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June 22 today opening of ~~ceremony~~ ceremony at 11 A.M of the opening of the Exhibition of British Chemical plant at Central Hall (a building owned by the Methodist church) Westminster. The Duke of Kent, brother of the King made the opening speech. I was invited to sit on the platform. Met many friends there from various countries. Motor buses here in London much more numerous and more noisy than in New York.

Visited the exhibition of Chemical Machinery occupying 2 floors X at 9 P.M Reception at Dorchester Hotel by Lord Leverhulme evening dress & medals. All this on June 23. At 7.30 Annual dinner of Institution of Chemical engineers, in the enormous room of Victoria Hotel. Was placed at one of the head tables between my friend Calder President of Society of Chemical Industry and Dr. N.V. Sedgewick of Lincoln College - Oxford University. A pleasant gentleman (Mathematician) who I understand has been invited to visit Princeton. The dinner is by invitation of Dr. Levinstein,

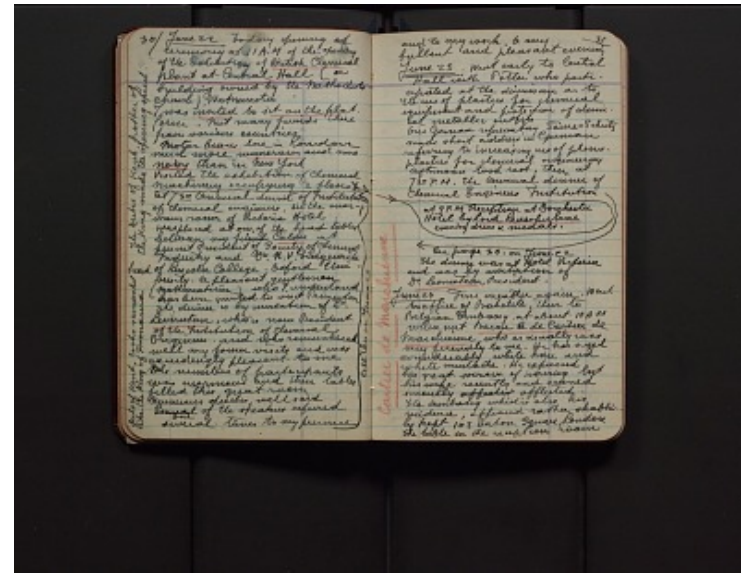
who is now President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, and who remembered well my former visits and was exceedingly pleasant to me. The number of participants was enormous and their tables filled this great room. Numerous speeches, well said. One of the speakers referred several times to my presence. Duke of Kent, looks somewhat like the King of Rumania. end page start page

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and to my work. A very brilliant and pleasant evening. June 23 Went early to Central Hall with Potter who participated at the discussion as to the use of plastics for chemical equipment and protection of chemical metallic outfits. One German representing S ure-Schutz made short address in German referring to increasing use of pheno-plastics for chemical engineering. Afternoon took rest, then at 7.30 P.M. the Annual dinner of Chemical Engineers Institution. See page 30. on June 22.

The dinner was at Hotel Victoria and was by invitation of Dr. Levinstein, President. Cartier de Marchienne

June 24 Fine weather again. Went to office of Bakelite, then to Belgian Embassy, at about 10 A.M where met Baron le de Cartier de Marchienne who as usually was very friendly to me. He has aged considerably, white hair and white mustache. He expressed his great sorrow of having lost his wife recently and seemed sincerely affected. The Embassy which is also his residence, appeared rather shabbily kept 103 Eaton Square, London. The table in the reception room



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