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and Barus on Catalin-suit situation. Barus has obtained better terms from Mann and if they agree we are ready to come to an agreement. - We shall however try to balance this by exacting a royalty on our milk color patent. Very rainy day.

Sept 16. Fine weather. Dick has gone to camp to fetch Celine and children.

Sept 17 Wrote letter to Frederic Swarts & to [[?Ghuys]]. - Still feel easily tired.

Sept 18. Wrote Summary for my ~~as~~ lecture for Franklin Institute

Sept 19.

Brooks and Dicky

Brooksie Baekeland and Dicky arrived here with Celine from camp this afternoon to stay over night.

Dicky makes a bad impression with her rouged lips and rouged nails. - Incurable and stubborn on this point,

not realising that with her natural prettiness, she needs no such common artifices. Dickie is now 17.

Her brother on the contrary makes an excellent impression. He has grown and changed so much since I last saw him, that if I had met him on the street, I would not have recognised him. Although he is only 16 years old he is much taller than I and decidedly taller than his father, and muscular. Makes an impression of seriousness and intelligence - a fine boy, who seems to possess all the qualities to become a distinguished citizen.

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We sat up till midnight. He asking me questions and I telling experiences of my life. Am sorry he has to leave tomorrow morning to visit his mother and to return to his school.

Dickie stays here longer.

Sept 20.

Legionaire War Veterans

I went to office. New York City is overrun by Legionaire War Veterans amounting to several hundred thousands to hold tomorrow their Grand parade. - Many have already made fools of themselves by their loutish behaviour, stopping traffic shooting cannon and firecrackers and other foolish behaviour to attract attention.

What will it be tomorrow they then hold their parade which starts early and is supposed to end only about sunset?

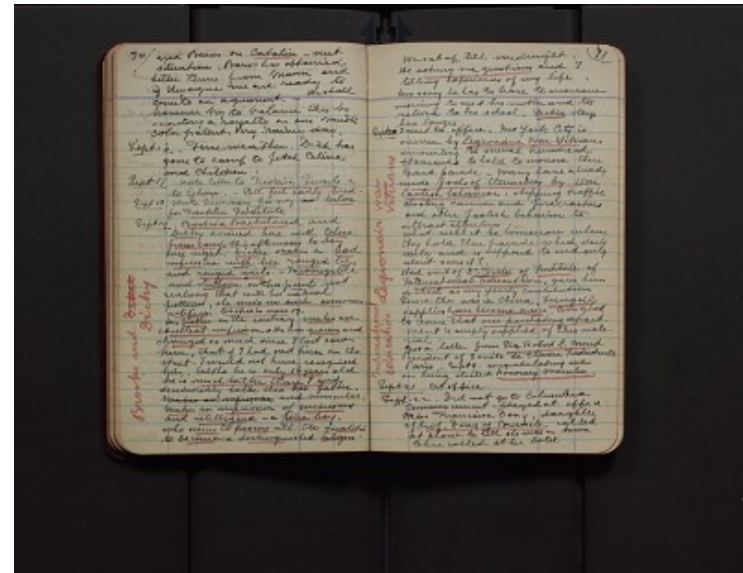
International education Had visit of Dr. Fisher of Institute of International Education, gave him a check as my yearly contribution. Since the war in China, Tung oil supplies have become scarce. Am glad to learn that our purchasing department is amply supplied of this material.

Got a letter from Sir Robert L. Mond President of Societe de Chimie Industrielle Paris - Sept 8 - congratulating me on being elected Honorary Member.

Sept 21. At office.

Sept 22. Did not go to Columbia Commencement - Stayed at office.

Miss Francoise Dony, daughter of Prof. Dony of



Brussels,    called at phone to tell she was in town.  
Celine called at her hotel

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