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[[left margin in red]] Catell [[/left margin in red]]

[[red underlined]] with his broken bandaged arm was more cheerful than any! [[/red underlined]] I had never known him to be cheerful except during these later days.

[[underlined]] Nov. 26 [[/underlined]] Left Washington 9 A.M. Found Tom [[red underlined]] Midgeley and his wife [[/red underlined]] in same car.

They are going to football game in Philadelphia. So spent an interesting morning with him on the train. He tells me there is a certain D.K.

Tressler - Geneva, N.Y who is specialist in wine yeast. [[/strickethrough]]

Ar [[/strickethrough]] Took luncheon at University Club, where met

several friends. [[red underlined]] Celine is at the Wymans [[/red underlined]] with the children and sent Dick with car at 8 P.M. -

Meantime went to see "The Garden of Allah" a Cinema in colors.

[[strickethrough]] May [[/strickethrough]] [[underlined]] Nov. 27

[[/underlined]] At office. - [[red underlined]] George [[/red underlined]] is

in Connecticut [[red underlined]] with his children. - [[/red underlined]]

[[left margin vertical in red, underlined]] Brannon [[/left margin vertical in red, underlined]]

[[red underlined]] Brannon gave me further good news about progress

[[red underlined]] with his new process for [[red underlined]] cast

material by means of amine substituted [[red underlined]] [[bold red

underlined]] NH4 [[/bold red underlined]] as catalysts. [[/strickethrough]]

Ordered [[/strickethrough]] Ordered Holmgren to [[red underlined]]

transfer [[red underlined]] to each of my grandchildren [[red underlined]]

48 or 49 shares of my Bakelite Common. [[red underlined]]

[[left margin vertical in red]] 14% dividend on common [[/left margin

vertical in red]]

Horne tells me that [[red underlined]] our financial board contemplates

declaring 14% dividend on our common [[red underlined]] so as to

escape somewhat the effect of the enormous punitive taxation on

surplus earnings of the [[red underlined]] "New Deal" Government. [[/red

underlined]] A dangerous law which [[red underlined]] will denude many

corporations from the necessary liquid funds [[red underlined]] held in

reserve for coming needs or depressions

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[[strickethrough]] Mas [[/strickethrough]]

[[underlined]] Nov. 28 [[/underlined]] Feel very tired and back ake. Spent

day indoors reading.

[[underlined]] Nov. 29 - Sunday. [[/underlined]] Bright, moderately cold

day. But stayed in all day because I feel tired and stiff and moderate

pains in my back. The effects of last weeks busy times seem to show.

[[left margin vertical in red]] Divorce proceedings finished [[/left margin

vertical in red]]

[[underlined]] Nov 30 [[/underlined]] Feel better. But have decided not to

accept invitation to Patent Bar dinner. [[red underlined]] George [[/red

underlined]] Baekeland tells me [[red underlined]] divorce proceedings

formalities between him and Cornelia are finished [[red underlined]] and

she is on her way back from Nevada. [[red underlined]] Agreement that

[[strickethrough]] the [[/strickethrough]] his eldest son and his daughter will

stay with him; [[red underlined]] their mother being able to see them on

holidays if she so desires. Youngest son, [[red underlined]] Freddie

to stay with his mother until he is eleven. [[red underlined]] But George

can meet him on holidays or weekends. So [[red underlined]] George

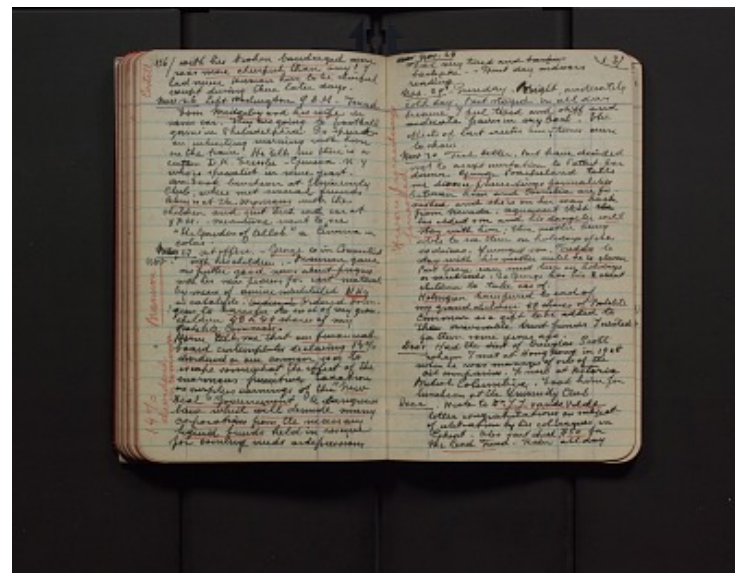
has his 2 oldest children to take care of.

Holmgren transferred to each of my grandchildren 48 shares of Bakelite

[[red underlined]] Common as a gift to be added to their irrevocable

trust funds I created for them some years ago.

[[underlined]] Dec 1 [[/underlined]] Had the visit of Douglas Scott whom I



met at Hong Kong in 1925 when he was manager of one of the oil companies. Is now at Victoria British Columbia. Took him for luncheon at the University Club.

Dec 2. Wrote to Dr. J.J. van de Velde letter congratulations on subject of celebration by his colleagues in Ghent. Also sent check \$50 for McLeod Fund. Rain all day

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