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Bright weather & Southerly winds. Still in Gulf stream Met the son of Metz. Good looking chap of about 20. Also Dr. Hütz of the German chemical Trust. A.I.Cy. who knows me from the time of the beginning of the Chemists Club. Also met Mr. Kissam who travels with his wife; and several other people who know me

June 13. Sunday Calm sea. Moderate temperature. Mr. Houston is on board representing the New York World's Fair Committee and business convention. He broke his arm a few days before departure and holds it in a strap and bandage. Talked over old times during the world war etc. ~~spike~~

June 14. Calm but colder. Found out I have to pay additional sum for going out at Cherbourg instead of Southampton alto Cherbourg is nearer. This evening great festivities in the main room: Good singing by the crew and excellent orchestra followed by dancing. All very well carried out and pleasant passengers. My stewards name is Bruns, and is excellent. I have taken all my meals in my cabin so as not to have to go to the dining hall and all its fuss.

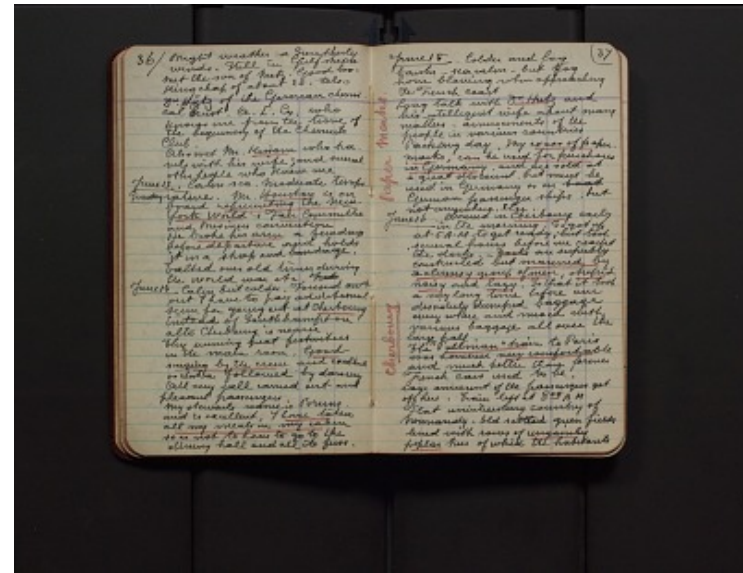
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June 15. Colder and fog banks - sea calm - but fog horn blowing when approaching the French coast  
Paper Marks. Dr. Hutz and his intelligent wife about many matters - amusements of the people in various countries. Packing day. My excess of paper marks, can be used for purchases in Germany, and are sold at a great discount but must be used in Germany or on ~~boat~~ German passenger ships but not anywhere else.

June 16. Arrived in Cherbourg early in the morning. So got up at 5 A.M to get ready; but took several hours before we reached the docks. - docks are superbly constructed but manned by a clumsy group of men, stupid noisy and lazy. Cherbourg  
Cherbourg

So that it took a very long time before our disorderly dumped baggage everywhere and mixed with various baggage all over the large hall. The "Pullman" train to Paris was however very comfortable and much better than former French cars used to be. Large amount of the passengers got off here. Train left at 8:08 AM. Flat uninteresting country of Normandy. Old settled green fields lined with rows of ungainly poplar trees of which the habitants



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