

Mary T. Hill Diary 1898

Saturday January 1

A mild pleasant [sic] day. We went to Mass at St. Marys. In the afternoon the girls went to a breakfast at Mrs. T. B. Scotts and later to Mr. T. L. Schurmeiers where they spent the afternoon playing games. Mr. Chemidlin and Mr. F. B. Clarke and Egbert Clarke called. Ruth and Rachel skated. In the evening We went to Mrs. Wilders to a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Appleby. Monsignor Martinelli Arch Bishop Ireland Bishop Cotter and Bishop McGolrick spent the evening here. Mrs. Wilders guests were so numerous that we were glad to hasten home.

Sunday January 2

Mary M. Hill is better and Mamie is not well. Samuel came down this afternoon bringing presents to Clara a little loving cup, to Ruth a paper weight and gold pen. To Charlotte a pretty box to Rachel a sewing necessaire. Started to walk to Nellies and met her with Mary and Gertrude Phelps. They said Auntie was ill of neuralgia. Papa and Mr. Guthrie drove to the farm on the afternoon. Little James is spending a few days with us. He is quite well again.

Monday January 3

A mild pleasant day. As there is no snow little sign of winter. Mamie sent her new nurse to day Miriam Ding. In the afternoon I called on Mrs. Tarbox. The Little Sisters of the Poor and later attended Mrs. Furness Tea for Mrs. Goodrich. At nine this morning a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Marys for Monsignor Caillet and the church was well filled. As Mr. Dahlgren gave Arch Bishop Martinelli a dinner last evening Mrs. Dahlgren dined with us.

Tuesday January 4

A perfectly delightful day 34 above zero at 9 oclock a.m. on the North side of the house. Such bright sun shine. Went to the Dentists Dr. Lyon to have filling in upper back tooth on left side. The Yale Glee and Banjo Club are here to day put our Yale flags in the windows. Mr. Brodie has finally gotten at hanging the Pictures in the Gallery. James (little) went home with his new nurse this afternoon. Her name being Ding he calls her Bell. Jim came down from Duluth this morning. Concert was fine and a good large enthusiastic audience greeted the clubs at the Peoples Church. Monsignor Martinelli left this evening.

Wednesday January 5

Another mild morning. Went to the Dentist in the forenoon. Papa suddenly developed an influenza last evening stayed in bed until one oclock. Went to the Office at two p.m. And did not come home until nearly eight p.m. Girls went to Babys Home entertainment with Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren. I might as well have gone for Mr. Lamont and another gentleman took papas attention all evening. Sibley Young died this morning of typhoid

fever. Mrs. Saunders entertainment for the Clubs passed off nicely. Called on Mrs. D. Lawler, J. J. Parker A Guthrie, F. Driscoll Brooks and Mrs. D. A. Robertson where Mrs. Goodrich was the guest of honor. Such glorious clear moonlight nights now.

Thursday January 6

A Springlike day very warm. Gertrude and I drove over to Minneapolis found Mary better James well and Mamie out. Mamie told us of last evenings dinner Sam gave to Marion Crawford. Arch Bishop Ireland introduced him to the Minneapolis Audience. Papa is better of influenza. Called at Aunties found her well again. Nellie Tierney Mrs. Munn and Jimmie Murray called in the afternoon. We went to Marion Crawfords Lecture of Rome in the middle ages very interesting.

Friday January 7

Yet another glorious morning. Drove down with papa to office. Called to inquire for Mrs. D. C. Shepard found she was in bed ill of bronchitis [sic]. Mr. Shepard complaining too. Called on Mrs. Gotzian. Carrie came while I was there. After luncheon Charlotte and I went to Sibley Youngs funeral service. Dr. Wright officiated. We found Walter and Carly Smith there. Mrs. Preston came and took Tea with us after four p.m. In the evening we went to Pauline Fergusons Cotillion. It was an unusually pretty and pleasant party.

Saturday January 8

Fine weather lingers. This is a perfect day. After doing marketing spent my spare time preparing for Walters departure for School Tomorrow evening. Ruth and Pauline drove over to Minneapolis and found the family there well. May and James out and Mamie going out. Papa did not feel well at bed time. Pictures are finally on the walls again. Plumbers have possession of large part of the house replacing hot water pipes. Mrs. Dike sent Papa a precious relic that was shot out of First Minnesota Flag at Battle of Getysburgh [sic] and a beautiful Minature [sic] of Beatrice Cenci which has been in her possession 50 years.

Sunday January 9

A glorious fine morning. Walter and I went to eight oclock Mass at St. Josephs. It was a delight to be out early so balmy is the air. On our way home called to inquire for Mrs. Shepard. They say she is doing well. Papa is feeling well this morning. Papa Dr. Smith Carl and Walter drove to North Oaks in afternoon came back in time to dine and get to train as he was leaving Watertown. Mrs. Goodrich and Constance took dinner with us. They return to Chicago soon. Mr. Lamont called in the evening. Helen brought the twins over this afternoon.

Monday January 10

A little colder but still fine weather. I went to the Dentist early in the morning. Had a filling in upper left side. We are trying to get Gallery in order again. In the afternoon called on Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Forstner, Mrs. Hall Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Kelly. Mrs. K. looks ill. Papa and I called on Mrs. Upham in the evening finding her out we called on Mrs. Newman.

Tuesday January 11

A dark morning slight fall of snow turned to rain for a short time. Clara gave Constance Goodrich a luncheon to which she invited seven other girls. Busy all day trying to get order after the confusion of Plumers [sic] work. Mamie was here for a few minutes said the children were quite well. In the evening Louis and I went to the Assembly given by the D. A. R.s. We were well entertained. Many of the Original Costumes were most interesting. The girls went to a concert to hear Miss Katie Gordon sing.

Wednesday January 12

Another cloudy dark morning. Sun broke through clouds towards noon. I went to the St. Joseph Hospital on my way up town to see Lolie Morrison. I fear many are ill the Hospital is so full. Girls had little skating party in evening. Papa and Mr. Grover spent evening together. In the afternoon Papa addressed The Stock Breeders association at the Capitol. Wrote to Walter this afternoon. Called on Mrs. Upham Cook, Mrs. Willis Mrs Chas. Clark and Mrs. Mason. Gallery finally in order.

Friday 14th {on page for Thursday, January 13}

A bright pleasant morning. Papa not entirely over his influenza. Called to see Mrs. Shepard and found her feeling better but coughing considerable. Called on Mrs. Farington, Mrs. Borup Mrs. Foley Mrs. Wheaton and Mrs. Saunders.

Friday January 14

A misty mild morning 20 above zero. No day much colder this month and many warmer. Jim came down this morning. Charlotte and I called on Mrs. Appleby Mrs. Tucker Mrs. Dahlgren Mrs. Carrie Schurmeier Mrs. Dorr and Mrs. Eaton. Mr. Eaton quite comfortable. Mamie came down with Ruth looking well. Papa Jim and Louis have gone to Chamber of Commerce Dinner this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Upham spent the evening here. She goes to Chicago tomorrow to Gertrude.

Saturday January 15

A fine bright morning some colder but delightful. Called on Mrs. Wade and Mrs. John B. Cook in the afternoon. Also on Mrs. Buckley. In the evening read through a little Book Walter gave me at Christmas. (In Litchfield Hills) New England Towns are interesting. Jim went back to Duluth this evening. Papa speaks this evening at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on coin and credit and their respective uses.

Sunday January 16

A glorious morning and a perfect day in the afternoon every seemed to be out enjoying the sunshine and mild atmosphere. Wrote to Lord Mount Stephen to day. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Shepard found both in bed neither very ill however. Papa and Louis drove to the farm. George Slade Went West this afternoon on Tour of inspection. Mamie and Samuel came in as we were at dinner said they walked most of the way. Taking supper at Town and Country on the way. Began to read Weys Rome to day.

Monday January 17

As fine a morning as all of this month have been. Letter from Walter saying his eyes give him head ache. Have just written to him and to Dr. Bull. Such a fine afternoon 38 above zero. We are having the Organ tuned to day. Called on Mrs. Chas Nichols she is going to Thomasville Wednesday. Clara has gone to play Golf she will probably break her sticks – the ground is so hard –

Tuesday January 18

Another perfect day 20 above zero at 9 a.m. on North side. After doing some errands Charlotte and I went to see the Collection said to be that of {Space left blank by Mary Hill}. Quite an unusual exhibit for St. Paul and remarkable in these times when people are not disposed to spend money that way. Mrs. O Green, Mrs. McMasters. Mrs. D. Monfort, Mrs. Lamborn Miss Lamborn Mrs. And Miss Carey called later Mrs. W. Winter. Girls played Golf again making pretty good scores. Papa went to call on Judge Clark who has been ill found him better. Sent a telegram to Walter telling him Mr. Taft must decide about his eyes.

Wednesday January 19

A cloudy morning very mild. A light snow fell last evening. Mr. F. Clarke came to luncheon with Louis and invited us to go to the Theatre that evening to see "A Coat of Many Colors." A most enjoyable play and a proper one. Mr. Upham spent the evening with papa. Girls spent the day at the Sale where they seemed to find amusement.

Thursday January 20

A cloudy damp day not at all cold. Finding much to take my time in the house did not go out until late then went over to see Mr. and Mrs. Shepard found them both down stairs and better. Mrs. Dahlgren came in the afternoon having been to the Sale. Mr. Brodie busily looking over the electric lights ect [sic]. He finds that some one has been tampering with the electric cables in the tunnel and that several have been carried away. Ruth went to the Theatre with Mrs. Borup and Pauline.

Friday January 21

A cloudy early morning. Sun came out about 930 a.m. Fine day not quite so warm. Charlotte went to see the Curlers play their game on Rasbery Island. Spent the forenoon looking over and putting in order letters ect [sic] in my room. Ones belongings consume too much time to keep them in order. Called on Mrs. Dousman Mrs. Gotzian Miss Gordon Mrs. Noyes (D. R.). I find Weys Book on Rome most interesting. Read a discription [sic] of St. Peters this evening. Humiliates one to read of the trials of early Christians in the Catacombs and to reflect on the indifference of many of the Christians of our days.

Saturday January 22

A cloudy rather raw atmosphere but not low thermometer about 20 above. Jim came down this morning. Clara got a letter from Egbert from Thomasville. And {?} and Gertrude got one from Susie Clarke from Italy. Busied myself all the spare time I found to day looking over Sewing room and its belongings. In the afternoon went out to the

Good Shepard Sisters to pay a bill and leaved some work. In the evening read of the Church of St. John of the Lateran. I am very anxious to see Rome. One should prepare well before attempting to enjoy it and its legacies of Ages.

Sunday January 23

A cloudy morning. Thermometer 20 above. Sun came out about noon. Mr. Murphy spent the night with us. Papa seems very well these days.

Monday January 24

Cloudy rather raw day not cold. Letter from Dr. Bull telling me that Walters eyes are very good. The best in the family and that so slight is the astigmatism that wearing glasses for a while will make any amount of work easy for him. Also letter from Mrs. H. W. Cannon telling me that Walter has been with them. In the evening We went to Schubert Concert to hear Mr. and Mrs. Herrschell sing. It was in interesting program. Louis found heat there unpleasant so went out. He met Theodore Schurmeier and came home and spent evening here with Mr. F. B. Clarke.

Tuesday January 25

Colder to-day and bright. Mr. H. M. Smyth died this morning of pneumonia. A weeks illness. I met him last Wednesday looking very well. Wrote to Mrs. Cannon and to Mr. Taft to day. Grace Bigelow took luncheon with us and told me of her Aunt Emmas illness. I went to see her and found her improving. She has grippe. Called on Mrs. Scott found she was ill. Then called on Mrs. Newport who was not at home. Finished reading Book on Rome found every line of interest. Miss Gordon left this evening. Papa is calling on Judge Greenleaf Clark.

Wednesday January 26

Some colder yet above 12 at 9 a.m. Electricians busy trying to put burglar alarm in order. Busied myself putting to rights the accumulation of months in the magazine and paper closet. Charlotte and Ruth went to spend the night with Mamie. Samuel is absent at Indianapolis. Called on Mrs. Harrison (Rose Larpenteur) and on Mrs. Goodkind found the latter has been ill. Then went to see Emma Upham. She is better. After playing cards with the girls this evening began to read "Mrs. Oliphant on Royal Edinburgh."

Thursday January 27

Some colder yet above zero. Went down town with papa and did some errands in preparation for his leaving for New York. Took luncheon at Mrs. Chas. P. Noyes with Mrs. Weyerhauser Mrs. Wm. B. Dean Mrs. Chas. Bigelow Mrs. Harry Horn, Mrs. J. H. Sanders, Mrs. Robbins of Irving Pk. Papa left on the fast mail train. Mr. A Clark went with him. I find Royal Edinburgh most interesting reading. Mr. Preston came in the evening. Judge and Mrs. Geo. B. Young also.

Friday January 28

A cloudy early morning sun came out in the forenoon. Most disagreeably windy dusty day. Called to see Miss Upham found her looking better still some fever however. Found Mrs. Eaton in bed recovering from bowel trouble. Called on Mrs. Dr. Schiffman

and saw their Orchids. Wrote to Mrs. Upham and to Gertrude Harris. Worked hard to day in the linen closet going over everything there. Louis and the girls Charlotte and Ruth went to Club German this evening. Claras cold prevented her from attending.

Saturday January 29

Down to zero this morning, but bright and pleasant toward noon and in the afternoon. Found Miss Upham and Mrs. Eaton better to day. Called on Mrs. Gotzian and Mr. and Mrs. Shepard. Plumbers about through with their work. Busy all forenoon going through blanket closet. Claras cold is better to day. Telegram from papa saying he arrived well in New York this morning. Walter Heffelfinger and Lee McClung came in the evening to talk over the German. Louis B. Preston and Charlotte went skating.

Sunday January 30

A cloudy morning trying to snow. When we returned from church we found a telegram telling us that Gertrude Harris has a son born this morning at eight oclock. Went up to Mr. Uphams in the afternoon found Emma Upham better. It was a very blustery afternoon dust blowing in whirlwinds but not cold. Wrote to Papa to New York and to Mrs. A Manvel to Paris France. We spent a quiet evening reading and talking.

Monday January 31

Quite a cold morning being windy yet 4 above zero at 9 a.m. Mamie came down in the morning and stayed until afternoon. Ruths birth day. In the afternoon went over to see Mrs. Gotzian and Rubie as they are to leave this evening for Boston. Wrote to Walter. This evening girls surprised Ruth by inviting some friends in to dinner and presenting packages from fictitious donors. Pauline stayed all night. Seems very cold tonight.

Tuesday February 1

A cold cloudy morning to zero. Went to the French church to a requiem Mass in memory and for Monsignor Caillet. He is not forgotten yet. Mamie came down not looking or feeling well. Began to snow in the afternoon. Wind came up in the evening and ceased to snow. Vallie Gotzian stayed all night with us. A telegram from Papa to-day saying he is well. Mrs. Forepaugh came in the afternoon and brought me two prettily made frames to hang waists on. Girls took luncheon with Nellie Finch. She leaves for Thomasville tomorrow.

Thursday February 3

A beautiful day so bright and pleasant. I gave a luncheon to day to eleven young married ladies to meet Mamie. It passed off nicely. And all seemed happy. Telegram from Papa from New York saying he is well. We are little by little getting the house in order – after the Plumbers electricians carpenters and so on. Miss Upham is much better to day.

Friday February 4

A cloudy day weather moderated toward noon and about three snow began to fall and fell for three hours. Never have I known snow so appreciated. We have had so much dust. In the afternoon I went to Mrs. Stones (Dr.) to a Euchre party of twenty tables.

There were four prizes. I did not pay attention to who won them. In the evening Clara and I went to see the play 'Sign of the Cross.' A strong play well put on. And most impressive. Jim came down this morning and went back to Duluth in the evening. Louis nursing a boil.

Saturday February 5

A bright beautiful morning. Went to Mrs. Conigans funeral who died Thursday aged 80. The following ladies took luncheon with me to day. Mrs. Bend (Isabella) Mrs. Robbins (Delia R.) Mrs. J. B. Rice (Eliza J.) Mrs. Shepard (Frances A.) Mrs. Furness (Marion) Mrs. Weyerhauser (E. S.) Mrs. Monfort (Mary J.) Mrs. Saunders (Mary P.) Mrs. Dean (Mary K.) Mrs. Forepaugh and Mrs. Borup (T. C.). All seemed to enjoy the gathering. Entry of Thursday should be here- [Written on page for 2/3 is entry for "Saturday Feb. 7th"]. In the evening we went to the Peoples Church to hear M. Alexander Guilmont the great French Organists. The recital was a treat in its simplicity. After we came from recital we warmed up some terrapin all prepared that Mr. Louis B. Preston sent us.

Sunday February 6

A mild pleasant morning. The little snow that fell Friday disappearing. We went to the Cathedral being first Sunday of the month the Arch Bishop will preach. The Arch Bishop did preach a very strong sermon on the importance of interior sactification [sic], and the obligation of homage to God. The music was fine. M. A. Guilmont played at the Offertory. Papa is spending to day at Mrs. Frank Thomsons I presume as he is in Philadelphia. Wrote to Mr. Taft and to Walter.

Monday February 7

Very mild morning. Cloudy – snow all melted. Busy in the Basement looking about seeing to things. As House man Edward was replaced to day by Alfred Austin. Mary and James came to day with Ding to stay with us while Samuel and Mamie go East for a change. It seems they have gone first to Duluth. Called to see Mr. and Mrs. Shepard and Miss Upham found them all better. Called on Mrs. Wood too. Wrote to Mrs. James and to Mrs. Upham. Papa in Washington to day.

Tuesday February 8

A Spring like day quite warm. Telegram from papa from Washington saying he will return to New York tomorrow. It seems Samuel and Mamie went to Duluth first. Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall came down from Minneapolis to call. He brought me a box of the most beautiful orchids. The day was so fine we had many callers. Mrs. Sturgis and Mrs. Dousman amongst them. Auntie Phelps came too. In the evening I read aloud from Royal Edinburgh.

Wednesday February 9

A foggy damp morning and most depressing day. Quite warm however. Telegram from Papa in reply to one I sent him. He expects to get home Monday. Children get letters from Samuel and Mamie. Jim came down to go with Mr. J. A. Stephen. A wagon drive of 150 miles I believe. Girls are preparing a Dinner for Pauline Ferguson for Thursday. Went to Mrs. Foleys Tea. Called on Miss Upham Mrs. C. Spencer and Mrs. Dahlgren.

Thursday February 10

As foggy as yesterday and raining. Rachel was ill all night like [libousness?]. She feels some better this morning. We hear Mrs. Dousman is ill. Letter from Walter. Rain continued all afternoon. Mary and James find staying in rather dull. Jim went off early this morning with Mr. J. F. Stevens to drive 150 miles to see R. R. work. Clara busy preparing a piece of ice to hold lights and roses on the table tonight at Dinner they give Pauline Ferguson. It is a success. Center piece quite a novelty. Flashlight photos failed as slide was left in.

Friday February 11

A cloudy dark morning. Snowed a little. Heavy snow storm at West Superior 10 inches. I have just learned how much time it takes an expert to repair rugs. It is slow work. He has great respect for the work of his countrymen. Letter from Mrs. Upham to day. We hear Will Farington has a son. In birth of late the male sex predominate. Called on Mrs. Wm. Rhodes to day found her looking very well again. Weather is so mild that apples are sold on the Streets from wagons. An unusual sight in winter here.

Saturday February 12

A perfectly glorious day. Lincolns birth-day observed as a half holiday. Telegram from papa that he will leave New York for home to day. The Palette Club visited the Gallery in two sections to day. Telegram from Samuel saying he and Mamie have just reached New York and that they are well. A letter from Walter promising that he will do his best to succeed in his lessons. Clara Rachel Gertrude and I went to hear Mr. Seymours Lecture on Philip the 2nd. Not an edifying recital.

Sunday February 13

A windy colder day but bright and otherwise pleasant. Very quiet day. Wrote to Walter. Girls wrote to Katie Gordon who is to sail Wednesday on the St. Paul. Gertrude Mary James Nathan and I took long walk in spite of the wind. This is Jims 28th birth-day. It does not seem so long since he was born but time flies! Louis went to the farm to day. I finished reading Royal Edinburgh this evening. Have had a message to day saying papa will be home in the morning – from New York.

Monday February 14

Not cold and snowing. Papa came home from New York this morning. The morning papers shocked many by the news of Dr. Robert Wheatons death which occurred suddenly yesterday evening – of abscess near the brain. Mrs. Upham came back from a months stay in Chicago to day. Weather cleared in the afternoon. I called on Mrs. C. W. Carpenter and Mrs. Shaw. Arch Bishop Ireland called in the evening. Girls went to the [Martian?] concert in the evening. Telegram from Samuel from New York. Wrote to Mamie.

Tuesday February 15

Beautiful bright morning 14 above zero. Mrs. and Miss Upham came in after luncheon. Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Green called. Also Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Chas. Clark and her daughter.

Wednesday February 16

To day papers are filled with news of the terrible disaster. The explosion of the U. S. Battle Ship Maine in Havana Harbor. So far it is attributed to accident suspicious circumstances of foul play are not wanting. Death list said to be 253. Occurring at ten oclock at night crew killed while they slept. It is said Spanish Officials offer prompt assistance and express deep sympathy. This mornings sun rises on many in sore distress. It all happened last night.

Thursday February 17

A bright morning not cold. Went at two oclock to the funeral services of Dr. Robert Wheaton who died so suddenly last Sunday evening. The church would not contain nearly the number that attended. And Christ-Church is not small. The floral offerings or rather tributes were numerous and very beautiful. And the service most impressive. Miss [Fanning?] sang exquisitely. Papa drove up to Minneapolis. To Press Banquet. Sofia Scalchia sang here this evening.

Friday February 18

Rather cloudy and colder. A letter in the forenoon from Mr. Taft telling me that Walter had chicken pox. I sent in immediate telegram asking how he was then and received reply that he was all right again attack very light. Went to Mrs. Newmans to luncheon to meet Mrs. Doty of Chicago. And To day is the 24th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Newmans marriage. Came home in Mrs. Monforts sleigh. My first sleigh ride this winter.

Saturday February 19

Not cold but snowing this morning rather blustery too. Snowed all day and into the night drifting considerably. To day is Mother Xaviers 73rd birth day. Samuel and Mamie are still in New York. In the evening papa and I went over to Mrs. Dalrymples to a high Tea. And had a pleasant evening. We came home with difficulty through the snow drifts. Mrs. Dahlgren had a daughter born this afternoon we hear. The fifth daughter!

Sunday February 20

Rather too windy for comfort but not cold 16 above zero. After Mass we went to congratulate Mr. Shepard on his 70th. birth day we found him feeling encouraged and looking better than of late. We also called on Helen Driscoll. The twins Donald {"2" written over name} and Egbert {"1" written over name} being one year old to day. Fine boys they are too. When we came home we found Will Farington at the house and we congratulated him on the arrival of his son.

Monday February 21

A beautiful day. Not good sleighing however as the snow is badly drifted yet many places bare. In the afternoon Clara and I went to drive and mak [sic] a few calls. To day

papers do not promise that investigation will assure us that the Maine disaster was accidental. Letters from Mamie from New York. Also one from Walter saying he is about over chicken-pox but that he has trouble from his eyes.

Tuesday February 22

A delightful morning and day. Took luncheon at Mrs. Uphams to meet Mrs. Doty of Chicago and from there we drove out to Reception at the Town and Country. That passed off nicely and was well attended from both Cities. Mrs. Jenks was the Belle. Found Auntie Phelps here when I came home. In the evening the girls went to a German led by Mr. Luther Newport. Jim insisted on going back to Duluth although Dr. Smith told him he had a slight pleurisy. Telegram from Samuel saying they will return Monday.

Wednesday February 23

Ash Wednesday. Rather cold as it is windy. To days papers give long accounts of I Donnelly's marriage in Minneapolis yesterday to a Miss Hanson. Not pleasant reading for his children. Went to call on Mrs. Dr. Flagg Mrs. C. M. Griggs and Mrs. Raquet. It was very cold wind in the afternoon. The morning paper announces the sudden death of Mrs I. V. D. ____ {line made by Mrs. Hill} Heard in St. Paul last evening. We hear Mr. Chemidlin has been quite ill.

Thursday February 24

Cold but bright and pleasant. After taking papa to the Office called at Mrs. Princes to see her and Mr. Chemidlin. I found him better and Mrs. P. very well. In the afternoon called on Mrs. E. Sawyer and found her looking pretty well after so serious an illness. In the evening papa invited us to go to the Central Presbyterian Church to hear Scotch Songs. Mr. and Mrs. Lely the Pianist and Tenor. I was an interesting entertainment.

Friday February 25

Colder this morning 7 above zero. Mrs. Upham came in early to ask papas advice about some precious stones. To days paper says that an American Contrator [sic] {Contractor?} had to do with the blowing up of the Maine at the instigation of the Spaniards. Champagna is nearly a week overdue and not seen by the incoming Steamers.

Saturday February 26

A very pleasant Spring like day. Charlottes birth-day. In the forenoon I went to Christ Church to Mrs. I. V. D. Heards funeral service. James Nathan is not well to day. I called Dr. Smith to see him this morning. Bronchial trouble coupled with stomach derangement. Jim came down from Duluth this morning he is better of his pleurisy and is going to Chicago this evening. Telegram from Samuel tells me they will arrive home Monday morning.

Sunday February 27

A mild slightly cloudy morning. James Nathan is better this morning having rested well last night. Morning papers say Champagna has been heard from. She is anchored on

Newfoundland Banks disabled. Reports indicate that good judgment prevails and patience is being exercised in the matter of the Maine disaster. I am reading Austin McCarthys History of our own times and find it most interesting. Rachel and I went for a walk in a snow storm this afternoon.

Monday February 28

A perfectly delightful day. Quite Spring-like. Samuel and Mamie returned from the East this morning both well. James Nathan is better – but still up stairs. A letter from Walter to day which is encouraging as it shows interest in his studies. Mamie and I went over to see Mr. and Mrs. Shepard and to say goodbye to them. As they expect to go South tomorrow. Clara and Pauline had teeth extracted painlessly to day taking gas which they did not at all mind.

Tuesday March 1

25 above zero and snowing this morning. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shepard went to Ashville N. C. This evening. Auntie was here to day.

Wednesday March 2

Rather cold and raw. Busy all day seeing to having the Library thoroughly cleaned. Rugs and all. We have had so little snow at any time that it is difficult to find enough to clean a rug on. Helen Driscoll came in.

Thursday March 3

A delightful morning. After leaving Papa at the Office I went to call on Mr. Chemidlin and to inquire for Mrs. Prince who is ill. Found that Mrs. Prince was very ill and that Mr. Chemidlin was able to come home with me to luncheon. He seems pretty well but rather depressed. We hear that Uncle Alex may come tomorrow. I find Justin McCarthys History of Our Times most fascinating. Got Prayer Book and markers for Gertrudes birth day. Girls gave her ink stand ect [sic].

Friday March 4

A remarkably fine day for the Season. About 25 above and bright sun shine. Uncle Alex arrived on late train last night He seems very well indeed. Gertrudes 15th birthday. She received a message from Walter from Watertown Conn. James Nathan is much better. I allowed him to go out a little to day. We hear from letters and otherwise that Egbert Clarke and a son of Mr. F. I Whitney will sail tomorrow on the Ohio on quite a voyage.

Saturday March 5

Cloudy early morning. Snowed a little in the night. Sun came out at eleven a.m. Mamie came down to spend Sunday. And to go to the Concert to hear The Pianist. Uncle Alex went with us for a drive in the afternoon very muddy.

Sunday March 6

A perfect morning quite warm. Horace E. Bigelow came at 930 a.m. to tell us a son has born to them at 530 this morning. Mother and child promise well. The afternoon so fine

that the Avenue is lively indeed. A Mr. Howard of Montreal called with Samuel. This afternoon Papa drove out to North Oaks. Louis went this morning.

Monday March 7

A very warm day. Mrs. Evans spent the day here. Auntie came down too for the afternoon. Dog Show opened to day most promisingly. The girls are much interested as Ponto is entered.

Tuesday March 8

Another warm day but more chilliness in the air. Paper are full of preparations to defend the Nations honor in any event. Jim came down this morning. All snow has disappeared. And the ground looks too dry. Uncle Alex went with Wilfred to Wilmar this evening.

Thursday March 10

Fine weather continues. Uncle Alex came back from Wilmar this forenoon very tired. Mr. Chemidlin came in to luncheon to day and reports Mrs. Prince improving. Uncle Alex went to Minneapolis to take supper at Uncle Phelps. In the evening papa and I walked up to Mrs. Theodore Borups. Quite like a May night.

Friday March 11

Warm but rather cloudy in the afternoon still no sign that a storm such as just visited Mich. With much snow does not seem to threaten us. Called on Mrs. F. I. Whitney, Mrs. Mrs. J. F. Stevens, Mrs. Raquet Mrs. D. Monfort and Mrs. F. Shepard. I hear that Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shepards are at Baltimore.

Saturday March 12

A cloudy mild day rather damp. Mrs. Newman brought Mr. and Mrs. Chapelle to see the Gallery this forenoon. After doing some errands down town James Nathan and I took a long walk. Jim came from Duluth this morning.

Monday March 14

Mr. E. T. Nichols came to day.

Thursday March 17

A beautifully bright morning – just freezing. I went to see Grace Bigelows baby this morning. I found both well. Uncle Alex went home this evening. I called on Mrs. E. B. Dahlgren and the new baby this afternoon found them both very well. Letter from Ruth saying the Opera in Chicago is fine and they She and Clara are enjoying it. Letter from Walter.

Friday March 18

Cloudy morning. Snowed all afternoon. Not at all cold however. Rachel not at all well. She came home before school was over ill of severe head-ache. Mr. E. T. Nichols left for New York this evening. Mr. Grover spent the evening with papa. Letter from Ruth.

Saturday March 19

A cloudy morning yesterdays snow all melting. This being St. Josephs day Charlotte and I accepted an invitation from the Little Sisters of the Poor to help serve dinner to the old people to day. Charlotte was quite interested in everything about the Institution. The Old People seemed to appreciate our visit very much. Mamie came down in the afternoon saying she had not been well since she went home Monday. Samuel came in the evening to spend Sunday.

Sunday March 20

A glorious morning. Clara and Ruth returned from Chicago with Mrs. Borup and Pauline this morning. Clara looks tired. She says they had a fine musical treat in the Operas. Jim and George Slade are at the farm for the day. Came from Duluth and were met at White Bear this early morning. Louis has gone to join them. Mr. Roland came with George Slade for the day. Jim remained all night.

Monday March 21

A bright day. The morning was misty amounting to smoke. Busy all forenoon in the trunk room and top of the House. This mornings paper say Capt Sigsbee of the Maine has been notified to prepare to return to active duty which means that the explosion was external or he would be tried.

Tuesday March 22

An unpleasant dark cold raw day. Mrs. Henry Knox a Mrs. Freeman from Boston and Mrs. Thad. Jones came to call and to see the pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Knox are leaving Minnesota and going East. To days papers give little definite news from Washington. Report of the Maine court of inquiry not expected until Thursday. One hears very little of Free Silver these days.

Wednesday March 23

Quite a warm day beautifully bright. Found Mrs. Gotzian letter and brought her home to dinner. The Twin Donald was not real well. To days papers publish that James A. Southall formerly a Government Clerk as said to have issued more than a 1,000,000 in bogus time checks. St. Paul investors are said to lose heavily. We seem to be approaching a crisis on the Maine and Cuban questions. May all be settled without more loss of life.

Thursday March 24

A bright warm day high wind. In the afternoon I drove out to St. Pauls Seminary to call on Father Heffron and Father Oster found them both at home. Girls invited about a dozen in to Tea to meet Miss Alice Preston. I received a letter from Mrs. Freeman Jones to day. Called on Mr. Eaton found him pretty well. The Kearsage and the Kentucky were Launched a christened to day. The Kentucky christened with water from the Old Lincoln Farm.

Friday March 25

A bright warm morning. Very windy all last night and wind continued all to day with blinding dust. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shepard returned from South and East to day. I went to see Grace and her baby this afternoon and met Mr. John Harris and Mr. Upham there. Dr. Smith spent the evening with us. Father Oster and Father Heffron called too. We had to have an unfortunate demented young man arrested to day F. Wilberg his name.

Saturday March 26

A cloudy morning. Wind has gone down and rain is promised. Have written to Mrs. Col F. G. Smith Washington and to Mr. Nichols and Walter to day. Judging from daily papers War appears to approach. The President – and indeed the American Nation are patient and that is well. This evenings paper reports Gladstone only alive. He has been failing for some time.

Sunday March 27

Very dark morning and colder 30 above at 8³⁰ a.m. While we were at High Mass rain and sleet began to fall than hail which turned to snow early in the afternoon. Snow has continued and is still falling at 6 p.m. with quite high wind. Louis went to North Oaks late last evening. I wish he was here. Samuel Mamie and the children are here. Louis is home all right.

Monday March 28

A beautifully bright morning. 18 above zero at 9 a.m. Every thing is covered with a mantle of clean snow. Morning papers saw War is certainty. And the present week will be most exciting the most eventful of any week since the Civil War. Court of inquiry asserts positively that the Maine was destroyed Feb. 15th by an external Mine which exploded her magazines two of them. Yesterdays storm the most of the Winter here. Street cars had difficulty to run and R. R. cars encountered detention. Great Northern from the coast due last evening did not get in last night.

Tuesday March 29

Bright with raw atmosphere. Beautiful day however. Snow melting. We are taking advantage of snow and getting stair Rugs cleaned. Mrs. Monfort brought Dr. McClurg of U. S. Navy recruiting Office to call this afternoon. An Office has been opened in St. Paul this week. To days reports look War like. Director Seidl died suddenly in New York last evening. Supposed to have been poisoned of eating Shad Roe at luncheon.

Wednesday March 30

A beautiful morning. 30 above zero at 8³⁰ a.m. Snow will melt fast to day. As I want to get large Hall rugs out to day I am anxious to keep snow. How selfish we all can be and how interested for small gain. Dr. Smith and Father Oster came in this evening. Papa Judge Young and Mr. Grover busy all evening. Ruth and little Mary went to Minneapolis after Schubert Concert this afternoon. I have nearly finished 2nd Vol. Of Justin McCarthys History of our own Times and am much interested in all of it.

Thursday March 31

A dark morning not cold snowing. Snow continued all day – melting some as it falls. Morning papers are more promising for peace.

Friday April 1

Bright morning. Snow melting fast 30 above at 8 a.m. Louis is appointed assistant to the President to day. {Written in above in different hand; “33 years ago 1931” with brackets drawn around sentence regarding Louis.} Jim came down from Duluth yesterday. To days paper says War is Spains selection and yet we hope for peace. Charlotte had Mr. Louis B. Preston and Miss Alice Preston to dinner this evening. Mr. L. [McClung?] and George T. Slade to meet them also Pauline Ferguson. Mamie spent the night with us.

Saturday April 2

A perfectly delightful day overhead. Snow nearly all gone. I sent an Express package to Walter to-day.

Sunday April 3

Palm Sunday. A delightful morning. Air felt most bracing. Gertrude and Mary M. Hill attended Mass at the Cathedral where the Seminarians chanted the Passion making a long service – with the blessing of the Palms. Captain Durham died to day of pneumonia and his other infirmities [sic]. As Rachel and I walked out the Avenue this afternoon it seemed that all the children on the Hill were with us – so many were on the Street. Mamie and Samuel drove down in the afternoon. Mr. F. B. Clarke and Dr. C. E. Smith called in the evening.

Monday April 4

Another pleasant day. Not so warm but delightfully sunny and calm. Mamie stayed down all day and remains tonight. Jim came down again to day as papa is preparing to sail for England – on the 9th. To days papers again give some little hope of peace. We are all waiting now for the Presidents message to Congress. Just now the nights are gloriously bright and the atmosphere so quiet.

Tuesday April 5

Fine weather is still with us. Air still feels as if it came from ice and snow much more so than two weeks ago. Have been busy all day preparing for papas departure. He did not come home until 7³⁰ this evening. So getting his things off and his getting something to eat left no time for anything else. I can not realize now that he is on his way to England. He has been too busy of late. I hope he may get some rest on the voyage. But I wish he were coming back.

Wednesday April 6

Such a perfectly delightful morning. Air so warm sky cloudless no wind. Papa Dr. Smith and Mr. Arthur Clark left last evening on way to England. This morning papers are more promising for Peace. May Easter assure us of it. I have been up to see Mrs. Upham and Gertrude Harris. Mrs. Upham has been quite ill in Chicago. So has Gertrude. Both are

improving. Rachel and I attended Tenebre services at the Cathedral this evening. About one hundred Seminarians Chanted.

Thursday April 7

Holy Thursday. Attended Services at St. Marys this morning. The morning bright but windy and very dusty. Morning papers say Spain may give in. That is consideration of the Americans in Spain. The Presidents message may not yet go to Congress until Monday. Fearing masacre [sic] of Americans. Reports assure us of Englands sympathy in our Cuban policy. Snow and ice about all gone.

Friday April 8

Good Friday. Some rain fell last night. Wind continues to day. Warm however. Attended services at St. Marys. Telegram from Papa this morning says Walter and Carl are in New York with him and Dr. Smith. That all are well. At seven a message from A. Clark saying that papa and he will sail in the morning on the Lucania. At eight oclock came another message saying will sail Tuesday on Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Probably waiting to know of Presidents message.

Saturday April 9

Cloudy and warm. Quite dusty. Gertrude and I attended services at St. Marys. We missed Father Caillet so much. Later we went to the Cemetery. It was my first visit to Father Caillets grave. Just received a message from papa. He did not mention boys but I presume they have gone to Washington. I met Dan Hand this afternoon as I went to church and he told me that he had sent in an application for a commission in case of War in obedience to his fathers advice should such ever occur. To days papers indicate probable War and soon too.

Sunday April 10

Easter Sunday. And such a gloriously perfect day. Nothing to mar it but the threatening pall of War. And that we hope may be lifted. To days papers promise the Presidents message tomorrow. Arch Bishop Ireland is in Washington doing what he can to preserve peace at any rate to avert war. The children had an egg hunt and strange to say a large gray and stray rabbit joined them most unexpectedly. The were indeed surprised. The Driscolls Dahlgrens Laurence Tighe and James.

Monday April 11

A bright warm day. 'Queenie' Bakers wedding day. Sent her a Telegram and gift. Telegraphed papa and Wrote to Walter. Took luncheon and Mrs. Dousmans to meet Mrs. Hanibal Hamlin of Bangor Maine. Later went to Miss Prestons little Tea. Then came home and read the Presidents message. I can not see why we should go to War. Since Spain is willing to arbitrate the matter of the Maine disaster. I still hope for peace. Telegram from papa tonight saying he sails in the morning on the Kaiser Wilhem der Grosser at ten oclock.

Tuesday April 12

A cloudy morning quite warm. Papa sailed this morning on Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosser. North German Lloyd S. S. Co. as he sailed at ten oclock he is now three hours on way. Congress must now deliberate on Presidents message which was read yesterday. Peace is still possible and may it stay long with us. This evening Mr. F. B. Clarke and Mr. T. L. Schurmeier called when we played Cinch which seemed to amuse them. Mr. and Miss Preston and Mr. Bowdion spent the evening here – also Ramsey Furness.

Wednesday April 13

Not so warm but bright and pleasant. Spent forenoon seeing to putting Wine room in order – and having it cleaned. To days papers seem threatening in reports from Washington. Fortunately it takes time to deliberate and in the mean time prudence may suggest means honorable. Called on Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Durham. John Upham took dinner with us. Letters from Walter and Mrs. Col. Smith from Washington.

Thursday April 14

A beautiful morning. I feel not at all well this morning. Have had head ache every morning for some time and now sore throat and bronchial irritation. Indications are more Warlike I fear judging from the Press reports. I went over this afternoon to see William O. Ekberg and his wife. Two of their children were found dead in a sand bank at the side of their home after having been missed three days. Poor father and mother. The girls went out with Harriet Tighe to dine at the Town and Country Club with Miss Preston and her brother. She leaves tomorrow evening.

Friday April 15

A smoky dusty hot day. My cold affects my throat and bronchial tubes so that I have felt miserable all day. Jim came down this morning from Duluth. He is going to New York tomorrow to Rufus Gibbs wedding. George Slade goes with him. To days paper says that an American named Chas. A. Crandall laid the mine that blew up the Maine. He says he was employed by Weyler and that Spanish Officials were aware of it. We shall probably know later whether that is true. Jim went back tonight.

Saturday April 16

Another fine bright morning. No wind. Having more bronchitis am staying in bed to day. Dr. Abbot called this morning. Chas. A. Crandalls story is not believed by all it seems. To days paper says Troops are ordered to move to Chicamauga Battlefield New Orleans Mobile and to Tampa. It is expected that the Senate will vote sometime to day. It is also said that Arch Bishop Ireland will reply to critics and then go to Rome.

Sunday April 17

A very disagreeable day dark and wet raw and chilly too. Charlotte feels so badly that she is not going to Mass. Clara does not feel much better but managed to attend Mass then spent the afternoon on sofa in my room. I shall stay in bed to day. I had considerable fever all night and no sleep yet I fell some better this morning. Less

soreness. Samuel and Mamie drove down in afternoon. She is not well complains of pain in her feet, and thinks it is nervous trouble.

Monday April 18

Another gloomy day but not cold in forenoon. I am up and dressed to day feeling some more comfortable. At one oclock this p.m. came a cable from Plymouth from papa saying they had landed and were well. A quick voyage. They sailed last Tuesday at 10 a.m. Snowed this afternoon until the ground was quite white. Auntie came down this afternoon. As she has cold and the evening was wet we prevailed on her to spend the night. We played Cinch and the won all the games.

Tuesday April 19

To day is warmer yet cloudy. Third Regiment went South to day it was expected that they would march through the city and thousands filled the streets to do them honor but they quietly slipped through on the cars. We are saddened to see the signal that War is declared (the flag hoisted on the Pioneer Press Building) it was raised to day just after noon. The American Congress declares the Cubans independent and free and demand the Spaniards to evacuate. 48 hours may bring on active war. We can not say how long it may last – but a short time we must hope.

Wednesday April 20

A beautiful day. We are waiting now for Congressional Resolution. The evening papers tell that the President (McKinley) at 11.24 a.m. to day signed the joint resolution of Congress requiring Spain to evacuate Cuba. Spain has until Saturday to reply. We fear now it will be war. We went to the Cathedral to see Mary Belle Clark and Mr. Towle married. It is said she is not yet Catholic but they were married on the Altar. I saw no blessing however.

Thursday April 21

A dark rainy day rather windy too. We hear that Walter is back at school and that Papa will go to Berlin Sunday. I went to call on Mrs. Sawyer this afternoon. Evening paper says Spain rejects the ultimatum and War is on. Passport handed to the American Minister (Woodford) before he could present the Ultimatum. Peace seems farther off. Two days more may bring fighting alas.

Friday April 22

A beautiful morning and quite warm. The Lawns are richly green and shrubs and foliage coming out rapidly. War with Spain was a fact yesterday although not Officially declared. The North Atlantic Squadron has been ordered to Havana. Papers say the news of actual beginning of War was received with gravity. It is indeed grave business. The evening paper says the Cruiser Nashville fired the first Gun and captured a Spanish Lumber Steamer named Beuna Ventura a crew of twenty men.

Saturday April 23

Rather cloudy and mild. President McKinley calls for 125,000 Troops to serve two years. Judging from reports twice that number are ready if needed. Thirty seven years

ago President Lincoln first called for 75,000 in less than a month twice that number responded so it will be now. The New York a cruiser has captured a Spanish vessel Pedro. It is expected that War will be declared Monday. This afternoon I went to Mrs. Dr. Smiths to hear a paper on Party Politics.

Sunday April 24

A perfectly gloriously bright serene morning. The pity is that all the world is in harmony with its – Peace – The report of the Spaniards capturing the Paris is contradicted this morning happily. Nothing in particular is reported this morning it is said Gen. Brooke will command the invading army in Cuba. Havana is said to be blockaded by our ships – Victory. Sherman will resign it is said. His duties are too much for his strength. Mr. Wm. K. Merriam called this evening. We talked of Jack and the Helena. Mr. and Mrs. Newman called too. Jim came back.

Monday April 25

A cloudy mild morning. It is said that the Helena Wilmington Detroit and Porter with [Reserve/Resource?] Cutter Winona have captured five Spanish Merchantmen. It is expected that Congress will formally declare War to day. Cable from Papa yesterday from Berlin. He is at the Hague to day, and will return to London tomorrow. Jim went back to Duluth last night.

Tuesday April 26th {written on page for 4/28}

A bright day rather cold wind but genial sunshine. Mrs. Gen. Wade called in the afternoon we talked of War. [Timi?] and Aggie Kelly came and told me Mrs. Kelly is not very well. A cable from papa saying he will sail on the Etruria Saturday April 30th. All sorts of conflicting reports from Havana it seems useless to place confidence in any Press reports. Theodore Schurmier took dinner with us and we played cinch with him afterwards.

Wednesday April 27

A very windy cloudy morning. The wind was high all last night. Afternoon was sultry. Called on Mrs. Price and found her sorrowful fearing Wess. may go to War. Mrs. Gotzian looking tired after being with her suffering brother. War news still conflicting. Luck seems to be with our Ships – so far. Wrote to Walter to day.

Thursday April 28 {written on page for 4/26}

High wind again last night. Colder this morning. No rain. To days papers say that Spaniard have learned the terrible power of U. S. Vessels at Bombardment of Matanzas. No lives lost on our side of reports are true. The New York Puritan and Cincinnati the Ships that destroy the fortifications [sic]. Called on Mrs. Burbank. This afternoon attended a Tea at Mrs. Jaggards for Mrs. Averill. Mrs. Dr. Flagg died to day. Mrs. Steele came to Mrs. Uphams to day. Called on Mrs. C. E. Smith.

Friday April 29

A perfect morning. The 1st 2nd and 3rd Regiments of Volunteers met in St. Paul at the Capitol and marched to the State Fair Grounds this forenoon. Three thousand six

hundred men. Many of the new recruits. We went out to see them as they passed out Wabashaw Street. Jim is down to day. The girls had a supper for about 20 this evening. Cable from papa saying he will sail tomorrow on Etruria. Windy again tonight.

Saturday April 30

A cloudy windy rainy morning. A Mr. and Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Arthur James from New York called this morning. We had some trees planted yesterday – and this morning I hope they may thrive. Gen. Mason died to day after a short illness. The recruits much be having a [wet?] time at Camp Ramsey in the rain. Charlotte and I leave for New York this evening on Milwaukee R. Papa sailed to day of Etruria.

Sunday May 1

Our Train Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. It is a warm May day. Rained all day and was raining in Chicago when we reached there. The city was all decked in bunting beautiful large crew flags. Spring is well advanced in Ills and Mich. Fruit trees all in bloom foliage and grass is so fresh and delicate. We are all glad to know that the Paris is safely in. Not much news this morning except that we may expect success soon. Mean time the boys are drilling.

Monday May 2

On train of Lake Shore and Mich. Southern on our way (Charlotte and I) to New York to meet papa. Raining every where. Enthusiasm and patriotism evident every where. Country and Town display our colors. New York. At Albany we got the New York morning papers and them learned of Deweys Victory at Manila. Glorious news. We feel indeed proud of our brave Countrymen – and thankful for Victory.

Tuesday May 3

New York. A dark rainy morning. We arrived in New York yesterday just too late to see the Troops leave for Camp at Hamstead Plains. The city is bright with bunting every where. Tenement houses as well as other buildings. We are just leaving for Watertown to visit Walter at school. 10 p.m. we have just returned from Watertown found Walter well and in need of shoes and clothes. The whole day has been rainy. It is a tedious trip. No more news from Manila except no contradiction of early reports.

Wednesday May 4

New York. Rained all night and is still cloudy. Very tired and not feeling very well after fatigue of yesterday. Tried to find suit and shoes for Walter. Mrs. Geo. B. Finch and Nellie took luncheon with us to day. Arch Bishop Corrigan's Silver jubilee celebrated to day here. The Cathedral surrounded by high poles and large flags. A fine flag suspended between the high spires. Thousands stood outside unable to get in. We dined at Mrs. S. Thornes. Still hoping for further news from Manila. Wrote to Ruth and to Walter.

Thursday May 5

New York. Still raining worse than any day yet. This morning we did some shopping. Took luncheon at the Holland then a little later we came up to the Netherland and

attended to some duties here. No War news of significance to day. In the evening we dined at Mrs. Moores. Charlotte the girls and some others played 7 hand Euchre. No letter from home since we left. Still raining tonight and no sign of clearing. Met Mrs. Oakly Thorne to day and Mrs. Arthur James.

Friday May 6

New York. At last a glympse [sic] of sun shine. The forenoon was delightful. I looked about on little errands. We called at the Windsor but found Dr. Metcalf had gone. Charlotte lunched at Mrs. Arthur C. James. I at Dr. Bulkleys. Mr. Lamont called and offered to go to the Steamer with us tomorrow. Letters from Clara and Ruth. Mr. Newman came this evening he is staying here at the Netherland. We went to se Mansfield in First Violin with Mr. and Mrs. Lamont.

Saturday May 7

New York. This is a cloudy morning. Mr. Lamont came for us at ten a.m. and took us to meet papa as he returned on the Etruria. Dr. Smith and Mr. Arthur Clark came with him all well. We were relieved and grateful to learn this forenoon that Comodore Dewey is really victorious having sunk eleven Spanish Ships killed 4 hundred taken many prisoners and with so small a loss as eight wounded. Mr. Newman is here. Charlotte and I went to see First Violin Mansfield.

Sunday May 8

New York. Rained, poured all day. We managed to get to Mass at the Cathedral. Papa read the papers and had a quiet day. Papers full of the Manila Battle it really seems providential for us to have so complete a Victory.

Monday May 9

Still a cloudy day. Papa delayed a while at Kirkpatrick's on his way down Town. Charlotte and I went looking at Silver Candlesticks. In the afternoon we make a number of calls. Found Mrs. Cannon looking as she is really ill. Mrs. Baker very lonely after her daughter Quenie.

Tuesday May 10

New York. At last a pleasant day. In the morning I went over to Dobbs Ferry to see Miss Masterson's School found it a finely situated and appointed School no vacancies. Then I came back to New York and went over to Mrs. Hazens School at Pelham Manor and found hers a delightful roomy charmingly located school. I must look further about it.

Wednesday May 11

New York. A rainy morning. Went out and finished a few errands then came in and packed. We leave at five oclock for home. And we shall be glad to get there. Letters and telegrams that all at home are well.

Thursday May 12

On Train between New York and Chicago. We arrived in Chicago at 4 p.m. and went to the new Grand Pacific is perfectly transformed. And we left for home at 630 p.m. on Milwaukee Road.

Friday May 13

A perfect morning. We came home with papa this morning (Charlotte and I.) We are glad to see the sun shine as we have had two weeks rain in New York. We found Mrs. Freeman James here on our return. Found everything in order. Clara has been quite busy seeing to some renovating.

Monday May 16

A beautiful morning. Louis returned this a.m. with Prince Albert of Belgium Col. Jungbluth Dr. Mellis and Mr. Jostens & two servants. They are to be our guests for three days. Seven pictures are being unpacked – and DuRand Ruel is here to day too.

Tuesday May 17

A cloudy day but pleasant morning. Prince Albert and the gentlemen with him have gone to Minneapolis to take luncheon at Mamies and to see the Flour Mills. On the way back they spent an hour at St. Pauls Seminary. Rained nearly all day. Mamies luncheon passed off satisfactorily. They seemed complimented at the attention of the decorations. The particular feature being the Belgian colors. In the evening Arch Bishop Ireland Mr. Wheelock Mr. F. B. Clarke and Theodore Schurmier dined with the Prince and party here.

Wednesday May 18

A bright pleasant morning. Prince Albert Leopold and his party were down early as they go to Duluth at Nine a.m. Before breakfast The Prince presented me with his photograph a very good and recent one. Papa went to Duluth with them. We are not getting much War news these days probably the usual calm before the Battle. I felt so tired that I just gave up this afternoon to resting and did go asleep.

Thursday May 19

A rainy morning. Ascension Thursday. We all went to early Mass as there seemed to be first Communion in all the churches. I was obliged to mend one of the large Flags in the afternoon as both were badly Torn and now we put up the flag every day. Went to Mrs. Newports Tea at 4 p.m. She gave it for a Mrs. Sykes of England. I learned that Mrs. Robbins has been ill for some time so I inquired for her on way home.

Friday May 20

Another rainy day. Spent some time on the other flag and ordered two new ones for if the War continues Bunting and larger flags will be difficult to get. Mrs. Newport brought Mr. and Mrs. Sykes to see the Gallery. Mrs. Gardener [Mimi?] called. Mrs. James came back having finished her visit in Minneapolis. We drove over to inquire for the Griggs boy that has been so ill and we found Mrs. C. W. Griggs there and the boy better. I called on old Mrs. Gibson (Mrs. Skinners mother) nearly 90 years and so bright.

Saturday May 21

A very rainy morning. About eleven it cleared and Mrs. James and I started for Minneapolis to take luncheon with Mamie. As we got to her house a heavy shower came on but we got there all right and had a pleasant visit. Called at Aunties found her getting Fred ready to go on surveying party. We came home through heavy rain just in time for Tea. In the evening papa had company and we played cinch and with Mrs. James recalled old times. Clara dines at Mrs. D. R. Noyes.

Sunday May 22

Still cloudy did not rain during Church time. We found Mrs. Gotzian at the house when we came back from church. Papa had a Mr. [Trirabain/Tresahein?] to breakfast with him this morning. He spent the forenoon here. I have just had some photographs made a Haynes of Monsignor Caillet. We are very glad to be able to get them. Papa stayed home all day to day and seemed very happy for a rainy day.

Monday May 23

A warm cloudy day but not dark feels like more rain. Mrs. James and I drove out to the Cemetery with some lilacs for Grandmas and Father Caillets grave. Mrs. James has gone to visit Mrs. Upham. This is the first day since I came home that I found time to look about carefully. I find sever [sic] {several?} things to attend to. School room walls has just been re painted. We are going to have the Music room wood work cleaned. Mrs. S. Worthington and Mrs. Dr. Ritchie called each have an only son in the War – one in the Army and the other in the navy.

Tuesday May 24

A perfect morning quite a warm day. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Schurmeier called last evening. Mr. Mellen spent the evening with papa. The girls have a picnic to day at Road side Links. Mrs. Col. Griggs called this morning. The lilacs are really beautiful this year in spite of the dry Spring. Indeed all foliage is fine.

Wednesday May 25

A bright quite hot morning and day. Got papas things ready in the morning for a trip to the Coast. Mamie came down to see Dr. Riggs and as he was coming to see me she saw him here. Mary M. and little James both ill this morning and Mamie limping with a cane from Sciatica. Papa Mr. Upham and Mr. Arthur Clarke got off at 6,,30. Auntie Phelps came down in response to Telephone message from John Tierney. She stayed here all night.

Thursday May 26

A hot windy morning. Mamie Samuel and Mary M. were down last evening. The latter to stay here a while. She is much better this morning. Daniel [Whillden?] Hand very anxious for a Commission particularly since a second call yesterday from President McKinley for 75 thousand more volunteers. We have had very little information for many days concerning our War with Spain. We expect a Naval engagement any day. In the evening Mrs. Upham and I went to a very enjoyable musicale at Mrs. D. R. Noyes. It

was very warm. {Continued on pager for 5/27 with date crossed off on top.} A dull sultry day after a bright morning. In the afternoon I called on Mrs. S. S. Eaton and played Duplicate Whist at Mrs. Theodore Borups with Mrs. R. Hersey Mrs. Forepaugh and Mrs. Averill. Quite a wind and rain storm in the afternoon continuing the rain in the evening.

Friday May 27 {written on bottom half of page for 5/27}

A rainy morning. Mary M. is better. Jim came this morning. Rained all afternoon packed a box of Books and magazines to send to 13 Regiment of Minnesota A. S. V. on the way to the Phillipines. Major Sturgis called this evening with his sister Mary.

Saturday May 28

A delightful morning. Mary M. about well again. I finished packing box and sent it to Sanfrancisco [sic] this forenoon. Telegram from papa on the way to Butte – saying he is well. Still little War news. All seems preparation. The rest will come soon enough and yet every one is anxious for a Naval engagement or something to relieve suspense. This afternoon We attended a Tea given by Mrs. Dousman for Maj. and Mrs. Sturgis. He leaves on way to Phillipines tomorrow. Mrs. Sturgis (his mother) and Mrs. Dousman feel rather gloomy at his departure.

Sunday May 29

A cloudy cool morning. We hear James Nathan is better. Mary M. is well. Sam has gone to {"?" in different hand, in blank space left by Mrs. Hill}. In several churches to day Decoration day is anticipated by appropriate services. In the afternoon Rachel and I drove out to the Cemetery. We found many there and the soldiers graves marked by flags. I went over and spent part of the evening with Mrs. Dahlgren. Mr. Dahlgrens mother died yesterday in Washington.

Monday May 30

So perfect a morning and day after such dark wet weather that it seems Provedtially [sic] {Providentially?} sent. The day Decoration day very generally observed in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Well may all join in the spirit of the day for many celebrating to day may be in Soldiers graves a year hence. I went to Minneapolis to see how Mamie was, found her better and the children well.

Tuesday May 31

A rainy morning and rather chilly day. Went to Mrs. Uphams to play {"progress" crossed out} Duplicate whist in honor of Mrs. Dousman who was not able to come when the time came was ill of bronchitis [sic].

Wednesday June 1

A perfect morning and day but for the wind that came on in the afternoon. Rachel Gertrude and I went to North Oaks after an early luncheon. We found everything looking charmingly on the way and considerable work going on in the way of Road making. The Garden seemed late. As we arrived home we were told at the door that Clara had been hurt. Thrown from Pauline Fergusons cart at the Road Side Links. I found her in bed. Dr. Smith with her and that she had escaped mercifully.

Thursday June 2

A hot windy morning heat increased through the day. Clara slept quite well and excepting a soreness in left hand and wrist feels quite well. She dressed and came down stairs this afternoon. Pauline was pretty well shaken up too but she was able to drive down to Mrs. Severances farm this afternoon. Miss Stella Barlour and Miss Grace Hinchman arrived to day from Detroit to visit Ruth. In the evening Judge Brown and Mr. F. B. Clarke came in and we had a game of Cinch.

Friday June 3

Mrs. Gotzians birth day. Was very windy all last night. And is still blowing this forenoon. Clara seems all right this morning but for soreness and some pain in wrist. We learn through Telephone that Mamie is better of Sciatica. We expect papa home tomorrow. I have just received two beautiful large flags 30 x 16. I am hoping that Peace may be proclaimed soon that I may celebrate unfurling them to the breeze. Girls gave a Tea and Supper for Miss [Barlour/Barbour?] and Miss Hinchman. Katie Gordon sang.

Saturday June 4

A very hot day after the heavy rain and unusual electric storm of last night. The music room again in order and looks well as new after cleaning. Papa and Mr. Upham came home from the West This morning both well. Mrs. Gold Curtiss came from New York to day on her way to Great Falls. Mrs. Cannon sailed for England to day with her boys.

Sunday June 5

A very uncomfortably sultry morning raining all forenoon. Mr. Jay Morse came on from Chicago. And spent the day with us. Gov. Clough took luncheon with us. Louis Preston and Theodore Griggs took luncheon with the girls and Walter Heffelfinger took dinner with us. Wrote to Walter this afternoon. Mamie and the children went to Ashland last evening. Jim came down to day. Mrs. Gotzian finally settled in the Long house.

Monday June 6

{crossed out: A dark cloudy...} A beautiful morning but rather hot. After breakfast I called for Mrs. Gold Curtiss at the Ryan and took her for a drive. She left for Great Falls at 130. Jim stayed down all day. Mamie and the children are at Ashland. After luncheon Katie Gordon came in with Francis Tarbox Katie sang charmingly. Mrs. Wm. R. Merriam called looking very well. This is Mrs. S. S. Eatons 69 birth day. Mrs. Gotzian Mrs. F. James Mrs. Upham and I called on her.

Tuesday June 7

A perfect morning. As the Cable is discontinued and during the changing to Electric line the cars run over on Farrington ave. it is inconvenient [sic] for the time. Mrs. Dahlgrens baby Olga was baptized by Arch Bishop Ireland this morning at St. Lukes. I am the Godmother. Father McNulty stood for a Priest in Washington.

Wednesday June 8

A bright beautiful day. After attending to several errands I called on Mrs. Price and Lizzie Merriam. Did not find Lizzie. In the Afternoon Clara and I went to Mr. Patters funeral at St. Louis Church and as he seemed without friends we went to the Cemetery. Telegram from Samuel from Ashland Wis. telling me Mamie is better and the children are well. He leaves for New York this evening.

Thursday June 9

A cloudy cooler day. Letter to Ruth from Jim inviting her and friends Miss Barlour and Miss Hinchman to spend a day in Duluth his guests. Papa and I spent the afternoon at Hamlyne University Exercises and found them interesting. After dinner Papa and I walked up to Mr. Uphams called on Mrs. Gotzian in the new house. The Long House and called on Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren to say goodbye to them as they go to the Sea Shore for the Summer.

Friday June 10

A dark rainy morning and day. Girls gave a Luncheon for Miss Barbour and Miss Hinchman. Sixteen sat at Table. Miss Gordon, Mrs. Wallace Winter Miss Bessie Winter Miss Noyes, Vallie Gotzian Lily and Julia Robertson Mrs. Major Sturgis Miss Taylor Pauline Ferguson Miss Gordon sang. In the afternoon the rain came down in Torrents.

Saturday June 11

A cool pleasant morning. At Jims invitation Clara Charlotte Ruth Miss Barbour Miss Hinchman Pauline Ferguson and I left at nine a.m. for Duluth in Car A. 1. Walter Heffelfinger Lee McClung Mr. Trowbridge Theodore Griggs and FitzHugh Burns were invited too. As Trucks {Tracks?} broke down early in forenoon we did not arrive until 930 p.m. We will stay in Duluth over Sunday. This evening we went up on the incline Road but evening too dark and misty to see anything.

Sunday June 12

Duluth. A promising morning although foggy and slightly cloudy. Girls and I went to Mass to the Cathedral. Bishop McGolrick celebrated it was the childrens Mass. Toward noon Jim took us up over the hills on a beautiful drive. About three oclock we we went for a boat ride on the Inman to Knife Island 20 miles from Duluth had a picnic Supper on the Boat and got back at 1030 p.m. in good time for train. Girls had a good day and enjoyed it. Jim seemed to enjoy it too.

Monday June 13

A bright warm almost hot morning. We arrived in St. Paul just on time 710 a.m. All well pleased with our outing and glad to get home. Mrs. Abby James spent yesterday with Rachel and Gertrude. It seems Louis went to North Oaks yesterday to fish. Wrote to Walter to. Letters from Mamie from Ashland from Mrs. Manvel and little Mary. Wrote to Mamie and to Mrs. Curtis. I was so fatigued after yesterday that I was obliged to go to bed early.

Tuesday June 14

A perfect morning so delightfully cool. As we went down town this morning the streets were filled with happy children waiting to see the Circus procession. A letter from Walter to day. Also one from Fred Phelps – from N. D. Wrote to Mrs. Cannon to day. Also to [Ragnnell?] to Norway. In the evening I went to the Circus with the girls. When we came home we found Capt Fronberg and Lieut. Koch here with Mr. Adams. The Officers from Berlin.

Wednesday June 15

A delightfully cool day. Went in the forenoon and called on Mrs. Lena Schmidt Emma Gotzian, Mrs. Milton Griggs and Mrs. Gotzian. In the afternoon Louis and I went to Miss Grovers wedding. It was very impressive and passed off beautifully. The additional Troops for 13th Regiment (the recruits) left this evening. We are hoping The Marines may be able to hold out at Guatonoma [sic] until reinforced. Pauline and Miss Hinchman had their little experience to day.

Thursday June 16

A delightful morning. Jim is down to day. Morning reports say Cubans are aiding Marines to hold out against the foe at Guatonoma [sic]. In the afternoon I made some calls. The girls spent the afternoon on the Road Side links and played Golf. In the evening we walked up to Mr. Uphams to say goodbye to Mrs. Freeman James. She returns to Spokane. Walter leaves for home tomorrow. Jim went back to night.

Friday June 17

A very warm morning. Samuel came home from New York this morning. He tells us Mr. John G Moore is not well at all and that they have gone to Winter Harbour. Louis gives the girls a Steam Boat ride on the River this evening. The afternoon very hot and sultry. Girls took luncheon at Miss Bessie Winters. All preparations were made to take Supper on the River on the Gracie Minn when an electric storm and heavy rain prevented. Picniced [sic] on the Terrace instead. Had colored men sing.

Saturday June 18

A bright pleasant morning pretty hot in the afternoon. Papa and Mr. Upham went to Duluth and to look over work on piece of new Road. Louis and [Dicksie?] Thompson went to farm in the afternoon. Came back in the evening. Samuel came up before going to Ashland. Dr. Smith was here and we all talked of Mamie and the children. A hot night. Girls played in the Tournament. Mr. B. Schurmeier and Charlotte first.

Sunday June 19

Walter came home this morning on the Burlington Road looking very well indeed. The day has been very hot. Papa will arrive tonight about ten oclock. Miss Gordon Mr. C. Gordon Mr. Mitchell and several others spent the evening here. Mrs. Gotzian came in with Rubie.

Monday June 20

A hot morning and a hotter day. Charlotte and Walter went to links early. She to take a lesson. Pauline Ferguson gives a dinner tonight to Miss Barbour and Miss Hinchman. Jim and Geo. Slade came down to attend it is at Town and Country Club. Dan and Mrs. Hand called this evening. So did Mr. Kirby. Papa says Samuel reports Mamie much better children well.

Tuesday June 21

A delightfully cool morning. After breakfast I walked down to see Mrs. Meany and Jimmie Murray. Fine day for Golf and the girls take advantage of it. They say the dinner passed off successfully. Charlotte and Ruth played Golf nearly all day. In the evening Harriet Tighe gave Miss Barbour and Miss Hinchman a Theatre party and supper. We hear Miss Julia Noyes is engaged to a Mr. De Forest of New York.

Wednesday June 22

A delightful morning. Busy this afternoon preparing Papas things to go East this evening. He went at 655 on Fast Mail. Miss Barbour and Miss Hinchman left for home (Detroit) at 810. They said they had enjoyed their visit and were sorry to go. Charlotte and Ruth won in the forenoon at Golf now they will have to play finals. Mamie not well at Ashland. Samuel went up this evening.

Thursday June 23

A very hot morning and during the day grew hotter from 90 to 98 in the afternoon. And yet the girls played Golf in the morning. Mrs. R. Hersey gave a Tea to her sons wife. In the evening Miss Weed and Mr. Moore were married. How hot it was at the Reception in the evening.

Friday June 24

A very hot morning quite a rain at 730 this morning but it did not cool the atmosphere. This evening paper gives us hope that Santiago will soon be taken now that our Army is landed so successfully. Samuel brought Mary and James with Ding this morning. Mamie is better. Walter had poor little Sport clipped and the dog seems humiliated wants to keep out of sight.

Saturday June 25

A cool delightful morning. Rachel Walter and I went out to North Oaks. While we were there we had two storms of wind and rain. And on our return to the city in the evening we learned that there had been a heavy rain which we escaped. Samuel went East tonight. We know by to days paper that our men will have hard fighting before Santiago falls. Mr. Kitchel came to day.

Sunday June 26

Another cool morning. Morning papers tell us of the hardships of heat and battle that our men are enduring. And of the death of several young Eastern men besides many wounded. Spaniards are desperate. Wrote to papa to New York and to Mamie to Ashland Wis.

Monday June 27

A cool morning. Walter began to study some this morning. Gertrude went to Minneapolis with Ding Mary and James to spend the night according to Samuels plans that the children might see the Beagle pups. A Telegram from Mamie from Ashland saying she was free from tooth ache but to stay in bed all this week. Girls still much ingrossed [sic] in Golf. John Upham came home to day. Letter from Mrs. James (Abbie).

Tuesday June 28

A hot day and so changable [sic]. Sky looked most threatening several times. In the morning attended a meeting at Mrs. Newport to organize a committee to attend to the wants of recruits as they pass through or leave the City. This evening 33 recruits for the 14 Minn. V. were given a good supper and a substantial luncheon to take with them. It was given by ladies at the Commercial Club rooms. The Club presents the Regiment with an elegant Banner. A son of Hole in the Day one of the recruits.

Wednesday June 29

A perfect morning. Rachel and I went to North Oaks to see to putting House in order for Walter and Mr. Kitchel. Every around the farm looks attractive except that the Lake near the house is so low. Charlotte and Mr. Ben. Schurmeier won in the Golf Tournament. Not much news from Cuba. Troops are nearing Santiago. The 13th Minnesota Volunteers left Sanfransisco [sic] Monday and Gen. Merritt followed to day for the Phillipines.

Thursday June 30

A cloudy morning and day. Mr. Chemidlin cam and tool luncheon with us to day he seems quite well. Rachel took James and Ding to North Oaks to day. Jim is down. Charlotte and Walter and Mary to Road Side Links.

Friday July 1

A cloudy rainy morning. My 52 birth day. In the morning I went to Mrs. Donahues Requiem Mass, and funeral service met Nellie and Auntie Phelps there. In the Afternoon I took Maggie Kenny to North Oaks. Rachel went with me. We found all about ready there. The evening paper reports Battle going on new Santiago. Telegrams from Samuel and from Mamie from New York.

Tuesday July 5

A beautiful morning at North Oaks. James had asthma last night but he is quite comfortable this morning. A Telephone message just tells us Papa is home. So we will all go back to Town this forenoon. When I came home I found papa looking very tired after a busy trip in great heat in New York. 15th Regiment began to gather at Camp Ramsey to day.

Wednesday July 6

Quite a hot morning. Mamie returned from Ashland this morning. I took James and Ding and went to Minneapolis to see her. I found her in bed and very weak. Samuel is East. James had his hair cut this afternoon so he is happy. Jim came down this morning.

Papa feels some rested but stayed at home all day. Very hot evening. "Burgoine" sank this morning 600 going down.

Thursday July 7

A hot morning. Papa seems quite himself. An excitement over a young man that was shot in front of Mrs. Gotzian. To days papers tell us of return of Hobson and his men to the New York. And of brutality of French Sailors toward passengers of ill fated Burgoine.

Friday July 8

A delightful day. Busy in kitchen seeing to fruit until afternoon. Took Mary and went to Minneapolis to see Mamie. Found her no better yet she went for a drive – of 40 minutes and felt quite dizzy on our return. Telegram says Samuel will be home tomorrow.

Saturday July 9

A pretty hot day. Girls and I busy all day getting material and starting garments for the Soldiers. Bandages pajamas night shirts ect [sic]. Walter came in to Town this afternoon to spend Sunday. Samuel came home this morning. He telephones that Mamie is better. Spain does no yet surrender Santiago. Offered to retreat if allowed to take arms that is out of the question.

Sunday July 10

A perfectly delightful morning and day. Papa went to Chicago this morning. Archbishop Ireland preached at the Cathedral this morning. On the War and Americas blessed Victories. The service was patriotic ending by singing and playing the Star Spangled Banner. Samuel and Dr. Riggs were here when I came from Church. Walter went back to North Oaks at 4 p.m.

Monday July 11

A delightful morning. Busy in early part covering 80 glasses jelly. We had good luck with our Danish jelly this year. Spent rest of forenoon cutting pajamas for Red Cross Aid Society. Cut six suits and some flannel bandages. In the afternoon Clara and I went to Minneapolis by Camp Ramsey. We saw Major Gotzian Major Hand Lieut. T. Griggs Lieut. Mitchel and ___ {writing stops here}

Thursday July 14

Santiago Surrendered to day. We are all happy that lives are spared on both sides.

Sunday July 17

Very hot and no rain all last week. Have been so busy sewing for Red Cross Aid Society that I have omitted many other things.

Monday July 18

A hot day. We went twice to Camp Ramsey to day to see the 15th Minn. Vols. Regiment mustered in. Finally saw it at 6 p.m. Seemed strange to see Paul Gotzian and Dan. Hand Majors.

Tuesday July 19

Still very hot. This afternoon I had the satisfaction of packing and sending to Red Cross rooms 18 suits of pajamas 16 night shirts 54 flannel abdominal bandages 17 shirts 60 Towels 21 Pillow cases, 36 handkerchiefs.

Wednesday July 20

At last a cool morning. Rachel Gertrude and I went to the farm for the day. We found Walter well and doing well. Mr. Charles Gordons engagement to Miss Charlotte Bishop announced to day.

Thursday July 21

Another hot day. Gertrude and I went to Minneapolis to see Mamie found the House there about closed as they are leaving it for an indefinite time. Mamie was some stronger and looked better. Papa and Rachel drove to Minneapolis in the evening. A Requiem Mass at Cathedral for M. Patti to day. Miss Gordon sang.

Friday July 22

Still hot. Began some more work for Red Cross Society as most that I made has gone to the Hospitals South. Mamie leaves for Duluth this evening. Papa and Louis went too.

Saturday July 23

A very hot day and evening. Mrs. Gotzian and Vallie took dinner with us. Gus Schurmier is very ill indeed no hope of his recovering. I went to inquire for him this afternoon. Mamie went the trip of the Lakes to day – with Samuel and a nurse.

Sunday July 24

Still hot – papa and Louis came home last night from Duluth they say Mamie started in good spirits. Mr. Lamont and Dr. Bryant spent the afternoon here. Mr. Dahlgren and Mr. Theodore Schurmeier called.

Monday July 25

Still very hot. Clara Rachel and Gertrude have gone to North Oaks to day with Auntie Phelps for two weeks. Mamie Phelps came down in evening and said Gertie cut her arm badly. Still busy sewing for Red Cross Aid Society. Uncle Phelps took luncheon with is to day. Telegram from Samuel says Mamie is doing well on Lake trip.

Tuesday July 26

Another hot day and so dry. Letter from Samuel to James says Mamie is enjoying the trip and improving too. Sleeping and eating well. Telegram from Samuel from Buffalo Mamie much better. Arthur Slade came this evening. Gus Schurmeier died at 830 p.m.

Wednesday July 27

A hot morning. The Corner Stone of the new Capitol will be laid to day by Gov. Ramsey. A large parade this afternoon – the best of which was the 15th Regiment of Minn. Vols. In camp but three weeks yet made a fine showing. Ben. Morrison and Bessie Snyder

married this afternoon girls could not get to the wedding as Capitol parade stopped cars. Worked all forenoon for Red Cross Aid.

Thursday July 28

Some cooler this morning. Charlotte Lou Forepaugh and Arthur Slade drove to North Oaks this morning. Letter from Mrs. F. James to day.

Friday July 29

A hot cloudy day. Threatened a storm all afternoon but passed over again scarcely a drop of rain. And none to speak of this month. Charlotte went to Duluth (this evening). Sent Mamie a telegram to Manchester by the Sea. Letter from Mrs. Dr. Hand from Crow Nest Hingham Mass. Gus Schurmeier was buried to day. Senator Davis Mr. Miller The two brothers Dodwell who have lived in China 50 years, and Mr. Wheelock dined with papa this evening.

Saturday July 30

A bright pleasant morning promises a hot day however. Arthur Slade left for home via the Lakes last evening. Miss Sturgis Miss Gordon and Charlotte are on the Boat leaving Duluth to day. Col. Shandrew of the 15th Regiment is very ill – was stricken suddenly – yesterday.

Sunday July 31

A delightful day. In the afternoon papa and I drove to the farm. Spent the afternoon and evening there. A full moon lighted us in. Papa drove in. Richard and Isadora a fine Team. I wrote to Mamie to day. In the evening we heard that Mrs. Gotzians brother died to day also Jos. Weide.

Monday August 1

Quite hot again toward night and looks like rain. Still working for the Red Cross Aid S. Mabel Merriam came in to day to spend few days – and play golf. Letter from Mamie from Manchester by Sea – says she enjoys it there and is improving. Mary M. began to go to school to day.

Tuesday August 2

A cool rainy morning. Selby Hill New device electric is not in order yet. Have tried and find heavier weights are required. It looks as if Peace were near. We are waiting to hear from Spain. Papa left for the Coast this evening. Ruth and Mabel were disappointed at the Camp no drill. Major Gotzian ill.

Wednesday August 3

Some warmer this morning. Gen. Merritt wants fifty thousand men at Manilla! Thirty more! Busy all forenoon putting Sewing room to rights. In the afternoon after attending to some errands went to call on Mrs. Kelly. Jim is here this evening and not feeling well. Wrote to Mamie and to Mrs. James.

Friday August 5

A very sultry day. At five in the evening the sky blackened we feared tornado or cyclone but instead we had an unusually severe electric storm and almost a deluge of rain. Mabel Merriam on her way to train for Forest Lake just met it. Mary and James were in the cars coming home with Ding from Dentists. They took shelter at a house on Selby av. The Cathedral was struck earlier in the afternoon by lightning. Many cars were disabled in storm.

Saturday August 6

A close dark rainy morning. Heavy rain at 9 a.m. Mr. Chemidlin and Uncle Phelps came to drive to North Oaks heavy roads and threatening weather prevented. Walter and Mr. Kitchel came in after noon to attend Prof. Gentrys Pony and Dog show. Mary and James went there too and of course enjoyed at as children only can enjoy. Jim has been here since Tuesday not at all well. He feels better. Wrote to Mamie and to Charlotte.

Sunday August 7

A very hot morning. War news drying out as Peace draws near. Particulars of engagements appearing now most interesting reading. A letter from Mrs. Curtis from Great Falls.

Monday August 8

A pretty warm day. Drove out to North Oaks with M. Chemidlin and Uncle Phelps.

Tuesday August 9

A delightful day. Clara Auntie Rachel and Gertrude came in from the farm to attend Buffalo Bills Show. Walter and Mr. Kitchel came too. It was a very interesting performance.

Wednesday August 10

Another delightful day. I drove out to North Oaks with a woman to do the work there and brought Augusta in. In the evening papa returned from the West looking quite well.

Thursday August 11

Still fine weather. Letters and messages from Charlotte from Seabright. Finally one saying she and Mrs. Pierce will return next week Tuesday. Mrs. Tuckers Military Euchre to day.

Friday August 12

A lovely morning. Jim came down from Duluth feeling badly suffering with rheumatism in his joints.

Saturday August 13

Mamies 30th birthday. I sent her a telegram this morning. To days papers tell that the Protocol was signed yesterday. That all hostilities cease and that Peace is proclaimed.

It all took place in Washington yesterday about 4 p.m. How thankful we all should be. Jim is in bed all day to day suffering from rheumatism.

Sunday August 14

A delightful day. Te Deum in thanksgiving sung in all the Catholic churches to in acknowledgment of our gratitude for blessings of Peace and Mercy. Jim still in bed but some better. Ding quite ill threatened with appendicitis.

Monday August 15

A perfect day. Clara went to Forest Lake to visit Mrs. Merriam. Jim still in bed but improving. Ding some more comfortable but must stay in bed.

Tuesday August 16

A pretty warm morning. Louis returned from having gone to meet Mrs. and Mrs. John Sloan with their son and daughter. They took luncheon with us and spent the afternoon here. I took them for a drive to Como Park and the Encampment. Jim dressed but felt considerable pain in arms and joints. We hear Will Armstrong is very ill. Telegram from Charlotte saying she will visit Mamie.

Wednesday August 17

A warm but perfect day. Jim seems inclined to stay in bed as he suffers so much pain. He passes time reading. Wrote to Mamie and Charlotte.

Thursday August 18

A delightful day. Went out to Camp Ramsey this evening to present [writing stops here]

Friday September 2

Such a hot day. The whole week had been very hot 96 – 98 to day in shade. Gertrude and I left on Eastern Minnesota train for Duluth at 11¹⁵ p.m. Such heat! and the heat on the Train continued until the night was spent. Egbert Clarke came home yesterday. Jim tried to walk to St. Lukes Hospital in the evening he met a skunk on the way down.

Saturday September 3

Arrived in Duluth at 7¹⁰ a.m. Surprised Charlotte at the Spalding with Mrs. Pierce. No sleep at all last night Sat most of the night by open window. At 5 this a.m. it rained which cooled off some. Called on Bishop McGolrick and Mrs. Geo. B. Spencer in Duluth neither at home. It is delightful on the North Land this evening. We left Duluth at 2¹⁰ p.m. Mr. Brodie is aboard. I hope Jim is better and that this trip may do Gertrude good.

Sunday September 4

On Lake Huron. North Land. A delightful day rather windy in the afternoon, but the relief from great heat so refreshing. The North West passed us at 4¹⁵ p.m. reporting the hottest trip between Buffalo and the Soo ever experienced. Wrote notes to Charlotte Clara at Manchester Rachel and Walter at North Oaks. We had quite an entertainment in the Salon this evening. Mrs. Yale of St. Paul sang and a Mr. Fred Everson Brooks of New York recited his own Poems. We are making excellent time.

Monday September 5

On Lakes Huron & Erie. North Land. Quite a warm day. Must have been very hot on shore. Met Judge and {blank space, possibly for name or "Mrs.?"} Paxson of Philadelphia to day. Gertrudes hey fever much less. We got little or no Western news in Eastern papers. Judge Paxson is a cousin of Mrs. Gov. Ramsey. No word from home since I left and it seems long. Was very sultry at Cleveland as we took on coal.

Tuesday September 6

Buffalo New York. A pretty hot muggy morning in Buffalo. We arrived at 10 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farington met and insisted on our spending the day with them. Mrs. Pierce agreeing we accepted. She and Jr. left us to take their train for New York at 1230 p.m. Telegraphed to Mamie and Samuel their 10th anniversary messages from Samuel and Charlotte. The latter telling us Will Armstrong died yesterday. I sent a message to Mrs. Armstrong. I feel very sorry for her. Mollie McQuillan is in Buffalo at the Lennox. Rained nearly all day in Buffalo yet we took a drive and returned to the boat at 9.30 p.m.

Wednesday September 7

Quite a cold morning and a cold wind all day. Last night was so rough on Lake Erie that every one was ill. Stewartesses [sic] and all. No one was able to dress until the Boat came to a stand at Cleveland this morning. A great change following the heat. Letter from Ruth to day telling me Jim is gaining all the time. We had an entertainment this evening. A Mr. Burnette. Mr. Bissell of Detroit came aboard to day at Detroit bringing us a basket delicious Mich. Fruit. Sickie Pears, Peaches and large pears.

Thursday September 8

Aboard the North Land. This morning was cold and very windy. Consequently uncomfortably rough sailing. When we reached Macanac [sic] it seemed calmer but in the afternoon it was windy again and when we reached the Soo at 7 p.m. at was cold. At the Soo I received a letter from Ruth telling me of Will Armstrongs funeral yesterday morning. Also a telegram from Charlotte saying papa would arrive in St. Paul this evening from the Coast. Another entertainment this evening. Mr. Burnette recited humurously.

Friday September 9

Duluth. We arrived here a little ahead of time. After supper at the Spalding George Slade called on us and came down to St. Paul on the night train with us.

Saturday September 10

Quite a heavy frost evident as we passed along through the country in the early morning – extending to St. Paul. We found papa Jim and all quite well on our return home.

Tuesday September 13

A rainy day.

Wednesday September 14

Ruth and I drove out to Fort Snelling this afternoon to see the 15th Reg. Camp. A Mr. Foster of Seven Oaks England spent the evening with papa and they both played Napoleon Solitaire until very late. Mr. Foster once to his delight.

Thursday September 15

Papa went to Chicago this evening. This afternoon we helped to sent the 15th Regiment of Minn. Volunteers to Camp Meade Middletown Pa. rejoicing. The got luncheon and bouquets at Smith Park. Charlotte came from farm. Mrs. Curtis passed through St. Paul to day with a Mr. Wells from Great Falls to New York. The 3rd U. S. Infantry returned to Fort Snelling this evening.

Friday September 16

Papas 60th Birth day as usual he is not at home to celebrate. I drove out to North Oaks. The day has been quite hot too hot to go about the farm much. Fred Phelps Conrad Driscoll and Egbert Clarke were there with Auntie, Rachel and Gertrude and Walter. In the evening Ruth went to the Theatre with Miss Katie Gordon. So I was left alone in this house. I wrote letters and played Napoleon Solitaire.

Saturday September 17

Quite a hot day. Received letters from Mamie Clara Mrs. S. Thorne and Telegram from Miss Spence offering room to Rachel and Gertrude in annex, which I immediately accepted. Papa returned this morning from Chicago looking and I am sure feeling tired. Busy this forenoon about many things and preparing for the return of Mary M. and James Nathan with Samuel. I went out to the Seminary to see Father Oster who has been ill of rheumatism. He is better.

Sunday September 18

Another quite hot morning. Jim came back from Duluth this morning not looking as well as when he went from home a week ago – complaining some too. Walter Egbert and Charlotte came in from the Farm this evening. Papa did not drive to North Oaks to day. Took out large horse and high cart for little drive in the evening. Telegram that Samuel and children arrive in the morning from New York.

Monday September 19

A delightful morning promises hot day. Samuel and the children came back from New York this morning. Mrs. F. B. Clarke and her daughters returned this morning after an absence of five years.

Tuesday September 20

Quite a warm day. Jim left for Mount Clemence Mich. this evening to try the effects of the Springs there for rheumatism. Louis came home from a hunt at Devils Lake a successful one too. Mrs. Weide called to day to tell me she had been to Rochester and had seen Sarah.

Wednesday September 21

Auntie Walter and Rachel came in from the farm to day – reluctantly. We have been working all day for the 14th Reg. of Minn. Vols. They are expected tomorrow.

Thursday September 22

Papa Louis Samuel and Walter went to Duluth this morning to attend the celebration of the opening of the Foston {Fosston?} Branch. Nellie came in this afternoon looking very well. Busy all day at the Auditorium preparing to give the 14th Reg. A breakfast on their return. They did not arrive as we expected so much of the preparations had to be undone and done over.

Friday September 23

As we knew the Reg. would arrive early we were all up at six this morning and down to the Auditorium early to make the final arrangements. The arrived at the Hall just after nine at first tired looking but after the cheerful reception their faces were wreathed with smiles. I wish it were possible to make every soldier as happy as they looked as they marched out. Papa Louis and Walter came home this morning with glowing accounts of celebration at Duluth.

Saturday September 24

A pleasant morning. Letter from Miss Spence that the girls are to be admitted into her school. Letter from Mamie. She does not say much of herself. I went to see Mrs. Kelly yesterday found her suffering considerably and looking tired of her ailments. Mrs. Bend called to day. Emma Gotzian brought me two photos of Paul and Regimental colors. No word from Jim.

Tuesday September 27

Papa left for New York this evening. Mr. A. Clark going with him.

Friday September 30

Left this evening with Rachel and Gertrude for New York to place them in school with Miss Spence at 43 West 48th. Street.

Saturday October 1

Arrived in Chicago this morning at 930. Mr. L. W. Campbell met us and saw us on the N. Y. C. Train we went that way as we wished to stop in Detroit hoping Jim might meet us at Station. Arrived at Detroit at six p.m. received a telegram from Jim saying he could not meet us but that he was well. Gertrude complains of her knee where she skinned it in a fall although it healed quickly.

Sunday October 2

A hot day on Train arrived in New York at one thirty p.m. Papa and Clara met us at Station. We went to Windsor and found Mamie looking much improved in health. Papa has had an influenza cold but is nearly over it. Gertrudes knee gives her much pain it is quite inflamed and looks as if it might fester.

Monday October 3

New York. Rachel and I had a busy day in heat. Visiting oculist Shoe Store Millinery ect [sic]. will have to go over that again with Gertrude as her knee confines her. Went to school met Miss Spence and was much pleased with all. This evening Rachel quite ill overcome by heat fatigue of journey and all. Rachel got new glasses from Dr. Bull. He finds the muscles weak.

Tuesday October 4

New York. School begins to day but neither Rachel nor Gertrude are able to attend – both are better however – weather still almost unbearably hot and sultry. Mamie is being treated by Dr. Bulkley she has also seen Dr. Gray and Dr. Dana.

Wednesday October 5

Girls well enough to go over to the school and enter, which they did. Weather not improved. Clara had been to see Dr. Schaffr and to day begins a treatment of a month with him. Exercises in a gymnasium too ect. [sic] wearing a light brace part of the time. Went to mattinee [sic] to see Drew in the Liars. And in the evening Papa and I went with Mr. Lamont to see Mansfield in Cyrano De Bergerac.

Thursday October 6

New York. At last one breathes again comfortably atmosphere is cleared and cooler. Telegrams from day to day since I left home tell me all at our house well but Mrs. Kelly very ill and suffers continually. Mr. S. Thorne and Will called and Mrs. Thorne invited us to the Crest unfortunately we could not go.

Saturday October 8

New York. Papa went to see Dr. Bull this morning and got new glasses. He found his eyes in good condition. I went to Tiffanys with papa this morning and then went to school for the girls. They will spend Sunday with us. They are much pleased with their school. Mamie and I called on Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Curtis and found them at home. Then we went to 26 E. 22nd Street to call on Mrs. and Miss Lamborn found them at home too.

Tuesday October 11

Jim came over from Cleveland this morning at 1030 looking very well indeed but he still has rheumatism. Miss Bisler of Carlisle Pa. and Annie Griggs called on Clara to day. Annie looks very well. She has been in Penn. with Theodore for a while. Papa and I went to see Jefferson in Rivals with Mr. Lamont.

Wednesday October 12

Letters to day tell us that Katie Gordon has been seriously injured in a runaway. Their own team and man. The coach man Thrown the carriage upset. Katie thrown out carriage dragged over her. Her arm broken a bone in her hand and one in her nose. The shock certainly not the least of it but that she is doing well.

Thursday October 13

New York. Jim saw Dr. [LeDuc/LeDur?] yesterday and he advised him to see a Doctor Von Volzah a specialist for gout and rheumatism – who cured him of a serious case. I called on Mrs. Slade 62 E. 66th Street. Mr. Lamont took Rachel and Gertrude with his daughters this evening to see Jefferson in The Rivals. Mamie and I saw a curious thing this morning called the natural Stone Portrait. A small sliver of stone which in particular lights show a profile of Ecce Homa and several other scenes of Christs life.

Friday October 14

New York. A rainy day. Jim slept all forenoon but in the afternoon went to see Dr. Von Volzah was favorably impressed by conversation with hem and tomorrow begins a course of treatment with him. Clara and Mrs. Cannon have been at Ardsley all day to see the Golf finals. They met Gen. Thomas called on Mrs. Thomas and saw Nellie. We leave for Buffalo this evening at 845.

Saturday October 15

Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Newman with his car and breakfast ready met us at Buffalo this morning and we are going on to Cleveland with them to spend a day or so. Arrived in Cleveland in the afternoon. Senator Hanna soon called and invited us all to dine at their house this evening – informally. We spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. Hannas. Mrs. Mabel Hanna Miss Phelps and the Senator the only ones present.

Sunday October 16

Cleveland. A perfectly delightful morning. I went to early Mass at the Cathedral which proved to be the childrens service. About five hundred children were present coming in in classes in charge of Teachers – and the singing was by a picked chorus of children. We left Cleveland at noon Mr. and Mrs. Newman coming with us to Chicago. We arrived in Chicago at nine 20 p.m. Being Peace Jubilee and the President in the city a great crowd was present.

Monday October 17

Chicago. Last night as we drove to the Auditorium Annex we saw the illumination on State Street it is really beautiful. This morning I went out to see the decoration and preparations for Peace Jubilee week. It seems mostly on State Street. Too bad this is such a disagreeable day raining and blowing. Arch Bishop Ireland is in the city to take part in some of the services. As we leave for home this evening we shall not see much of it. Mr. John Barker is here.

Thursday October 27

Geo. Slade came down and spent the evening here.

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Thomas Redmond came this morning April 12th.