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Tea and rolls, butter and marmelade 8 frcs. Mailed a letter to Potter concerning situation political in Germ Berlin and troubles resulting for Sachs and Bakelite. Did not mail the letter in Germany not desiring to be spied about by Nazis.

N.Y. Herald, Paris Edition, which here in Europe gives more and better reliable news to Americans than European papers announces further drop of the value of the Dollar together with increased quotations of American stocks in N.Y. Exchange. Went to Guaranty Trust Co to draw some French money. 50\$ worth of French paper was given me at the low rate of 19 francs to the Dollar!

Roosevelt General demoralization at Business conference in London, every country blaming Roosevelt and America American advisers and representatives of Roosevelt, demoralized and not agreeing amongst themselves and peeved at Roosevelt declining to endorse their recommendations N.Y. Times as well as Herald Tribune and Walter Lipmann all criticizing the President, but people at home seeming to endorse him Roosevelt was cruising with his sons in Maine on his 46 ft schooner, taking a vacation. I note that all waiters at hotel speak German among themselves and also speak French and English. Same among the higher employers. Noted same at the old restaurant "Escargot"

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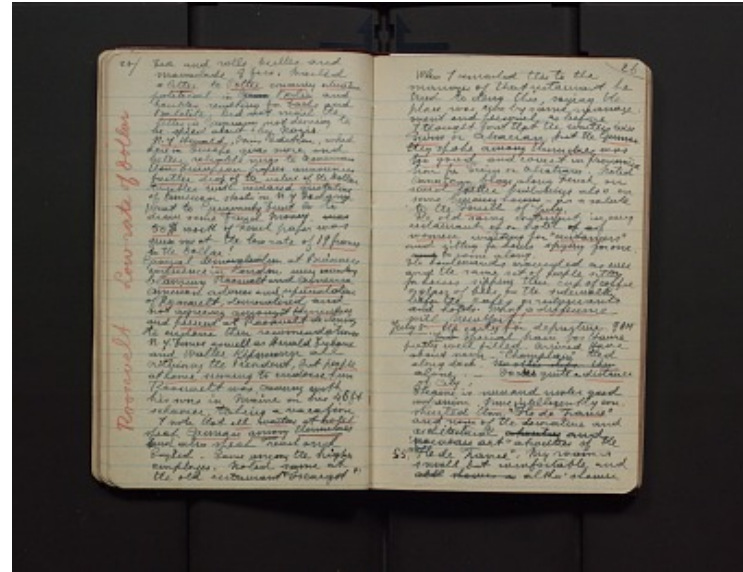
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When I remarked this to the manager of the restaurant he tried to deny this, saying the place was run by same management and personel as before. I though first that the waiters were Swiss or Alsatian but the German they spoke among themselves was too good and correct in pronunciation for Swiss or Alsations. Noted American flags along French on several prettie buildings also on some business houses. - as a salute to the Fourth of July.

The old same contingent in every restaurant or hotel of women waiting for "customers" and sitting for hours spying for one and to come along.

The boulevards crowded as ever and the same set of people sitting for hours sipping their cup of coffee or glass of beer on the sidewalks before the cafés or restaurants and hotels. What a difference with New York!

July 5. Up early for departure. 9AM Fro Special train for Havre pretty well filled. Arrived Havre about noon. "Champlain" tied along dock. No other ships, ther alone. - Docks quite a distance of City. Steamer is new and makes good impression. More intelligently constructed than "Ile de France" and none of the decorative and architectural atrocities and "nouveau art" atrocities of the "Ile de France." My room is small but comfortable and alth



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