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bath room and W.C. are outside they are easily accessible.

There are 274 1st class passengers

106 Tourist passengers

52 Third class

Mostly have French or Latin names, with quite a number of Jews, also some Russians and a fair sprinkling of Americans. Found a telegram from Berlin signed Weger Sachs Stauss - good wishes also one from Molinari Basso and Potter and a letter from Kingsbury

July 6.

Mali

Weather has been fair and mild thus far. I found J. T. Mali, hon. consul of Belgium aboard. He is my only acquaintance thus far. His conversations impress me very favorably. He carries the spirit of his deceased father who was one of my good friends. Young Mali altho' a business man is remarkably well informed on technical matters and his opinions show broadness and good judgement.

July 7. The daily journal issued aboard brings us very scant news. It is printed weeks in advance and is not even dated. In it are inserted a few lines of unimportant events referring mainly to Tennis and Football news a few quotations of Stocks. The remainder are ads and reshaped articles copied from publications. - There is no attempt of radio broadcasting neither from Europe nor America. In this respect "Manhattan" was much more alive

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July 8. Slightly foggy. Same Westerly breeze. - We have been making an average of 18 1/2 knots which is 2 knots less than SS. Manhattan.

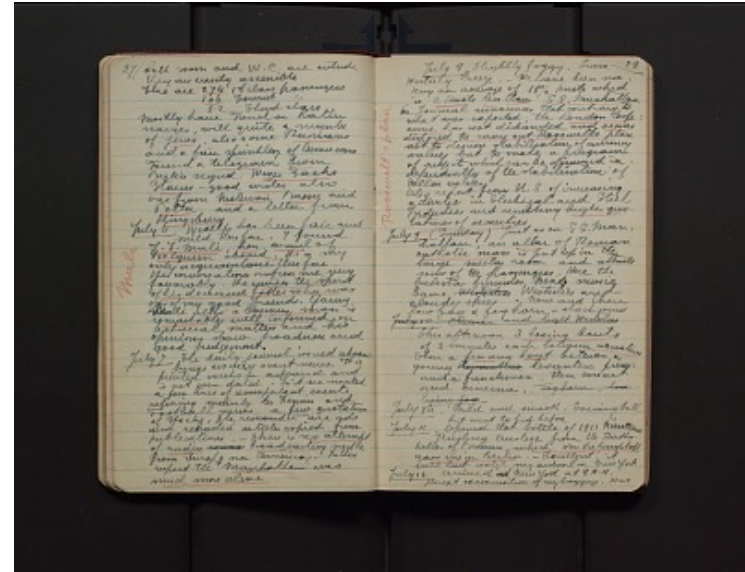
Roosevelt's plan

Our Journal announces that contrary to what was expected, the London Conference has not disbanded and seems disposed to carry out Roosevelt's plan not to discuss stabilization of currency values but to make a program of subjects which can be discussed independently of the stabilization of Dollar values.

Also report from U.S. of increasing activities in Electrical and Steel Industries and resulting higher quotations of securities.

July 9 (Sunday) Just as on SS. Manhattan, an altar of Roman Catholic mass is put up in the large meeting room and attracts some of the passengers. Here the Orchestra furnishes Mass music. Same Westerlies Westerlies and cloudy skies. Now and then low fog & fog horn - slack wind. July 10 Clearer and light Westerlies

This afternoon 3 boxing bouts of 3 minutes each between amateurs. Then a fencing bout between a young Levantine and a Frenchman, then concert and cinema. Foghorn, low lying fog.



July 10. Mild and smooth. Evening ball but went to bed before  
July 11. Opened that bottle of 1911 Niersteiner Riesling Auslese from the Rathskeller of Bremen which von Vietinghoff gave me in Berlin. - Excellent! it will last until my arrival in New York.  
July 12 Arrived at New York at 8 A.M. prompt examination of my baggage. Was

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