Weith urging him to keep Dr. Taylor on until he has found another job and no longer than July 1 - 1934, that

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