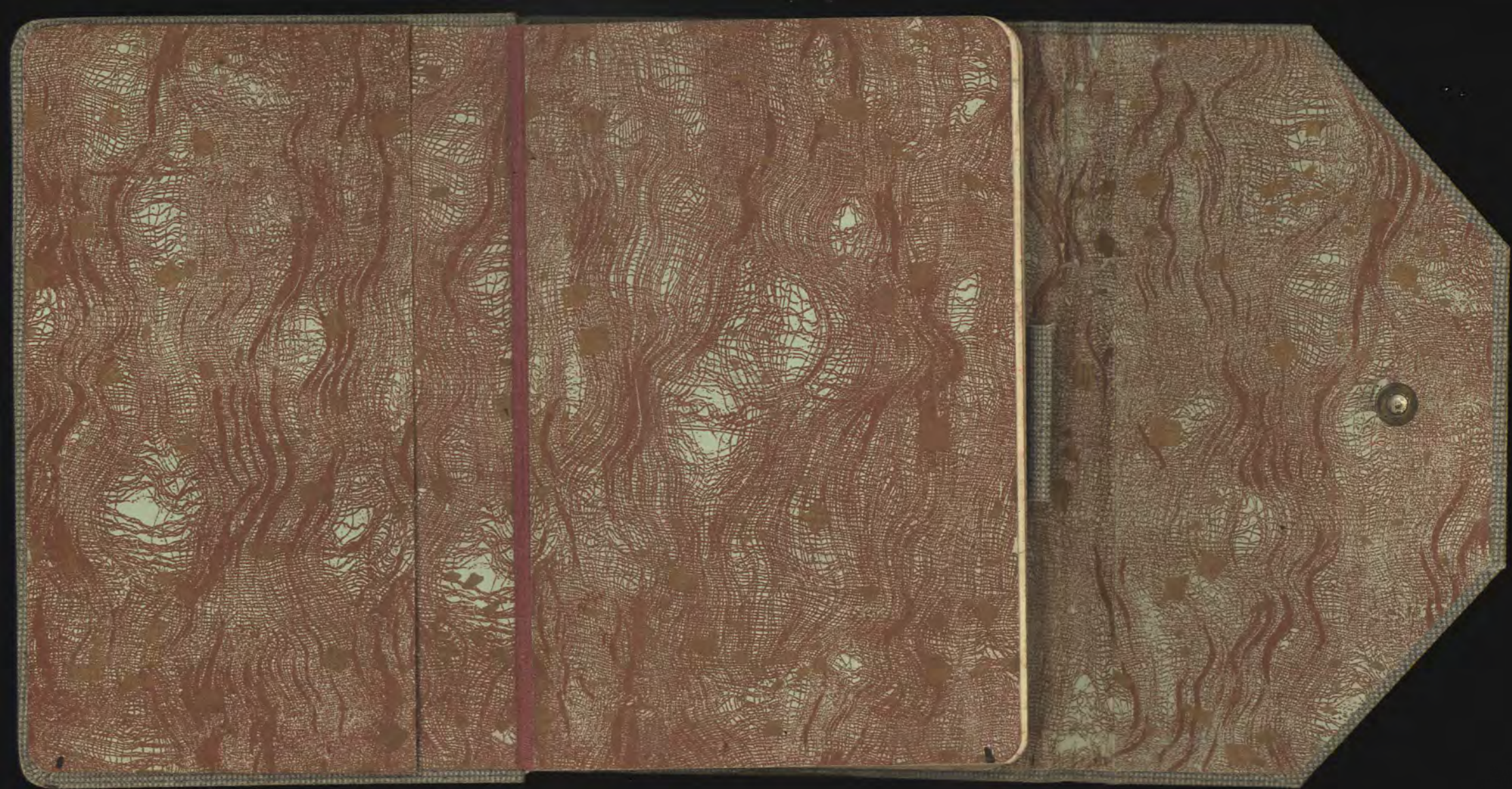


C. W. Blegen
Diary 20 Dec. 1914-7 Aug. 1915.



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CORINTH IN MYCENIAN PERIOD.

(FROM THE HERALD'S CORRESPONDENT.)

ATHENS, May 18.—The American Archaeological School, which is continuing its excavations upon the site occupied by ancient Corinth, has just discovered the Acropolis dating from the Mycenaean epoch. Ruins of walls and a great deal of pottery of the Mycenaean period were discovered upon a hill close to the sea, and it is concluded that a city stood there at that epoch.

Arrived at Chiasso, at 9.12 this morning. Colonel de Loys, in the name of the Swiss Government, informed Baron Macchio of the measures taken for his safe passage through Switzerland. The train left fifteen minutes later, drawn by a Swiss locomotive, on its way to Buchs. There was no demonstration.

At 10.13 a second special train arrived with Prince Bülow and Dr. von Muhlberg, Prussian Ambassador at the Vatican, and their respective staffs. This train had two more second-class carriages than the previous one, and carried nearly 300 people.

So soon as the train came to a stand-

Bülow jumped lightl

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Carl W. Blyer
Athens, Dec 24, 1914

Day Book from Dec. 20, 1914

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Sunday Dec. 20, 1914

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Still in Old Corinth.
Mr. Hill with Deau & Luce left in the afternoon to catch the 4.15 P.M. train for Athens. Swift and I stay on till tomorrow to pack up.

I tried to see Dr. Sabellaris in referrence to the injured workman Papandriou but I couldnt find the doctor.

Today I got a letter from ~~the~~ Ted signed by all members of the family at home + another from Aunt Augusta. Also a Christmas card from Miss Prentiss.

Monday Dec. 21

Swift & I packed up this morning. All household equipment moved into north room, 10 mattresses and some bedding being put into the new large chests. The rest of the bedding is on bed set up on table in the room. The excavation linen is packed in the trunk (my large one). Soiled linen also there. In the old chest packed mostly Mr. Hill's clothes - some of mine, too.

Cohen's "Roman Coins" & "Worth's Byz. Coins" left at Corinth as we had no room for them in our baggage. All other books taken back to Athens. Theodolite & large camera left at Corinth.

In afternoon Aleks worked ca. 1 1/2 hours digging to see if he could find any definite evidence behind the good terrace wall as to its date. He dug in wrong place. I gave him 1.00 do.

I saw the Sakonli brothers to no purpose. Thomas still blocks the deal. He is unwilling to let our track cross his field longer than till Oct. 15, 1915. John Skerphim willing to let it go till July 1, 1916.

I couldn't find Pan. Kondylis to settle for damages to his crop in the widow's field.

Swift & I caught last train *Stenavilis* (Cook got on at Corinth) for Athens, leaving our bicycles. We dined at "Sophia" & reached school ca. 10 pm.

Tuesday Dec 22.

I become clerk of works at school & will keep account of workmen.

Swift & I went down to get a piano (rent it) for Christmas. Pianos are scarce this winter. At Starr Piano Co. is one not in very good condition for 25.00 a month. We don't take it.

Mrs. Karanika has one which we didn't see. (30.00 per month)

We went down to Shoe Lane for a few minutes. no purchases.

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Wednesday Dec. 23.
I take over school cash acct.
everything balances.

Today I sent money order for 170.00
to Andreas - expenses of 10 workmen
travelling from Delphi to Corinth
& back last spring. No money order
put office in Delphi - so I sent to
Arachova. I expect I sent a
letter to Andreas - telling about
it.

Also sent a letter to Mother.

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Thursday Dec 24
I sent a letter to Mrs. Cooke
at Patras regretting impossibility
of my coming to her Christmas
party next Monday.

I bought some toys for the
Cooke children & will pack them
for sending tonight.

I opened the package (which
arrived last Monday from Home)
Mother + Martha send me a
pair of gold cufflinks & a couple
of collar buttons. Aunt Augusta
gives me a couple of good
handkerchiefs with hand
embroidered initials.

I took over Mr. Hill's cash acct.
today & combined with it
Mr. Hill's Corinth cash acct.

Bought a 1/2 pd. can of capstan
(full strength) today 8.60 dp.
In the evening we all gathered
in the saloon, sang songs and popped
corn.

Friday Dec. 25.

Christmas Day.

Luce & I went to church on the morning.

We all went to luncheon at the British School. Besides Wace there were Mackenzie, Mr. & Mrs. Washak, Mr. & Mrs. Dinsmore, Mr. Hill, Graft Luce & Dean & myself. very enjoyable.

In afternoon we went to a party at the Legation. There were a number of people.

In the evening we had a dinner at the School (in the office) There were 5 from the school, the Dinsmores & Mr. & Mrs. Allen. Afterwards we had a pleasant evening singing etc.

I got a Christmas greeting from Miss Ison who visited Countess last year.

This year I have sent Christmas letters & cards to the following:

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| 1 | Father | 13 | Buenger |
| 2 | Mother | 14 | Elizabeth Ferguson |
| 3 | Merttha | 15 | Miss Myf |
| 4 | Auna | 16 | Sauborne |
| 5 | Hall | | |
| 6 | John | | |
| 7 | Ted | | |
| 8 | Aunt Augusta | | |
| 9 | W. H. Palmer | | |
| 10 | A. H. Weston | | |
| 11 | Miss Allinson | | |
| 12 | Miss Brenters | | |

These were letters

Cards to the following:

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| 17 | Mum |
| 18 | Carpenter |
| 19 | Hezuffert |
| 20 | Wife |
| 21 | Hart |
| 22 | Mrs Ferguson |
| 23 | Maud Amosson |
| 24 | A. C. Johnson |
| 25 | Miss Underwood |
| 26 | " Walter |
| 27 | " Edwards |
| 28 | John Ferguson |
| 29 | R. T. Hill |
| 30 | Billy Wright |
| 31 | Willis Newton |
| 32 | Miss Kinckley |
| 33 | Charley Gulick Jr. |
| 34 | Mal. Holland |
| 35 | Bgr. " |
| 36 | Lydia Oppedal |
| 37 | Ragna Suedrup |
| 38 | N. A. Romming |
| 39 | Joe Oppedal |
| 40 | Al Aasen |
| 41 | Ed Olsen |
| 42 | R. D. Kittredge |
| 43 | John Donnelly |
| 44 | Scott |
| 45 | Fal. Lammers |
| 46 | Mrs. Bill |
| 47 | Ragna Bleken |
| 48 | Uncle Lugoald |

Saturday Dec. 26.

I spent most of the day on the house.

Sent off the package of toys to the Cooke children in Patras.

In the evening we played bridge a little while - Mr. Hill & Dean vs. Swift & me. We were unmercifully licked.

Sunday Dec. 27.

I spent most of the day getting my things into order in the room Mr. Hill & I share.

In the evening we sang hymns.

Monday Dec 28.

I worked around the house most of the day.

Went to the Bank & got some money & spent a good deal of time settling up various accounts - paid the servant's wages for November - Took over Building account. There seems to be a surplus of .50 in it.

Swift, Lucie & I had a little game of tennis in afternoon just before sunset.

This is Dean's birthday & Mr. Hill planned to have a birthday cake etc. Sammar was for Dean tonight. But it is now after 11 P.M. & the fellows haven't come back from dinner yet.

They came ca 11:30 & we had a small celebration in the salon.

I sent a letter to Mother. Also to Yell Al. Weekly with \$6 per subscrip. to Alumni Weekly & to Yell Review.

(16) Tuesday Dec 29.

Worked on house. Nothing worth mentioning

Wednesday Dec 30.
Nothing but routine.

Thursday Dec 31.

I got a letter from Mother today. Also New Year's greeting from Mrs. Cooke at Patras. Also a letter from John Plakokkephalos our carpenter at Corinth.

Sent a check to pay for insurance on Schore to Arthur Hill today.

In evening we sat around on balcony. Swift & Luce played & I played a little bridge till midnight. No celebration of New Year here.

Friday Jan 1, 1915. (17)
New Year's Day.

No Holiday today. Work on house went on just the same.

In afternoon Mr. Hill & I made a round of calls as follows: (1) The Cottrells

- (2) Italian School
- (3) Kalopothakis
- (4) Col von Berlaus
- (5) Capt. Watson
- (6) The Allens
- (7) Husluks
- (8) English Legation
- (9) German School
- (10) Admiral Kern
- (11) Austrian School
- (12) French School
- (13) Rev. Gardner,
- (14) Mr. Anderson
- (15) Dr. Walker
- (16) American Legation
- (17) American Consulate
- (18) Mr. Henderson
- (19) The Archbys

We had tea with Miss Kalopothakis & an amusing visit with Lady Elliot. Also went in at the Cottrells & I went to the Archbys.

Told Mrs. Andreas of Delphi banking for remittance

Saturday Jan 2 1915

Nothing to record. Spent my time supervising work on house etc.

Sunday Jan 3

Luce & I went to church this morning. We were late & found the Am. School pew filled. Henderson put us in the choir again. The service was a special war service.

In afternoon Luce & I played a game of tennis. Luce won a set & I one. Both of us are duffers.

Monday Jan 4

Worked on house most of day.

Mr. Hill Swift & I went to lunch with Admiral & Mrs. Kerr. It was a good lunch & they are nice people. Mrs. Wells was there too. They all came to see us at Comuth last year.

I wrote a letter to Mother & another to John P. Lefkowitz our Comuth carpenter today.

Tuesday Jan 5 (12)
Work on house goes on. I spent the day as usual supervising various jobs. I got a Christmas card from Buegger today. Wrote a letter to Aunt Augusta.

Wednesday Jan 6

Work on the house continued till noon. Then men stopped. This is Greek Christmas eve. I got for dinner

Mr. Hill went out to dinner tonight to French school, I think. I had Swift Dean & Luce to dine with me.

Thursday Jan 7

Today I had a letter from Mother. I worked most of day in library affairs. Mr. Hill & I both feel relief that there is no work going on on the house. This is the Greek Christmas.

Friday Jan 8

I took the 7:00 AM train for Corinth, George K. accompanying me. We brought bicycles and wheeled up to Old Corinth. Wonderful day and view from the north balcony is splendid. Parnassus and Cyllene are both covered with snow but there is none on Kileon.

In the morning and afternoon I saw the Bakoni brothers and after much talk finally came to an agreement with them. Pavag. Taelis wrote out a formal agreement for us & we all signed. I paid 150.00 do. and the brothers agree to let our tack remain till Oct 30 1915 and renounce all further claims. This seems to me far too much to pay but T. & R. K. are in a rather appropriate

George K. is cooking for me and todayot K. is on hand to serve up the meals.

In the evening I had a bad head ache & went to bed at 7:30. I stayed exactly 12 hours in bed.

I brought 23.66 recreation cash from Athens and 100.00 loaned from the school.

Saturday Jan 9

I had manual work this morning excavating a bit behind the "Greek" wall at south end to see if there might be some evidence to date the wall. He dug in west trench in medieval cistern behind the wall and cleared out a section of the fill between the wall & street - where stereo shows that it has been cut for the wall. No evidence turned up save a few nondescript potsheds which I can't date.

In the afternoon I went to New Corinth and drew 400 do. from Mr. Hill's account at the bank.

Sunday Jan 10.

George helped me do some measuring of various things around the dig. Also we took a couple of squeezes. I left after noon & caught first train for Athens. Arrived at school ca. 5.00 o'clock.

Mr. Hill & I went to call on Mrs. Kern but she was out. We left cards on Mrs. Wills.

We also called on Mr. & Mrs. Walker on our way home.

I got a Christmas present from Mrs. Ferguson - a book with 50 songs of Schubert, arranged for low voice. I am much pleased.

Thursday Jan 14.

Spent New Year's Day. In afternoon Mr. Hill & I went around to numerous places to call. He started ca 2.30 & I joined him at 5.00. We got home at 9.45. rather tired.

Friday Jan 15.

Drifting had tea with the Hasbuechs today.

Sunday Jan 17

Today I went out on a tramp with the 3 fellows + young Droppers. We took the 7 o'clock train to Ano Liosia, then walked up to the monastery. From there we climbed round Harma + on to the cave of Pan. In the afternoon we came back by way of Phyle. It was a good day's trip.

I got a letter from Elizabeth Ferguson + a New Year's card from Rague Sverdrup

Tuesday Jan 19.

New Year's card from Miss Underwood. Also (a very welcome) remittance from treasurer.

This ~~is~~ is the holiday of Osofarsa. No work on house.

I am not quite well. Heavy chills all day long. My digestive system also out of order - since last Friday.

Swift & Dean went to Aegina this morning

I wrote a letter to Mother.

Wednesday Jan 20

I looked today staying in bed all day long. Not feeling wonderfully well anyway.

No work on house. This is St-John's day.

Swift & Dean came back this evening.

Thursday Jan 21

Swift's birthday. We had a small celebration & a birthday cake after dinner. Fellows all in for dinner.

I'm still dieting

Sunday Jan 24

Swift & Lull & I played tennis this afternoon

I had a New Year's card from Miss Hinckley.

Wrote a letter to C. A. Reed in Smyrna.

Monday Jan 25

Had a letter from Katharine Cooke.

Tuesday Jan 26

Got a Christmas present from Hall today - a silk tie (Duty 2.50 drachmas)

Swift came down with an attack of bronchitis today. Considerable fever & pains in upper part of chest.

In evening we all (except Swift) went down to German School to Karos. Only Germans there besides us.

German consul (who was formerly consul in Liberia) is rather amusing.

Wednesday Jan 27

Swift has fever all day. We kept the electric pad on his chest most of day. Late in the evening the fever began to drop & we administered quinine. Mr. Hill gave a small dinner party for me tonight in honor of my birthday - only the fellows were asked. It was a good dinner & the cake was fine. Not exactly a surprise party to me. After dinner we played bridge. Mr. Hill, Dean, Luce & I.

Thursday Jan 28.

Swift is better. No fever this morning tho' he feels weary. Dean & Luce left for Dunham this morning taking bicycles. George the mason finished laying the tiler of the fireplace in the small dining room (N.W. chamber) today. It is a good job and the fireplace is very fine.

Friday Jan 29

Luce came back this morning with a big hole in his trousers from seat of bicycle. Dean came back late in afternoon. Swift seems to be improving & it looks as if he will be all right in a few days. Still has a bad headache.

Saturday Jan 30

Swift is up & some better. His head still aches. We had a nice dinner party tonight. Mr. & Mrs. Hasluck Mr. & Mrs. Allen Mr. & Mrs. Dinsmore, Mr. Hill & myself. just eight. We dined in the parlor & used the real dining room as saloon. Pleasant evening.

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Sunday Jan 31.

I loafed all day. Only did some reading.

Wrote a letter to Mother.

Core, Betty, & Gerrie Droppers came up to tea & we popped corn.

Swift is getting better tho' he still looks a little gloomy.

Luce in to lunch & tea.

Deau & Seton Droppers were out climbing Pentate.

Monday Feb 1

Swift seems much better today. Still stays close to fire & ought to be careful.

I had letter from Mr. Cooke at Patras.

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Tuesday Feb 2

Swift is practically well again. He lunched with us today still.

In evening Swift, Luce, Deau & I went to the Legation for dinner. Miss Fitzgerald & Miss Cotwell there besides Mr. & Mrs. Droppers & Core & Seton. Very nice dinner & pleasant evening.

Wednesday Feb 3

Swift considers himself well & goes back to nest穴 today.

I had a letter from Maude Amosson. Went down to shoe lane this evening & bought 4 pieces of embroidery for 100 dy. 1 good one is Cretan.

Thursday Feb 4

I start Panayot on mulling plaster properly for final coat in Salonaki.

The fellows begin taking their dinners in the house today.

Friday Feb 5

I called at the Legation today. The whole Turkish diplomatic mission was there. Not one of them knew a word of Greek.

Saturday Feb 6

Mr. Hill & I went to big tea at Mrs. Soterakis today.

Thursday Feb 11

Swift left for Rome this morning for a stay of a month or so weeks.

The Queen of Greece wandered into the house before noon looking for Allen. She wanted to have him show her the plans for her villa at Statoi but he wasn't here. George Kachros didn't know her but announced to Mr. Hill that she was up in the room upstairs and was waiting for him. Mr. Hill showed her over part of the house. She said she was coming again.

Sunday Feb 14

I have the start of a cold. Mr. Hill & I went down to Mrs. Watsons for tea & from her balcony saw the carnival procession below. Mrs. Watson seems to me to have changed a bit. Her face seems to have grown older - more lines on it. Perhaps on account of loss of her son. But she is just as bright as ever.

I wrote a letter to Mrs. Ferguson.

Monday Feb 15

I have a slight attack of grippe. Mr. Hill Luce & I play tennis in early afternoon & then I go to bed. Mr. Hill comes down with it too & also goes to bed.

Tuesday Feb 16.

I stayed in bed till afternoon breakfast. Mr. Hill had engaged to show Brightman to Mrs. Kern. Couldn't get her on telephone to beg off nor by note so he had to go. He came back a week (had weather) & took to his bed with pretty high fever 39.5°

I went to dinner with wose at Budson school. The Ahley's were there too. We went to movies afterward & saw a weird play: The Gold Secret.

Wednesday Feb 17

Rainy day. Only the carpenter stays by work.

Mr. Hill better but has fever still - over 38°. Also somewhat. Looks like ton-sillitis

Thursday Feb 18

Mr. Hill better but still has fever & sore throat.

Anton agrees to excavate for 2.00 dp. the meter for proposed change of orientation of tennis court from E-W. to N-S. I talked with Wheel & showed him site Mr. Hill & I had staked out last Monday. He agrees entirely so we decide to go ahead at once.

Friday Feb 19.

We began work on the new tennis court this morning ~~at~~ ^{near} west end of old one. Dismoor & Dean played tennis against Luc & me in afternoon. Luc & I won all 4 sets. a Rev. Reed called this afternoon.

Mr. Hill better but still has a touch of fever.

Saturday Feb 20

Luc & Dean wheeled to Marathon today into Dismoor's lemon droppers. They will come back tomorrow.

Duffa tennis court goes on. Mr. Hill better but not yet up. No fever but rather weak. I went to bed early.

Sunday Feb 21

A quiet day. I did almost nothing but read.

I have ~~the~~ letters from Nathan Martha & Ted not previously noted in these columns.

Dean & Luc came back from Marathon & Rheanus tonight in time for dinner.

They had a good trip.

Mr. Hill up today & much better.

Monday Feb 22

Work on tennis court is being pushed. Grading around east end of house also started.

I went to tea with Wallace early in afternoon. Then to high tea at Legation in honor of Washington's Birthday. Lots of people there - Greeks & Americans with a few others.

Tuesday Feb 23

I wrote letter to Norman.
Also forwarded letter ordering
some books from Harrassowitz.

Wednesday March 3.

Dean & Luce went to Crete
this afternoon with Mr. & Mrs
Dinsmoor Seton Droppus & his
sister & Mr. Reed.

Saturday March 6

Capt. & Mrs. Watson came up
for dinner tonight. Afterward
we played bridge for a while.
Pleasant evening.

Venizelos & his Cabinet resigned
this afternoon because of a difference
with the King over the foreign
policy. Venizelos was in favor of
immediate departure from
neutrality by Greece to join
Anglo-French force against the
Dardanelles & Constantinople.
He was persuaded the venture
would be successful & Greece
would gain a very great reward.
He discounted danger from
Bulgaria & considered eventual
defeat of Germany in European
war certain. Former prime
ministers in a crown conference
Wednesday & Friday were divided
in opinion some supporting
Venizelos others the King. The
King with agreement of General
staff feared general attack by
Bulgaria would be too strong for
Greece as Rumania would be strictly
neutral. Also the King was afraid
to antagonize Germany as Germany
seemed to him to have still a
chance of victory. So Venizelos
was compelled to resign as the
King refused to accept his policy.

Considerable excitement. The King
seems to be losing popularity while
Venizelos is still the popular idol.

Sunday March 7.

Mr. Hill's birthday. Usual birthday cake tonight.

The King has commissioned Zaimis to form ministry. He agrees to consider proposition.

Mr. Hill & I went to Botanical Garden today studying trees.

I had toothache & went to dentist Rowe 9 Herodotus St.

Wrote letter to Martha.

Monday March 8.

Seager came up this morning. Arrived from Crete yesterday. He is coming to dinner tomorrow night.

Zaimis declined to form cabinet as Venizelos would not agree to support him in Senate. The King appointed Skoulouderis who also declined & then Governor of Patras who accepted on condition that the Senate be prorogued & dissolved & elections follow. Tea with all at British school.

Tuesday March 9.

We gave a German dinner tonight. Karo, Knackfuss, & Walter came, as well as Seager & two American travelers Reed of Cambridge & Robinson of U. of Virginia. Not very exciting. Knackfuss is a hard man to talk to & harder to get any conversation out of. Seager in good form.

Went to dentist this afternoon.

Wednesday March 10.

Mr. Hill & I dined with Capt. & Mrs. Watson tonight & had a pleasant evening of bridge.

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Thursday March 11

I lunched at French School today. There was a big party of 15. Mr. Fougères of course was host. 2 officers + an abbe from French hospital ship just in at Piraeus from Pardonella. Interesting conversation. Mr. + Mrs. Perrier Mr. + Mrs. Philadelphus Mr. + Mrs. Bonier (Director Bank of Athens) 2 members of Italian School Belgian members French School Mr. Replat + myself. I had a most horrible time trying to talk French.

Today I got money order for 509.75 fr. from Thompson.

Friday March 12

I lunched today with the Stahleys. Just the family Mr. + Mrs. Paulides (who are they?) + myself. Went to dentist and afternoon

Saturday March 13

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This afternoon Dean + I all came back from Crete. Seager came up for dinner tonight + we played bridge.

Sunday March 14

Mr. Hill + I dined with Seager at Grande Bretagne tonight. Widdell also there. Pleasant evening.

I sent off 3 letters today all written earlier, one to Hall one to John + one to mother.

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Monday March 15
I went down to Shoe Lane today with Mrs. Watson to help her get some embroidery. She got what she wanted. I also got 3 pieces (one curtain) that are pretty fair.
Went to Dentist again
Tuesday March 16
I had a letter from Miss Allman today.

Thursday March 18
Tonight Mr. Hill & I went to a big party at the Petrocochimbos. Pleasant evening - good cigars.
I had a letter from Miss Penton today.

Friday March 19.
I went to Dentist again today.
Took tea at Butler's Orchard with Wall. The Atchleys were there & I told them I was paying my call on them.

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Sunday March 21
We all went off on a trip today to Tatoi from there to Kourka and then to Bougiati where we missed the evening train by 10 minutes and had to walk to Lefissa. There were 10 people on the trip. It was a long walk and everybody was more or less tired. I dug up a good many anemone bulbs and orchids to plant in our garden. We caught the 9.30 train from Lefissa in the evening.

Monday March 22
I planted my bulbs this morning.
Wrote a letter to Mother today.

Friday March 26
I went out in the country this afternoon with Nace & the Atchleys to dig up more flowers. We got some red anemones in a reuma near the Atchleys but most out at Chalandri.

In the evening we had a little dinner to initiate use of the new n.w. dining room temporarily prepared. Only the school crowd & Wall. Miss Walker came half an hour late but made no reference to that fact. The room looked rather well.

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Saturday March 27

I planted my bulbs this morning and a big job it was, too. I think I had about 100 in all.

Tonight Seton Dropper came up for dinner (Mr. Hill was out) and afterward we played bridge a while.

Mr. Hill did an amusing thing today. He had been invited (last Monday) to lunch today with Wace but forgot all about it till Coste came over at 1.30 and said the people were waiting. Mr. Hill had finished lunch by that time and felt too ashamed to go after that. However he finally managed to work up his courage enough to go after lunch. The Rendells were there.

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Sunday March 28

It rained all day today - a steady quiet rain. We had planned to go to Dionysos but on account of the rain gave up the trip. This rain was very useful to our garden and settled by general. I wrote a long letter to Father on the political situation in Greece.

Tuesday March 30

The tennis court is getting into shape now. All the red earth has been spread. I laid out the playing court this afternoon.

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Wednesday March 31

I straightened out accounts this morning as far as possible + left everything balanced. This noon I finally started off on the trip to Aetolia Acarnania Epirus + Yannina. Dean + Seton Drappers come along with me. We take trapezes + carry our baggage in rucksacks. We took the noon train from Athens + travelled 11^hel. We lunched in the dining car + later had to pay excess fare of 1.00 each for riding in the restaurant car from Athens to Hagioi Theodoroi. We reached Patras at 7.30 + went to the Hotel Anglterre. We dined modestly there + afterward called on the American Consul + his family. The Cookes are all in good health (but tired of Patras). We went back to our hotel + bed fairly early.

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Thursday April 1

We got up at 6⁰⁰ AM + had breakfast. At 7⁴⁵ left on a small steamer for Krioneri Mr. Krioneri ca 8.25 Fare incl. 2nd op. From Krioneri to Bochori is a wretched road a little over 4 kilom. to highroad then 3 Kil more to Bochori. Better to go by train. We wheeled unfortunately. We spent 10.15 to 11.25 AM at Bochori + saw Calydon - temple terrace tombs + part of walls. We didn't climb to highest peak. The station master kindly showed us about. From Bochori to Messolonghi 10kil pretty good road - practically all level we did it in ca. 50 minutes. Messolonghi whota very attractive town. Madhu restaurant. Graves of the heroes of the Revolution including Lord Byron are very fine + worth seeing. Messolonghi to Aetolia 10kil. road excellent at 4 1/2 k. station. A 1000ft descent. We left on which line + crossed swamp (rather a little south by land which appears). A fair climb to ruins of Meg. Pleuron. Well a good + small theatre. Large artifacts up above to east. Higher is plateau of agave etc. Below this to east is a well preserved gate. Upper scarp. much higher to north + looks a stiff climb. We scuttled this + went down to station again where we took to our wheels once more. Road level to Aetolia. We continued on to Katychi Road very good. Distance 10. Kil

Road follows railway. We left our wheels at RR station & crossed on ferry to village. men refused pay. small boat ferry. The village up on hill near summit. Lower beds paid but were clean. We got a modest supper of bean soup & boiled lambroasts. Water here is poor being from river & very muddy.

Tuesday April 2.
Up at 6. Breakfast of eggs & bread. We walked to Demadad Fairing ca 7.00 AM. Road we took is mostly bad being only a track & very wet. I water up to my ankles in spots. It took 1 hr. 6 mins. We saw gate 9 then followed wall. South we saw magnets 8-7-6. Then arrived at sheep sheds & towers. A little further N close to ancient wall is a copious spring. Water has saltish mineral taste but is otherwise good. Up above we saw Greater. Our visit took ca 1 3/4 hrs. We then went back to Katochi.

We paid our bill at Katochi (6 dp for dinner bed & breakfast - 2 cows 4) & left ca 11.30. I gave the flywheel 1.20. We got our wheels at RR station & wheeled back to Aetokho. We reached there at 12.30 & had lunch in cossatop. I had beer soup. Also we laid in stock of 18 oranges. At 1.30 we left Aetokho crossed bridge & turned north. (6th km stone near turn. Excellent road we rode to 17 slightly up grade last part. Near 17 we entered Kletura. We walked up 2 km to 19 at summit of Pass. Near 18 is a large Khade with good well - cistern - behind it we drank. From 19 fine coast down to 24. Calight ascent betw. 14 1/2 & 20. Road very good. Beyond 24 road forks. One branch north to Agnion. The other east to Nappakito. We take the latter. Kilometer stones begin from this junction with 3 large villages of Pappakatois beyond 4 km. post. Road goes up & down but fairly level. Beyond 6 is fine village of Mataranga beautiful copious spring (3-spout) close by road. Water tastes fine. This is a fine looking village. Continuing we pass Gabelon Grammatiko & Bourlesu. Road is growing poorer. Rather rough beyond Bourlesu.

From 16 fairly steep grade
upwards Road cuts the hill
along sea - splendid view
of lake - Road rather poor.
Between 17-18 is top of grade.
Road now goes down to
village of Kapsarachi. Road
pretty poor - rough & stony.
Beyond Kapsarachi road turns
more southward better
road. Beyond 20 is
village of Makrimon. (real
village) Rises up in mountain.
We got quarters at Magari of
Thomas Paras. He prepared us
an excellent dinner of mutton
soup & fried fish from the lake.
The fish was quite delicious.
This was Good Friday.

Saturday April 30.

We had a rather poor night. I got
innumerable B.B.'s in my bed after
fighting them some time and took
shelter with Deay who had been the
toss & chosen the floor. This was
better & I managed to sleep. I am
yet pretty well bitten too. We
breakfasted on eggs (charges for dinner
and breakfast for 3 9.00 dp.) Deay
had lost tube connection between pump
& valve & we had hard job making
up his rear wheel. Using connection
of my old pump. We were delayed
nearly 1 hour & started ca 8.00
A.M. We followed road to Km 23
then turned at right angle to left
(= right) Down hill or level or slightly
up to 27 thru 2 villages. Road
not very good. At 27 begins
long climb - road very poor -
fully of loose stones. Goes up at
steady grade for 7 M. to 34.
Seemingly good as road winds along
face of cliffs looking out over lake.
From 33-34 road runs along just
below village of Ptochori. Only
paths lead up. Road itself turns
sharply back to village at 34.
Summit of grade at 34. Road
poor to this point. Grade too steep
for riding. Coasting down would be
uncomfortable on account of
loose stones.
At 34 the road becomes much
better & goes on to Kephalebyso.

(50) 34-35 down 35-36 level 36-37
slightly up. 37 is at edge of village
of Kephalaomyssa. Just beyond 37
is an acrobatis on n. (East) of
road. A small road leads
off here to south. Following
this ca 40 minutes on foot (can
be wheeled - ca. 6 min) you come
to ruins of Thermon. Fine spring
in ancient well house copious
supply of water. Allow 2 hrs rise
for Seem, Thomson & Museum
from Kephalaomyssa.

Good, cookshop in Kephalaomyssa
below Xenodoch. I sleep. Food cheap
Wonderful spring gushes out
near center of village with some
old plane trees near it.

After lunch, ca. 1.00 P.M.
we started for Agirion.
Kil-stones apparently numbered
from Agirion to Kephalaomyssa.
Little village ca. at 34.

Fine coast down hill for long
distance (1 1/2 km) road good
at 31 is a lovely spring with
abundant supply of good water. Fine
grove of ancient plane trees.
There is a village of Nakiata
which stretches from 31-30.
At 27 another big spring at
village of Gourba.

The road goes down in
windy cuts but zigzag +
continues pretty good. at
22 1/2 gets down + level of lake

From here road is fairly level. (51)
From 19 - 17 1/2 gets but
persistent rise then down to 16 1/2
From here good grade up to
Paravali at 15. We walked this.
Ancient ruins just above road
to south. ca 1/2 hr enough to see
the site.

Road now goes down from village
at 15-14 & continues slightly
downward, rather dusty + sandy.
Near 10 (between 9-10) come
copious springs just below road to
south. We didn't stop.

At 7 km - at a long village full
of vicious dogs. Reaches about 6.
Beyond 6 - near 5 - the road
makes junction with main
road (south to Kleusma) & across
small river to north. The
numbering of Kilom. slows
here changes being continuous
from Mesolonghi along main
road. I couldn't see number
of first 2 or 3 today but think
first we came to was 33 or
thereabouts. A short but fairly
steep grade here toward 34 but
can be ridden. Then slightly up
or level to Agirion beyond
34. The road goes straight
 thru the town + continues on to
Stato + Karavassaries.

We stopped for night at Hotel "Athenee".
room w. 2 beds for 5.00 dp.

(54)

Sunday April 4

Easter Day (Greek as well as New Day)

It rained or drizzled all day. We got up early but there was no use in getting out. So we sat around impatiently in Agrinion eating oranges every half hour. In the evening we made a bargain with a coachman to drive us to Karavassaras tomorrow as the weather still looked unfavorable & the road was sure to be heavy on account of the rain. We agreed to pay 25.00 for the carriage.

(55)

Monday April 5 -

We were up quite early, our hotel at Agrinion (The Sthenae) cost us 5 dr. per day for room with 3 beds. The beds were clean & I saw no B.B.s.

We left our carriage at 7.30 ca. Weather still a bit nasty. Cloudy but no longer raining. Road a little sticky.

Road is 49 km. to Karavassaras. Good road. 0-8 rolling more up than down. Road fine.

8-10 Stiff up grade. Road fair.

10-13 down grade - stony road.

13 near 13 is modern road bridge over Achelous river.

13-18 road follows river southward fairly level slightly up near 18.

18 just beyond here we cross line of m. fort. wall of Stratos. From here to 18 1/2 wall continues just below carriage road & parallel to it.

18 1/2 just S. of road is fine S.E. gate & tower of Stratos.

18 1/2-19 up a little. From 19 goes path up to Saronigh. From ancient main gate of Stratos. Note tombs near gate. Wall pretty badly preserved. Beyond gate ascend ridge to right. Good view. Not many definite remains on hill to west is ruin of fine temple of Zeus. Well worth seeing. Foundation & lower part of temple have H. clamped. Upper part of superstructure, architrave.

(54) size & count - as far as I noticed -
 have hook plaups no T's.
 from 19 - 24 across plain fairly
 level near 24 is a Chani where
 simple food may be had
 24 - 27 chiefly up } three fine forest
 27 - 28 " down } of ancient
 28 - 29 " up } S. oak trees
 Near 29 a road comes in from
 west (from Astala & Katouna) A
 kil stone on this road at junction
 says 9
 29 1/2 - top of pass
 29 1/2 - 34 chiefly down
 Beyond 34 is a Chani just
 behind this toward lake is a
 copious spring. The driver told
 me it dried up in summer.
 34 - 38 1/2 up & down
 38 1/2 Road crosses lake by a
 causeway & bridge
 (Road just reaches lake near 32
 & follows it to 44)
 38 1/2 - 44 up & down
 44 - 45 rather stiff up grade
 45 - 45 1/2 down
 45 1/2 - 46 1/2 up again
 46 1/2 - 49 down
 49 Kuravassara.
 We stopped at Hotel Epirus beds
 100 sp. We arrived at 3.30 P.M.
 & went up to Acrop to see ruins of
 Samira. East wall very good
 the rest not much preserved.

(55)
 Tuesday April 6.
 The beds in Hotel Epirus not any
 too clean I suffered from B.B.S. &
 We got up shortly after 6 & got
 breakfast in hotel.
 Fine weather again.
 We left by bicycle for Arta at 7.30
 Road on the whole pretty good.
 Kil stone numbered from Arta
 (45 km) but also numbered from
 Kuravassara on side (not on face)
 Following numbering from Kuravassara
 0 - 4 1/2 up & down but chiefly
 level.
 4 1/2 - 6 1/2 up but rideable
 6 1/2 - 8 down
 8 - 17 up & down but mainly level
 We stopped for a few minutes at
 it to eat oranges etc. & when I
 remounted I forgot my pocket
 in middle of road by kil post.
 Just before we got to it a good
 up grade begins continuing
 to 18.
 18 - 19 up & down
 19 - 20 chiefly up. The whole
 grade up to this point can
 be ridden quite easily
 20 - 23 up & down along face of
 cliff high above sea. Gorgeous
 views off to Actium.
 Just before we reach 22 is a Chani
 with a good spring.
 Beyond 22 an Anichadi with spring
 22 - 24 up & down. road foot
 full of stones
 24 - 25 in chiefly down road poor

26 1/2 - 28 up & down. Beyond 27
kil. posts change from right to
left hand side of road & are
now numbered only from Arta.
numbers are raised from surface
of stone not inscribed. 17 is the
first stone.

17 - 11 - gentle descent
15 - 0 (Arta) very gentle rise
practically level. Road is
here mostly good especially
after 9 near which road
from Koprainsa joins our
road. Fine views from road
to mountains eastward.

We reached Arta at 12.15 -
Charming town nicely situated
in Arachthos river. We found
a good restaurant had
square lunch. Saw a church
of 9th cent.

Then at 2.00 P.M. left
for Philippida crossing
Arachthos by interesting Byz -
antine bridge. Road ca.
14 kil (not marked) &
mostly pretty good but has
a few bad spots where
streams must be forded.
The road turns at right angle
to right (north & front) about
50. - m. beyond bridge ca.
5 kil. front Arta are some
fine copious springs which
burst out at the base of
some limestone rocks. These

springs are numerous all
along this road while it keeps
to the foot of the mountain
ridge. ca 8 mil out (or 9) the
road turns across the plain to a
village on the ridge opposite.
2 villages in sight the second
further south. The second
ca 1/2 hr beyond (a kil) the first
is Philippida. Just before we
get to the first more copious
springs. In middle of the
plain are some pretty wet spots
mud bad. Crossing with bicycle
difficult in wet weather. In dry
weather perfectly all right.

We got to Philippida at
4 o'clock 14 kil. ea. in
2 hrs.

We learned that the auto
for Gannina had gone about
half an hour earlier. Another
one soon. It came at 5.30 but
was really a military transport
was full of freight & soldiers.
So we decided to stay at Philippida
for the night & go tomorrow by
wheel to Gannina.

We covered 59 kil today
we got a room at Hotel Constantine
(Spartan) at Philippida with 3 beds
for 150 per bed. We smeared lycopodium
around the sheets as a precaution
against D.D.'s & turned in early.
First however we went to a
cafe for coffee. The proprietor

(58) was named "Gus" & had run a restaurant in St. Louis. He gave us the glad hand. Used picturesque language mostly superlatives about America.

For dinner we got a humble but pleasant lamb at the coph shop attached to our hotel. but mostly bones. There were no second helpings & we were hungry. So we marched down street to another restaurant (the Venizelos) & had another modest dinner.

Before the late Turkish war Philipias was inhabited only by Greeks (others) told me by Turks only. Greeks were not allowed to hold property. Now however the Turks are mostly gone and the town has been filled up with Greeks from northernmost Greece (north of Argyni Kastro). It is an interesting attitude at recolonization. Today the people were celebrating the holiday by dancing, singing & playing games. Most of them spoke Greek, tho I fancied I heard a few words of Albanian. Turks were almost entirely absent.

Philipias is a small town chiefly stretched out along the main highway. Its importance is only as a stopping place on the way to Jannina. There are several large Turkish looking houses.

The streets of Philipias have all been christened: Odos Monastirou, Turdaria, Banişov, Dayuzo etc.

Wednesday April 7 (59)
We got up at 6.00 & had breakfast at Jim's cafe. He gave us good milk & eggs properly boiled.

Shortly after 7.15 we started on our bicycle for Jannina. The total distance is 62 kilometers marked from Jannina in Turkish characters (62 Kil post is in center of village of Philipiada).

Sidon Dropper had bad luck yesterday in breaking the spring handle bar almost thru so he can no longer carry his bag strapped to handle bars. He & I both left our baggage at Philipiada to be forwarded by first auto.

The road to Jannina is pretty good. It follows the Varghia river going up on the west bank to ca 33. Then on right bank to about 25-kil post. The distance from 62 to 25 is all rideable except for 2 or 3 short sections (100-150 m) of rather steep hills. The scenery is very good and becomes quite grand in places - especially thru the gorge from ca 33 to 31. Near 32 is a sharp bend, in the gorge & road to east. Opposite on the other bank of the river in a spur jutting out are ruins of some massive walls of ancient Greek masonry. As we go by Mt Tomugno's dominates the view to the northwest.

At 25 kil is a chani where simple food may be procured. We had bread & eggs. The water is said to be from a spring and with this assurance we drank it copiously.

and gratefully.
 At 18 - the climb to the top of the pass at Caratta begins. The grade is quite steep & continues persistently for 6 kil (to 19). The views are quite good. At 19 is the top. From 19 a steep grade down to 17 then more gently to 16 on the level of the Jannina plain. From 16 to Jannina is up & down - rolling country. Some of the hills fairly steep. That in fact also can be seen. Near 15 we approach Bizani & then run along the base of the hill for several kil. It looks like a strong military position.

We got in to Jannina ca 3.00 P.M. all weather wet with pardonable. My bag had not come yet so I couldn't change clothes. It came at 9.30 P.M. We pulled down & then went in search of drink (we had taken a room at Hotel Lord Byron (2 dp per bed)) We spent rest of day wandering about town & resting up a bit. Went to bed early after dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Thursday April 8.

We spent the day in Jannina. In morning we climbed the hill to south west of the town and got a good view of the city & lake with the surrounding mountains. The situation is extremely fine and the snow capped mountain ranges on the north, especially East, & South are quite magnificent. Jannina itself while interesting as a city retaining many Turkish characteristics has not much to offer to the sightseer. There are no conspicuous public buildings & the barracks feeble compared with that at Smyrna or Constantinople or even Salamis. We tried to go into the castle but were rudely repulsed by sentries. The town by the way seems pretty thoroughly soldiered & patrolled. A military headquarters seems to have been established in the old castle. We did get inside the outer fortress wall which runs across the peninsula (on which is the castle) at its base & divides it off from the mainland. Inside on the peninsula is a poor section of the town with narrow streets & small houses. The real castle is at the end of the promontory but looks almost

(62) entirely ruined. The tomb of Ali is at the n.w. end of the peninsula near a mosque (we didn't see it except from the lake).

In the bazaar I found very little of interest to buy. No embroidery.

We soaked up a man named Athanasios Lentas a good friend of Wace's. (Wace had given us a card) He is a gunmaker & has a shop on Independence St. (All the streets of Jinnah have been renamed by the Greeks) He is a soldier at present in the pyrrhian section. He was glad to see us & gave us some help. A very decent chap & also his brother. They undertake to clean & oil our bicycles.

Seton Drapper had his handle bar repaired today; doesn't look very beautiful but guaranteed to be strong.

(63) Friday April 9
We got up early today & left at 7:00 A.M. for Dodona. Last night with the help of Agaparis we hunted for a guide but found none. The Greeks were not eager for a carriage preferring to walk. So we set off at 7:00 A.M. Road a fellow walk out Dodona St. (continuation of street which passes on both) down into plain. Then crossing marshy spot by a low causeway or bridge, continue straight across plain toward S.E. end of ridge between us & Mt. Tomaris. In ca. ~~1 hour~~ 45 minutes we reach village of Rapsista (to left of road) We go on ca 5 min further then turn right (west) up a ravine. We take left hand path in the ravine (on south bank of the ravine. Just above us above here is a ruined melon in a small hill called Hagia Marina) Taking left hand path we soon go toward south & gradually ascend the ridge reaching top in ca. 1000 ft from Rapsista (2 ³/₄ from Jannina) Here is ruined chapel of St. Nicholas. Descending we take left hand path from the summit (not right hand which leads to village of Charakonista)

This ascends again a few steps then soon drops down thru a ravine to Dodona in the valley between this ridge + Mt. Tommas. When we emerge from ravine + proceed ca 5-10 min. on lake path to left (stone walls on each side of path) and ca 45 min. from top reach theater of Dodona passing thru precinct on the way. Total 3 1/2 hrs. for Jannina. The road to Repesta is fairly level a good field path but boggy in spots + probably usually too wet for bicycles. Beyond Repesta in crossing the ridge the path is steep + stony. Bicycle impossible.

At Dodona the theater is very impressive from its size + state of preservation. The other remains are hardly distinguishable. The whispering oaks no longer grow in the precinct but there are two splendid walnut trees in the orchard of the theater near the west side.

Crossing the valley to S.W. toward Mt. Tommas we reach in a few minutes the small swatched village of Alepochori. It was partially burned by the Turks in the recent war of 1912 but not yet fully restored. However

it has a fine copious spring up the hillside to the left (right at the edge) a grove of handsome oaks (hollyhocks). These oaks together with some very large ones of another kind between the theater + the village seem to be the modern survivors of the famous oaks of ancient Dodona.

We got water, corn bread (goggy + bread) but there was no wheat bread + a few walnuts in the village.

Then we walked back to Jannina leaving Dodona at 12.30 + reaching our hotel at 4.00 P.M. We had tea + then went out to the island in the lake with a brother of Ath. Hertzes. The lake is quite charming. Fare to island .20 each way. The island is interesting + one is shown the room in which Ali Pasha was killed. Looks rather dirty + decrepit all now + I can't quite make it agree with my recollection of the scene in Dama's Court of Nouto Chto. Beyond this decrepit house in a courtyard nearby is a wonderful enormous plane tree. The church of Pantelimon nearby is rather interesting.

Saturday April 10.

We got up at 6.30 & packed up. Our stay at the Lord Byron Hotel in Jannina was very pleasant. The room was clean & the beds with springs were free from insects. Charge 2.00 dp. per bed per day. We recommended this hotel. The restaurant on ground floor is also good & quite cheap. The Averof Cafe in the main square in Jannina was good. We got fare to there each afternoon for .20 the less.

We took the passenger car to Preveza (fare 25.00) There was only 1 other passenger or maybe an ordinary motor car. In the large bus in 2nd class too - the rear seat. fare 20.00 dp. This would not be so good for views.

We sent our bicycles by the freight van (which also carries passengers) at 10.00 dp. per. But this is a poor way of going - entirely sheltered with a crowd of soldiers etc. + lots of noise.

We left Jannina at 8.00 A.M. & reached Philippia at 11.30 where we stopped nearly 1/2 hr for lunch. We left again & arrived at Preveza by 1.30 P.M.

Road from Philippia to Preveza 43 kll. up & down. no very heavy grades. 62nd kil. post at Philippia. 105- at Preveza (from Jannina). Road mostly very good highly favorable for

bicycling. Between 68-69 to left is a fine Greek fort. Good masonry - Hellenic style. Sorry we couldn't stop to examine it, as it looked interesting.

42-73 Some copious springs 43-74 more springs. These gush out from limestone rocks below road. Look good.

Beyond 81 [Large village (Lous)] here the road gets into flat plain

At ca. 95- we reach ruins of Neopolis which stretch for 2 or 3 kil. The amphitheatre is Odeon is first to right of road. The three splendid olive grove to Preveza.

At Preveza we put up in Hotel Athens. Pretty fair - clean beds at any rate. 2 dp. each. Small restaurant in connection.

Preveza is a fairly interesting town - 2 mosques & several more old churches with bell towers & chimera (Carraceni style) Central church in town is Hagios Charalampos.

According to local information there are almost 1000 Turks in Preveza

There were occasional light showers today

Sunday April 11

It rained heavily during the night & this morning still looked as if showers might come.

We made a bargain last night with a boatman to take us to Levkas this morning for 15.00 sp. However the weather looked threatening (rain) there was no favorable wind and there was a heavy sea this morning so the man revoked in his bargain.

We found another for 17.50 & started at 8.15 after a heavy shower (the new man preferred to go to Nomska for 12.00 or less) we got out a few miles toward Levkas but there was no wind & the sea was high so in despair of reaching Levkas we turned back determined to go to Nomska.

It was slow progress & on the way we got caught in a terrific rain storm. Our 2 boatmen were soon thoroughly drenched. We ourselves were pretty damp but our raincoats saved us from a complete wetting. It was 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon when we finally landed from our small boat at Nomska. I have never been out in such a rain in Greek waters. I gave the men 17.50.

At Nomska we were received by 2/3 of the male population including 3 or 4 "hello boys" & escorted to a small cash shop where we had lunch on omelette & yogurt. We were back staying in the cash

shop who charged us 7.00 for our modest meal & we were extremely glad to depart from this wretched village.

On a hill to the west of the town is a fine medieval castle but we didn't have time to explore it. With unpleasant memories we left Nomska and its annoying throng of curious inhabitants and took the road for Levkas at 3.45 P.M.

Our boatman had assured us that the road was excellent so we had high expectations. But they were sadly disappointed as the road turned out to be the worst we had seen on the whole trip. A few patches here & there were fairly good but for most of the distance the middle of the road had been recently filled with filthy crushed stone which made riding impossible. So we had either to ride in the mud along the side or dismount altogether. It was disgusting and an occasional drizzle made matters worse. There was plenty of mud to increase our annoyance.

The road ~~branches~~ ^{turns} sharply to the right just after we leave the town of Nomska. Beyond the 1st kil post the road winds up & over a low hill then continues fairly level with occasional ups & downs all the way to Levkas (just near 13-14 along the sea) near 5 it approaches the lake & the left. Kechropoula is

(70) on one of the hills across the lake to the south. The scenery along the road is quite pleasant. We soon reach the sea & continue along it all the way to Leukas. Near 16 there is a small ruined fort to left & the road starts out over the causeway to Leukas. The road is good here. Near 19 is a ferry (no charge for crossing). Beyond the road continues for ca 1 kil to the town of Leukas.

The Hotel Averof looks best. We were unable to get a room in it however & had to be content with one in the "Parthenon" of the same proprietor facing the square. Beds 1.50 per night.

There is a fair restaurant on the square where we had dinner.

Today near the 4 kil. post. we had our first puncture of the trip when my rear tire gave out. It was very simple matter to repair it & cost us only 10 minutes of time. The tire held perfectly for the rest of the trip.

From kil post 15 on we rode in a continuous drizzle or worse so we were fairly wet when we reached Leukas at 6.15 P.M. and our clothes were decidedly muddy. But for whole we looked rather well.

But our packs were still dry (71) & we were able to change into dry clothes for the most part.

Monday April 12

We cleaned our clothes a bit & washed about town during the morning. There are some interesting churches (they look Italian to me - Venetian?) with carved wooden screens etc. but Leukas is not a great metropolis.

It rained most of the time all day and especially poured at noon. However we decided to go to Nidri in spite of the weather. So we got a carriage & left about 1.30 o'clock. The road is fair and perfectly wheelable on a dry day.

Following main street we reach in a few minutes a church on the right - here by road is a kil post marked. The road branches immediately & we take to left. Near 2 - is another fork and ca 1 kil farther still another. We keep consistently to left. The road leads thru some magnificent olive groves. We enjoyed the scenery very much.

Near Kil post 4 are some copious springs by the road. The road continues along up & down but fairly level following the sea shore. From 10 - 12 up grade 1/2 - 1/4 down. Then level to Nidri at 17. One kil farther (near 18) are the excavations near (on both sides) the road. There are more than a dozen round prehistoric looking foundations. Look like pre-helene houses at Olympia or Thermopylae etc. There are Dourfeld's tombs - nothing else to see here.

It rained continually so we didn't go up to Mavroneri. Nor did we cross from Nidri to Dourfeld's house or the museum on the point opposite (ca 1/2 mile away in line) on the other side of the narrow entrance to the Bay of Vlichos.

We drove on down to the wretched village of Vlichos at kil post 20 at the upper end of the long narrow bay. The rain still continued so we drove back to Loukas (also in carriage). We paid 15.00 for the carriage which was not excessive.

Tuesday April 13

We were up early this morning to catch the "Ares" for Piraeus but it didn't come till 9.00 & left at 9.45. It was pretty well crowded but the steward promised to look after us.

The "Ares" steamed down the channel between Loukas & the mainland. Good scenery. Just before noon we stopped at Khionia in Strake and a little later we called at Vathy. The harbor is very fine - like a Norwegian fjord.

There was an uneventful crossing to Patras which we reached at 7.00 PM. We went ashore & dined at Anglatere then called in American Consul. At 10.30 we went back to "Ares" & went to bed after taking usual carbolic acid precautions. We have left a trail of carbolic acid on this trip.

Our tickets from Loukas - Piraeus cost 20.10 each (I allow). Greeks could have got them for 16.10. We were asked 25. - but bargained & compromised on 20.10.

There was a good deal of rain again today. Intermittent showers with a few minutes of sunshine.

Wednesday April 14

The weather was fine this morning as we sailed up the Cornway rail. We passed thru the Canal before 11 & reached Burgess before 2. Just as we arrived a heavy shower came on and we got rained on pretty well as we went ashore.

We hurried our wheels & baggage on a waiting train which started before Dean got back with tickets. He made a wild dash to catch it & almost succeeded but slipped & fell on platform rolling away from tracks. Seton & I were standing in open door of the car trying to help Dean get in & receiving bags from a low sto. We were scared when Dean fell but we had to go on with the train. Dean turned up at the Monastery in the next train none the worse for his adventure.

It was pouring so we took a cab to school 1 for us & 1 for bicycles (2.75 + 1.75 = 4.50 I gave George 10.00 to pay the cabbies. I got two from Mother & various papers including Palmer's dissertation.

Thursday April 15

Today we moved out the 2 large bookshelves to the temporary library on 1.00 m. for the plumbers to work while they stood. This necessitated taking down all the books. The top shelves we didn't put back but set one in S.W. corner of library & 1 in hall outside.

This afternoon Luce & I played tennis for the first time on the new court. It's a fine court.

Tonight Mr. Hill & I went to a party at Mrs. Kerr's - farewell party for Miss Fitzgerald who leaves on Sunday for England.

I came home at 1 & then packed up a few clothes to take to Corinth tomorrow. Dean is to go with me.

Friday April 16

Friday is a good day for travelling as there is a superstition against it & it is an unlucky day for the Greeks. So they don't travel and there is plenty of room on the train. Dean & I took the 7.00 clock for Corinth. We rode up on our bicycles & arrived before 11. Kyrakoulas had come yesterday & cleaned up the house. She had the rooms recarpeted - a painful blue in north room and a melancholy red in south. But everything is cleaned up.

(46) Barba Angelis came yesterday & had
2 men today working in track. It
seems good to be back in Corinth
on the job again. The natives
seem well disposed.

Saturday April 17

We had 4 men today & got the
track into order & the cars ready.
Everything in shape for beginning
real work on Sunday.

An English clergyman Mr. Livingston
of Liverpool called this afternoon.
He had lunched with Papadogeos.
He was on a mission to promote
a better understanding & cooperation
of the Greek Church with the English
but didn't know a great deal of Greek.

Mr. Hill didn't come today, he planned
but telegraphed he would arrive
tomorrow.

(47)
Sunday April 18
I wrote a letter to Mother.
Mr. Hill came out on afternoon
train

Monday April 19

Work began in earnest this morning
with 15 men. 15 Delphians arrived
at noon & henceforth there were
37 labourers. We are cutting down
the track level along west side of
our area & can expect no finds
for several days.

Mr. Hill & I looked over the ground
together. He left in the 4:00 o'clock
train for Athens.

Wangler arrived from Athens today.

Tuesday April 20.

Today we had 37 men and 4 horses at work in 3 sections - express tree bank just beyond bridge, high bank south of deep cross trench Swift made last year, and pit in w. end of old trench III. We are digging this pit to see if our good Greek wall goes on there under the road.

5 fragments of inscriptions, one fragmentary left hand of marble (colossal size) + 29 copper coins are today's finds. Also in the bottom of our pit we have found a circular porous foundation with the corner in situ. The blocks of the lower were held together by hook clamps. The space is too narrow for further work here so we are enlarging our pit to the north.

Kyriakonle went back to Athens today. She has done wonders in putting this place into order and saved me considerable time as well as bother. She has learned to cook fairly well, too and personally I find her cooking a pleasant change from the monotony of Evangelou. She has a little more inspiration.

Wednesday April 21

Nothing exciting happened today. We took out a good many wells and found a dozen copper coins. We removed 240 cars of earth.

Thursday April 22

Dean helped me do a good deal of measuring and we continued to tear out late walls. Two fragments of inscriptions came out but they are very feeble. I stopped work in the pit today. We have cleared more of the circular foundation but can't do much more till we approach with our track. This foundation is completely below the modern road which presents difficulties in the situation. I measured roughly the curve of the foundation and worked out the diameter to be about 11.41 m.

We took out 244 cars of earth today.

Friday April 23

Nothing important today. 8 copper coins were handed to me and another marble left hand was found - fingers all broken off. Also two fragments of inscriptions. One of these (Latin) is from a good inscription but badly broken we have only a strip with a few letters from eight lines with mention of *Estimio* *Quintus* *Decius* easily restored.

246 cars went out today.

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Saturday April 24

Nothing important happened in the dig today - a few coins, a lot of sculpture and a fragmentary inscription representing all the find.

We had an amusing visitor today - Mademoiselle de Teixeira Sampayo. She came & demanded to be shown over the excavation. I showed her & invited her to lunch. She is travelling about Greece alone with a courier. Her odd English was quite delightful. I just bet she be French.

Sunday April 25

Dean & I went up the Acro this morning looking for antenones. We found only a few but a number of paper flowers.

Swift arrived this afternoon

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Monday April 26

Mr. Hill came out this morning with Dr. Pernier of the Italian School. Mrs. Pernier was coming but stayed home owing to the illness of her daughter. Pernier stayed to lunch & left by the 4.44 train for Hephaestus. He seemed pleased with the dig. Nothing exciting today. I had a good many late walks ton out.

Tuesday April 27

Dean went off this morning to meet Seton Grippes on the morning train for a brief stop at the Peloponnesus.

Philadelphus came out to see on by this morning. He showed blooming interest as a sponsor of the region. More walls out today. Philadelphus stayed to lunch.

Wednesday, April 18
Phaedon came
out again. He used his
influence with the villagers
for us.

The village has consented
to let us dig the main
road running past
Vselon. We have agreed
to make a new road
east of our dig. This
may become the perman-
ent road if we find
anything good under
the present street.

Today I settled up affairs
with the widow Karavokiri.
She agrees to let us dump
on her field for an un-
limited period - we to pay
yearly in advance of 5
drachmae.

I also settled with
Evangelios Kalini. He gives
us right of way over corner
of his land for three years
at 20 dr. per year.

In both these cases
we made out formal papers.
The boss (Angelos) & the
doctor signed for the widow.

Mr. Hill left for Athens
this afternoon.

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Saturday, May 1
I went down to New
Comith this morning &
drew money from the
bank to pay off. We
paid off tonight. Everything
went smoothly.

Sunday, May 2
This morning Duff & I
went down to examine
a low hill near the sea
that I had thought might
possibly be the site of
Myrculan Comith. This
hill projects from the lower
plateau towards the sea
at a point near the 3^d
kilometer post from Comith,
i.e. ca 1 kilom. east of
Lichaeum. The hill
stands up a little above
the level of the plateau.
It is quite conspicuous
from old Comith especially
from the temple of Apollo.
From the main road
however as you look up
the hill seems to be
merely a part of the
plateau. The hill lies
very near the sea allowing
only enough space for

The carriage road & the railway to pass between.

We climbed the hill from the land side and immediately began to find prehistoric potsheds. There were great quantities of Mycenaean fragments scattered everywhere about the surface of the ground. We filled our pockets in no time. It was very good fun & Swift & I were immensely elated to think we had succeeded in locating the Mycenaean site. Swift gave a shriek of joy when he found the upper half of a Mycenaean idol with a birdlike face. We picked up a good many bits of obsidian including a perfect arrowhead. There were many shreds that looked earlier than Mycenaean but which we could identify as such properly. I haven't studied prehistoric pottery since I attended Karo's lecture 4 years ago.

Certainly I enjoyed this morning. When we were satisfied with our collection of shreds we walked over

to Seebachum for a swim. Then with our bulging pockets we went home for a late lunch.

We found that Mr. Hill had arrived in the meantime. So we showed him our booty. He was greatly pleased. He had been out for the day only & on the way to catch the train in the afternoon he paid a visit to Ephraim under our guidance. We picked up more pottery. It looked as if there might be a heavy shower in the afternoon & did in fact rain a little but not enough to dampen our enthusiasm. I went to town with Mr. Hill to learn who owns the site & to get permission to dig if possible.

The owner of the field I learned is named Michaeli Fortis & lives at Loutraki. I gave up finding him tonight but Seraphim the carriage driver agreed to tell Michaeli to meet me tomorrow in Corinth.

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Monday May 3

I went down to land today
I saw Michael Forti. He has no
objection to our excavating Ephra
but his one condition is that
his legal rights to $\frac{1}{2}$ of value of
all finds be maintained. All the
terms refused. He declines to sell
& presses him to allow us to
begin digging at once. He asks
a little more time to investigate
law. He also claims considerable
compensation for damage to
his crops of lentils & vetch. Also
wants to be paid for sitting
in the bank & supervising us.
This latter condition I promptly
declined tho' Dr. Foreman was
inclined to admit it.

Michael agrees to let us know
on Monday what he may
decide.

I wrote a letter home about
Ephra. Also one to Miss
Allison. I hope she
will be interested.

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Thursday May 6

St. George's Day - a big holiday
no work at the

Michael came up this noon
and consented to allow us to
begin digging in the field at
Ephra. He is morally afraid
we may decide to appropriate
the site. He asked \$5000
in payment for the damage
to his crops. We compromise
in 400. I refuse to take him
on as superintendent.

Paul the Pope writes and the
document with the agreement.
He forgot to write that we
promise to fill in trenches after
campaign & when Michael
remarked this Paul said
"Mr. Blegen will swear on
his word of honor that he
will fill the trenches again
& his word is as good as a
sworn paper. He is an honorable
trustworthy man." This sounded
good coming from the
Pope.

Wace arrived this
evening from Athens.

Friday May 7.

This morning I began the dig at Ephra. Wall came along as usual. We began a trench from S.E. bank running up the hill digging several pits in a straight line with space left between. We didn't get much interesting out today mostly coarse & primitive shreds. We are in fact digging at fairly low levels. Top soil has all gone down the slope to S. here in ploughing rains etc.

I know nothing about prehistoric pottery but with Wallace's help I am rapidly beginning to learn the more usual varieties.

Michael was in hand & watched in the clouds. He seemed little interested in the potsheds. He longed for gold & apalmata.

Seton Dropper came this afternoon on the express from Olympia. He was carting his high down wheel in a basket. He joined us at Ephra & after work we all went up to tea.

Saturday May 8
Yesterday's work at Ephra I have included my last 4 pits up the hill to the top & have started 3 on the top. In these we are getting Myonalaan shreds to a depth of 1.00 m or more. The pits are beginning to show real stratification which is very cheerful. Also we are finding walls.

Ephra is going to be a good stratified site.

In the bottom of trench I found some primitive incised ware - Cycladic in character. This looks early. Also ware like those found in primitive tombs or general house hill by Lord & Stearns in 1896.

Method of digging to insure preservation of stratification is to go down in tabanias of 20 m each numbering from 1 to 20 II 20-40 etc onwards & keep the shreds from each level strictly separate. This is in line with the methods of Pitt Rivers.

Mr Hill came out from Athens on afternoon train bringing Capt & Mrs Warren.

(90) They came to see Ephra & were warmly pleased at our luck in finding it. They got out of their carriage & climbed the hill to see the dig. You found it very noteworthy. Has turned up yet to show the

Mr Hill has had a bad fall & hurt his leg. He fell on some stairway of new addition yesterday & cut his shin to the bone. A bad gash resulted & it is causing him a good deal of pain when he walks. But he will move.

Wall & Seton Phipps left this morning for Siskyou & Cyllene.

Dean arrived this evening from Olympia.

Capt & Mrs Watson dined with us & went in evening to hotel in Comite.

Sunday May 19 9

(91) This morning Swift & Dean & I went down to the sea for a town. Capt & Mrs Watson came out again this morning from New Corinth. Mr. & Mrs. Reidel also came today by motor from Athens. They got here before lunch. Mr. Hill showed them all around the old dig.

In afternoon Mr Hill & I went up to Athens on last train with Capt & Mrs. Watson. We dined with the hostess & then walked home.

Mr. Hill's leg is in poor shape.

Today we learned of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine. This horrible crime will have to be paid for by Germany some day.

Monday May 10

I worked about the house today
to jump up the library a bit &
decide on my penicillin etc. Also
started to have up on the ground
floor.

Met Mrs Dismore tonight. They
had been invited to a dinner at Karo's
last evening - the dinner
was arranged for them. But Mrs
Dismore says she won't go
after the Lushama affair. So
she has written a rather sharp
& quite impolite, it seemed to
me (she showed me a copy)
note to Karo saying that
of what has happened it will
be impossible for her to come.

The Director is in poor
condition today. Leg refuses to heal.

Tuesday May 11

Dean came back to dinner
from Com to tonight.
Karo has replied to the Director
saying that perhaps he will be
willing for them to do with them.
He will recognize D as his
secretary & chauffeur but no
further.

Director's leg no better -
Mother was Mr Hall the up
take to bed for a while.

Wednesday May 12 1918
Nothing to record.

Thursday May 13

George went to Com to on the early
train. He is leaving our service
today to join the army again. He
has been re-examined and pronounced
fit to serve - must enroll within
this next week.

Dismore went to Com to on
the noon train to help Swift
who is all alone there now.

This afternoon I gave a
talk to Dean & Luce on
the theater & premet of
Dionysus. I gave them
Sörpfeld's views

Friday May 14

Today I gave a talk on the
Asclepius premet Stas of Lameses,
& Ostraca of Herodotus Atticus to
Dean & Luce. Wright & McCarney
of the Roman School joined us.
Thompson arrived this
morning after 28 days on
board the Thessalonica from
New York. He looks as usual

Saturday May 15

Today I finished my brief series of talks on Athenian monuments by taking up the Arch of Hadrian, the Olympium & the Stadium.

I should like to go back to Corinth but the Director who is still a bit uncertain that I'd better stay in Athens a little longer & do accounts.

I have played tennis on the new court almost every day during the past week.

Mrs P. Moore went to Corinth today.

Monday May 17

Luce departed for a tour of the Islands today with 3 or 4 of the Roman School men who are in town.

Friday May 14

Nothing of any interest. Dean went out to Corinth this morning to help Swift as Finmore came home last night.

Thompson & I went over to British School today & had a most excellent luncheon with Wallace.

This evening there was a big party at our Legation. Thompson & I went. I enjoyed seeing a good many people again. Mrs. Watson played bridge and made a very consistent record losing 4 straight rubbers (ca 25 draws). Capt. Watson won steadily. Mrs. Dropper introduced me to Mme Schlieemann. Soterides was there and asked me about Ephra.

Mr. Hill is still in bed. We have had a doctor who admits there may be a crack in the bone. The wound has not yet completely healed. On the slightest provocation it breaks open again.

Tuesday May 25 -

The house is getting almost uninhabitable. Thompson is tearing up everything. For days there has been a deep ditch just outside the front door making it very difficult to go in or out. Electricians are busy taping holes in walls everywhere & putting in pipes for the wires. The plumbers are destroying walls wherever they go. The carpenter is the only one who seems to be doing real constructive work.

The new bookshelves are set up in the library & are being filled. They look pretty good. Luce came back from the islands today.

The Donnoors have decided to go to America in the Thompsons sailing next Saturday.

Mr. Hill has asked D. to take Dean & Luce & Dephi before then. D. will catch his steamer at Atrax on Monday.

I telegraphed Mr. to Swift at Comita.

Miss Elliot told me ^{yesterday} that she with 5 others would come to Comita on Thursday for the day. She asked if they might lunch with us. I said they might. She asked if I would get 6 horses for the party & have them ready to start up the Acre at once in the

morning when the party arrived. I said I would. She asked if I would show them over the excavations. I said I would. She intimated that I might accompany them up the Acre if I had time. I told her I was sure I should be frightfully busy & shouldn't be able to manage that under any circumstances. In my telegram to Swift I ordered lunch for 6 for Thursday. Mr. Hill still in bed. He signs of permanent healing of the wound.

Wednesday May 26
I caught the 7.00 A.M. train for Comita. Wright of the Roman School joined me at the station. He goes out to Comita for the day. Plans to sail for Italy in the John tomorrow.

We found Swift & Dean at Comita. They had prepared a big lunch for 6 today. We enjoyed the lunch. It seems there was a mixup over the telegram. I wrote it in English. There is now a telephone installed in the Museum. The telegraph office in New Comita obligingly tried to telegraph the telegram I sent yesterday to Swift & but no one at New Comita knew English. First Dean & then Swift attempted for over half an hour to undertake the message &

(98) Paul the Pope chipped in from time to time. But no one could make head or tail of it. Dean eventually got roused up & had the telegraph man exchanged compliments. This failed to contribute toward a clear understanding. So Dean finally gave up. But he swift got the idea that there would be a guest Wednesday & therefore ordered the lunch. They didn't think of having the telegraph man spell off the letters until he was almost exhausted & annoyed by his efforts & unwilling to spend further time over it.

This afternoon the Telegram arrived. It was a good lunch.

Dean Wright left for Athens this afternoon.

I had a look at the Augustus found while I was in Athens.

Thursday May 27

Miss Elliot's party arrived this morning but Byron was not among them. Her family thought she had symptoms of appendicitis last night & refused to allow her to go.

The people who came were a queer lot. Two ladies one Dutch & the other Greek. Three men of whom two were Russians & one Rumanian.

They went up the Aero in (99) the morning & came back for lunch. In the afternoon I showed them the dig. One Russian named Monreuschel (or something like it) seemed quite intelligent & interested. The others were not particularly enthusiastic while they were here we found a Roman torso - of a general apparently - at the south end of our dig. This turned them up momentarily.

I began inventorying inscriptions today.

Friday May 28

I had a good look around the dig & worked some more on inventorying. We are finding some good wall blocks in situ in S. end of dig.

Saturday May 29

Today was pay day. Swift & I worked out the payroll together & everything went off smoothly. I forgot to write yesterday about some accident in the dig. Anastasio Pomas was digging in the Roman building in the upper level when all of a sudden the earth gave

way beneath him and he plunged into an unsuspected well. Swift & I were in the house when we heard wild shouting from the dig:

"Αναστάσιος ἔξωτος"

We hurried down & found workmen dashing to the spot where a rope they lowered into the well to Anastasio who was able to talk at least and when he had fastened himself to the rope they hauled him straight up. An iron head came up above ground he presented a wild sight - like a drowned rat. He was covered with mud from head to foot & his hair & face were quite plastered over. A few bucketsful of water cleaned him off a bit & showed that he was quite all right except for being rather frightened & quite pale. The well is terrible deep - it looks 12 or 15 meters to the water below. Anastasio says his water is a 1/2 m. deep. His escape seems hardly less than a miracle. I can't understand it. It seems too astonishing for words. He carried his pick with him down but not even that. Injured him.

He went home to change clothes & later came back

to report for work, but old Angelis said "Take your hat & go. Don't work any more today."

Swift & I are somewhat on edge. This is the second accident within a week. The other occurred before I got back from Athens & was a railway wreck. Three cars got away down the steep grade & plunged over the bank into the NE corner of the Piriohis.

Pozzo Kapsimalis of Delphi was in their midst & was buried in the wreckage. When hauled out from under a car he was somewhat gory but otherwise not seriously hurt. Not a bone was broken but of course the man was considerably dazed. A hurry call was sent for the doctor. He was playing poker in the plane the square & refused to budge until he had finished the game. Then he finally came but by that time Pozzo was pretty well looked after. It was a miraculous escape, which has made Swift pretty nervous. We are certainly lucky in having no serious results from these two accidents but we both fear a third.

Mrs. Dupuis left on S.S. Themis looks for America too

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Sunday May 30
Memorial Day. We flew
our little flag.

Nothing much happened. In
morning we went down to
the sea for a swim.

Telegram from Mr. Hill
saying that Wace & Mr. Erskine
(1st Secretary of British Legation
in Athens) will arrive
tomorrow.

Also the 'portway' came
for the lumber I had
selected & got ready for
shipment from Athens to
Constantinople - remains of
packing cases etc. I gave
the bill of lading to Joseph &
told him to get the lumber
as soon as possible & to begin
making trays for pots etc.

Monday May 31

I took charge of part of the dig again
this morning - just S. of bridge where
we cutting into the bank acrossing
the road outside Telios.

Wace arrived this morning with
Erskine. I showed Erskine over the
dig in the afternoon & pointed out
a few things in the museum. He
stayed for tea & then drove back
to his hotel in Connaught. Erskine
is first secretary of the British
Legation in Athens & is also

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the British representative on the
international commission in charge
of the finances of Greece (since 1897)
Erskine hasn't been here very long.
I think I'll ask him about the
series of reports of the Commission
which I told Prof. Goodell I'd
try to get for the Yale Library.
Our Legation seems to have for-
gotten about it.

No finds of any importance today
The German Professor visited
the dig today. They had letters
to Wace who showed them over
the excavations.

Wace is staying in S. room with
Swift & W.B.D. expects to leave Athens when he
finds W.B.D. in the motor-bus for U.S.A.

Tuesday June 1

No very exciting finds on the dig.
I picked up 3 fragments of
inscription on pieces of marble
masonry lying about.

Swift is beginning to clear
down to street at the south
end. The line of wall discovered
here near trench VIII looks as
if it may belong to the stylobate
of the south stoa of which west
end was found in 1904. It would
be a pretty long stoa.

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Wednesday June 2

I measured up a good many late walls which are beginning to be torn out in the dig.

In the south end of our area we have found 2 bases of the exterior columns of the Stoa. These seem to be in line with those found near west end of agora by Helmerius in 1904 (or thereabout).

John the carpenter has been making wooden trays today for our potsherds from Ephra and has enough ready so that we shall start digging there again today.

Thursday June 3

Festival of Constantine & Helen. In honor of the King's apparent convalescence from his serious illness with pleurisy this day was celebrated with great style. No work of course.

Cretan John the pot mender arrived today bringing me 3000 dp. (unknown to him) from Mr. Hill. He will begin cleaning & mending tomorrow.

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Friday June 4.

Today we began operations again at Ephra with 10 men. Waco came down to help me.

In the pit I we found (in the S.W. corner of pit) evidence of a hearth. There are two periods each with a paved floor for the hearth with adjoining earth floor level hardened by burning. One above the other. Each rested on a layer of whitish clay. Assuming this hearth to be inside a house we extended I looking for walls. These turned up during the day and by evening we had good reason to believe we had found a Megaron house. We have the east and west side walls and the south end wall. Also 2 antae to south. The house apparently faced south like this. The walls are built of rough



stones & only approximately straight. Some of the stones up of the antae are of pretty fair size. The walls are ca 48 thick

and the house is ca 500 m. wide. The length is not yet determined. The west wall has been torn out toward north. How end of S.E. anta a diagonal wall runs off to S.E. for a considerable distance. The relation of this to the house is not yet clear.

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Saturday June 5.

We worked with 10 men at Ephra. Our most important discovery of the day was a worked column base in soft greenish stone in situ in the Megaron house. We had discussed the possibility of finding one + Wace + I measured out a suitable distance for it. I dug my heel into the ground at the spot we had fixed upon and then summoned Niko to dig there. He seized his pick and struck a heavy blow in the place marked. His pick entered only a couple of inches into the ground & was stopped by a stone of some size. We immediately told him that was enough - he had found what we wanted; and when the earth was scraped away sure enough there was the *Bairuzov* we were immensely pleased at finding it & especially at the method. Niko, too, tho' slightly puzzled, seemed quite pleased and conscious of having done a very worthy deed. The column stands between the central hearth and the front wall of the house. On the other side of hearth (i.e. to north) is another stone flat on top which may have served for a column base. It is 2.50 from the Bairuzov, etc. + 2.00 from each side wall. This stone is in the pit I. but I caused it to be preserved there

in its place when the pit was ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ dug on the chance that something might develop from it.

We have begun another pit P. farther west here we propose to dig to test for the stratification. We dug down 80 (in 3 trays) finding a good deal of Mycenaean pottery.

In the Megaron house we are still searching for a rear wall. We have found a portion of one that may do. Both its corners with the side walls are gone. If this wall is right the house is ca. 10.00 m. long.

Today McCartney + Shekron of the Am. Sch. in Rome arrived at the dig. They stayed over night, putting up at the Doctor's house.

Sunday June 6.

Wace + I sorted pottery in the morning + part of afternoon. McCartney + Shekron departed for Athens.

Just one year ago I left Patras in the *Cunard S.S. "Guernia"* with Mr. Hill + Swift for New York. The *Guernia* is now used I believe as a prison ship for captured Germans.

Monday June 7
Wael + I worked at Ephra with
11 men.

We cleared up entrance to
Megeron house and found a stone
in the middle between the two aulae.
Looks as if it may have been a
col-base. The house then had a
facade with 1 col. in antis & a
single row of cols. ran down the
middle of the house.

Digging around the baetylion we
found fragments of a pot which
may be almost complete.

The wall we thought was rear
wall of house looks as tho' it
had a door thru it. It would
then be not the rear wall but
an interior partition.

Trench P is getting down
(1.60 deep tonight) we are gathering
a pretty good series of shreds
from arbitrary levels of 20 to 25
each. P III goes from 140 - 160.

Along edge of the
bluff we have started another
trench. Here we found a colossal
ant threshold block 1.74 long &
75- inch. Has a pannel on one
side (N) & at end of this is a pivot hole.

Nothing else exciting.

In old Comite's dump found a
fragm. of a good inscrip.
mentioning Tiberius. Also
another referring to Divrippus
(known in other inscrips & Comite's)

Tuesday June 8
Wael + I were again at Ephra
with 11 men.

Nothing exciting. P is going
down normally 2.50 deep tonight.
at 1.85 - P IX (1.81 - 2.05) we
found most of the fragments of
a black polished pot with
an incised pattern.

In R there are great numbers
of walls which look quite
complicated. I have found
no wall to go with the
monumental threshold. South
of the threshold we have come
across a round structure of
irregular stones. See about it
is a thick layer of ash. This
may turn out to be an altar.

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Wednesday June 9.

Work carried on with 11 men at Ephyra. We made an interesting discovery in the north side of French P. We have cut thru a curious botm (1) which now appears clearly in section in the scarp. Top of it is 2.00 m. deep. It is 90 high (outside dimensions) by 70 in diam. Inside it is 60 high. Made of yellowish green clay. side is .03 thick - bottom .10 thick. There is a lip at top. The botm was not a hard pavement of reddish clay. In level it belongs with a floor at 1.95 - of hard clay. The botm is full of blackened earth, ash, bones, potsherd etc. Wall suggests comparison with botm of Orchemont.

We have cleared more around the altar. Just N.E. of it ca. 60 deep we found many fragments of a fine large Urfinnis pot. No pieces of the bottom turned up.

The altar is almost in axis of the large stone threshold.

In Megran house we have been clearing the walls better. In the front wall we have found a cut stone threshold. This belongs to the earlier period of the house & was walled up later. The entrance to the house is not in the middle but to the east of middle - probably to avoid

The axial row of columns.

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In P we have gone down to 3.40. We are finding almost exclusively Urfinnis & coarse ware.

Thursday June 10

Today Wace & I had 12 men at Ephyra.

In P the men thought they had stereo at 3.60 but later it turned out that this was only a layer of stones. So we are going on. We finally found stereo at 4.30. I have 18 trays of sherds from this trench.

We are beginning to clear a number of walls around P. Apparently there is another Mycenaean house here. The plan is not clear yet.

I put two men on the white cement pavement which shows in the edge of the hill in the south & had them clear a section of it. They finished by evening. This pavement proves to be Greek. A good many Greek tiles found above it & some Greek potsherd

(112) Greek pottery hasn't so much interest for us now.

North east of the altar we have dug somewhat. Some good Mycenaean sherds came out here.

Every noon Wallace & I go down for a swim in the sea. Bathing is very fine these days. Ephyra is a wonderful place. Very good view & the sea breeze usually keeps us comfortably cool.

Seton Dropper arrived this afternoon. He is staying with me in the north room.

Friday June 11

Before breakfast we removed all the earth dumped in the near vicinity of P so that we may clear the walls of the house. The plan is beginning to assume form. We seem to have two rooms side by side which open southward into one large room. The walls still go on.

I have started another pit between P & L. This is S. We have great hopes for the stratification in S. In P the stratification

shows up fairly well. We (113) think we are able to make out on the side of the pit 11 floor levels. usually at following depths

.45-

.45-

1.00

1.40

1.65-

1.95-

2.75-

3.10

3.40

3.60

3.80

of these eight are fairly distinct.

We are beginning to dig out the N.E. chamber of the house round P. I have divided it into 4 sections in case there should be pottery. There is some. Near the center of the room we have found a pavement of a hearth - much like hearth in Megaron house nearby was a mill stone. N. of the hearth used is a good nest of pots. Luke is digging here & whenever he finds a good pot fragment Wallace & I dig them out. We have got out several pots which may be almost complete when we get the fragments glued together.

~~We are beginning~~

Trench S was ca. 65 deep by evening

Saturday June 12

Nothing very exciting today. We continued at Ephra with 10 men. More pots came out of the N. 6 chamber including a couple of cylinders practically complete. 2 small spindle whorls also.

I went into town this morning and drew money from the bank for payroll. Although Seton carried the money up to Old Comth where he & Surf made out the payroll & I filled the pay envelopes.

Sunday June 13

In the morning Wace & I sorted pottery in the museum. I had a telegram from Mr. Hill. He emphasizes fact that expenditure for the campaign must be limited to 13000 dollars including all debt & borrowings. He says Story may come out tomorrow. Story on his way from Egypt to Boston to sail in Athens next Tuesday. Mr. Hill asks me to get excav. accounts of 1913-14 into shape so that Story can take them to America.

I found it a hopeless job especially since Sanborn's journal account is nowhere but in Athens. In the meantime I telegraphed Mr. Hill that our allowance was practically all spent & invited him to come out if his legs was well enough.

Today was Election Day in Greece. It has been an exciting campaign in Greece but local opinion seems to be that the great mass of the people are for Venizelos. The majority in Old Comth are.

Monday June 14

I had 11 men again at Ephya. Nothing exciting today. We are beginning to dig out N.W. chamber of house P. Very little pottery up to date.

We looked for Story this morning. A carriage drove by shortly after train time. There was a man & a woman with it. The woman seemed to take a special interest in Ephya as the carriage passed on the road below but the man seemed indifferent. The carriage drove on up to old court. I didn't know whether it was Story or not so to make sure I went up at noon to find out. Surf had seen no one & the carriage drove only hired. The two customers were American. So I went directly back to Ephya after a hot noon walk.

Seton left this afternoon for Athens.

Mr. Hill came out this afternoon from Athens. He says Story changed his mind and decided not to come. Mr. Hill's legs not well yet by any means but he can walk with help of crutches.

Tuesday June 15

Today we made another interesting discovery at Ephya - namely of a shaded column basin in the house P. This basin is in the large room to the south of the 2 smaller chambers we have cleared. It is made of soft light greenish stone is ca. 47 in diameter.

It was a pleasing discovery. We are digging for deep stratification in 2 pits S. 45. In S we have had some trouble to get down twice we have had to extend the pits to avoid walls which prevented us from going deep but it looks now as if we may finally succeed in getting down. We have had to remove a hearth here at a depth of 1.25

Wednesday June 16
I cut my force to 6 men at Ephya today. We made good progress with the two pits S + L getting down to 2.70 in S and 3.40 in L.

out of S we have got a good many interesting materialized sheds & some of a new kind with geometric patterns in lustrous black red paint on a polished buff surface. Wall niches & this Belgian ware.

There was a heavy rain at 5.45 this evening. Wallace & I took refuge in a shallow cave at N.E. edge of bluff.

I see arrived this afternoon. He drove gaily by us and paid no attention to our invitations if hand & voice to come up & see our dig at Ephya.

He brought us with including a letter from Miss Allinson for me. She is much interested in our discovery of Ephya & sends our congratulations.

Thursday June 17
6 men today at Ephya.
We reached Sereos in L at 3.23 by few sheds toward bottom of our pit.

In S we are apparently approaching Sereos also.

We have dug a little more in south portion of House P & found more walls. In almost all cases corners are gone. This may be because the corners were originally built of large stones which have been pulled out for use in later buildings. In modern times the new walls in House P seem to belong to a porch or vestibule.

The Ephor (Philadelphus) came on to Ephya this afternoon. He seemed much impressed with our finds. Everything appeared to him to be τοῦ ἰσοστάσιον

This was a cloudy, rainy, muddy day.

Friday June 18

I had 8 men today at Ephra. (I stayed up at Old Court a large part of morning working on accounts)

We reached stereo in S at 470 This has been a good fit + we have many valuable trays of sheets from it.

We have begun an extension of G to get a few more sheets from some of the levels.

We continued cleaning up S end of House (P) outside the vestibule here we have found a tub or watering trough in situ.

Lucie left for Athens today. He didn't come to Ephra to see our dig.

Philadelphia spent the day in Old Court. He lunched with the Director + Swift. On his way to New Court he stopped for a few minutes at Ephra.

Saturday June 19

I had 8 men again at Ephra. We finished the new part of G and did a good many odd jobs of cleaning in various places. Nothing very exciting happened. Wallace + I measured up the Megaron house between rain showers.

Sunday June 20

Wallace + I took the morning train from Alexandria for Nauplia. We travelled 1st class getting into a rather crowded car. There was a Turkish fusoner in it being conducted by two xapopizans and two soldiers to Nauplia. They teased him a good deal knocking off his fez from time to time and wounding in similar pleasantries. He was rather filthy + had quantities of bed bugs wandering about his clothes. The guards were no cleaner + more smelly so that by the time we got to Athens I had developed a first class headache. I got relief to some extent.

from Athens to Nauplia.
 We went to Hotel Grande
 Bretagne at Nauplia. After
 lunch we proceeded to the
 museum in an old Turkish
 mosque now restored. It is
 a very decent place for the
 museum tho' there is little
 enough in it. I wish we
 had the building in Old
 Corinth. Philadelphia was
 there & greeted us warmly,
 he showing a catalog
 of the place but in con-
 siderable doubt as to most
 of the contents.
 He had the german boxes
 of pots & vases from Troyes
 opened for us & we spent
 most of the afternoon
 studying the pottery. It was
 quite interesting to find that
 they had essentially the same
 classes of ware that we
 have found at Ephesus.
 Urniforms seemed most
 interesting. They had same
 shapes etc. as we. Also
 we found the "Blegen ware"
 & from the series of
 samples here this looks
 out to be a development
 of urniforms. There is a
 large class of Urniforms
 decorated with patterns.
 We have many shards
 of this kind at Ephesus

but I had considered
 many of these with the
 before. This class may be
 roughly described as follows:
 The pot is partly covered - apparently
 the bottom part only - with
 paint. The upper part is decorated
 with patterns - zig-zag belts,
 belts of lines, hatched triangles
 etc. The paint varies from
 brick red to red brown,
 brown black or black on a
 slip of light buff, cream,
 yellow brown, or very pale pink
 in tone. The paint varies
 from a dull mat to a
 highly lustrous ~~ex-~~ tatter
 in the brick red part especially.
 Some pieces are well polished.
 The biscuit is generally
 reddish buff or brown red.
 I noticed some black w -
 forms some decorated with
 spirals in broad white
 lines, perhaps imitations
 of MM II designs (or MM III)
 Plenty of course Urniforms
 with a careless dash of
 paint along the rim such
 as we found quantities of
 at Ephesus. Also from
 Troyes are numerous flat
 dishes or small flat bowls
 without any paint or
 decoration. We have

(124) much of this at Ephra
I also noticed urticaria with
incised row of annular
incisions running around
just below rim.

There was very little matt-
materii from Tryps &
mostly consisted of coarse
shells.

There was some Myriax but
not a tremendous amount.
2 kinds - gray colored genuine
(or northern) Myriax & black
Myriax often with incised lines -
Argue Myriax. Some of this
is hand made.

Also there was polished
black hand made ware
with many concentric circles
& some plain black polished
perhaps local imitations
of Myriax (1)

A good deal of Myriaxian
early M. + late M. we have
samples of both but at
Ephra. Some unparaded
Myriaxian handles & ringed
items of Myriax shapes.

Late in afternoon we
took a cab out to
Tryps & prowled around
the ruins for an hour
or so. The weeds are

very bad - especially the thistles (125)

Monday June 21
We spent the morning in the
Museum. The Ephor allowed
us to make a selection of
sample sherds to take back to
Corinth. We took only a few.
After lunch we took the
2.00 o'clock train back to
Corinth travelling II class.
We reached Hexamilia at
4.46 & walked across to Old
Corinth. There was a good
deal of rain this morning at
Aegleia but apparently
none at Corinth.

Nothing much has happened
in our absence. The Grand Old
Thief is on for more malaria
- seems to be feeling rotten

Tuesday June 22
I worked on accounts all
day except for a short time
sorting pots & sherds in the
Museum.

Wednesday June 23

I worked on accounts again for greater part of the day. Vase departed for Athens this afternoon as the campaign at Ephya is definitely over for this year. He has been very helpful to me & I truly appreciate his good services. He has taught me a good deal about prehistoric pottery during the past small weeks.

He wants me to come & dig with him next fall either at Leankladi or at some prehistoric site in the Peloponnese.

The grand old whiff is in pretty bad shape

Thursday June 24

Nothing to record Swift better but still blue.

Friday June 25

I took 3 men down to Ephya to look for graves. Michali the owner had assured me there were graves on the site. His father who perished very long ago knew where they were. "I will ask my mother" he said, "you know I have a mother who is an extremely ancient woman. My father used to take her with him sometimes to this place to sow or plow. Perhaps he may have told her the spot where the graves are. I will ask her & if she tells me then we can try with a tivelli." "All right" I said, "but for a tivelli we need a man with experience. I'll try to find a good man in the country who knows how to use a tivelli." "I know how" said Michali, "I've had experience" "You have?" I asked in surprise "how that?" "Well I have dug some graves" he said hesitatingly, "but they were on another field." I thought Michali was rather neatly caught on this. This was some days ago. Today we had agreed to search for the graves. So we tried it all day but in vain. No traces of a grave turned up. Michali worked all day with his tivelli, he has one of his own. But he failed to show any skill

(17) I he had no luck. So after a time I had my 3 men work at clearing up - mostly in house (P) North of the house in Rth S.W. of altar Michael Melakas & I found about 1/3 more of the Mycen. bowl fragments. Wade got ca 1/2 last week.

We dug two pits for possible graves but nothing was found save undisturbed Mycen. stratification.

The grand old whip came down for lunch today & afterward went on into town to the bank for money for tomorrow's payroll. I had my usual swim in the sea.

Swift came back from town rather late - Bank doesn't open till 4 or so - and we rode up in the sousta

Saturday June 26
Today's real pay day. Swift & I made out the pay roll & filled the envelopes. Every thing went off all right.

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Sunday June 27

I worked on accounts with Mr Hill all morning & till 4:00 o'clock P.M. We were determined to get the 1913-14 accounts including appropriation acct. in shape so as to send them by Telex who is due to leave for New York tomorrow on the "King Constantine". By 4:00 P.M. they were ready but not yet copied on the final account paper. So I gathered everything up & went to Herakleia where I caught the hamper Athens at 4:46 P.M. with the intention of making the final copy tonight in Athens.

I had a good cool trip & reached the school about 9 P.M. They gave me a modest dinner on the balcony.

The house is still in desperate shape. torn up with directions with no commences. But tremendous progress has been made since last last. Mr Hill's rooms & the small dining room will soon be ready & mine will follow shortly also the main library

Monday June 28

I copied off the accounts this morning & put in vouchers number etc. Thompson kindly drew in footing lines etc. - & ret. it. I finished just before Luce's call arrived at 2.00 P.M. to take him to station. I turned over the accounts & vouchers to Luce & also a note of transmission to Mr. Farland.

I went with Luce to the steamer. I had a letter, last week from Katherine Cooke in which she said her mother & all the children were leaving on the Constantine for America today. So I went to say good by to them. I stopped at the Doris & got 6 boxes of chocolate (I gave to Luce) one each for the Cookes & Cooklets.

But on the steamer there was no sign of the Cookes & their name was unknown on the passenger list. So I consulted myself & time. I learned that Mr. & Mrs. Allen were sailing so I asked Luce to give one box to Mrs.

Allen & keep the rest himself. He agreed to do this. He ought to have a supply of chocolates lasting most of the way to New York. Well I've done my duty to the Cookes at least. (131)

I went back to Athens & tried to draw money at the Bank but the Bank was closed. Apparently it is only open mornings during the summer. This prevents me from taking the early train for Corinth tomorrow.

This evening we had a game of tennis. Cora & Seton Droppers were there & twice Thompson & I. Mrs. Droppers came up as we finished. They are leaving tomorrow for Switzerland. So we said good by. I took dinner with Wace in his upper garden. Cora & Seton were there, too. It was then 4th or 5th farewell party with Wace & succeeded night. They have been expecting to leave early but their ship has been delayed time after time. We had

a pleasant dinner. Afterward we walked home with Bob & Ron & then walked I went to the Zappion where we ate ice & saw the movie.

Tuesday June 29

Dean came home from the islands this morning & decided to go back with me to Comuth this noon.

I went to the National Bank & cashed all the drafts made payable to me (BHO's, Ethel's, Dean's & my own) then went to the Ionian Bank & deposited the money in each respective acct. After buying various supplies, Dean & I continued to the station catching the 12:00 o'clock train for Comuth.

We had had a cab 2 hrs for which I gave 6 dp. We lunched on the train.

At Comuth the epher Philadelphia turned up - he had come by the same train - I asked for a ride to old Comuth. Some gave him one

Wednesday June 30

Took charge of S. end of dig today to relieve Swift who is giving his time to plans. We found a section of good marble pavement in situ in front of the South stoa. Further north we are finding some Greek drains cut in stone.

Thursday July 1

In tearing out a Byzantine wall today we found a large piece of an epistyle frieze block with a few letters of an inscrip in well cut monumental style. The inscrip. reads ETPORTICYMG

Looser if it belongs to same inscrip as that on similar block found by Hts some time ago & reading RPONT. Mr. Hill suggests it may go with OLONIA inscrip of 1896. (This proves to be right)

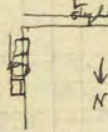
This inscrip. on a marble epistyle prob. belongs to South stoa or to stoa at east end of agora running along W. wall of Roman building.

Below the wall in which this inscribed block turned up is a large vaulted Byzantine tomb. Underneath

(124) The tomb is a Greek drain cut
in stereo - occurring E & W.
The tomb has a regular entrance
(at least end).

There is a marble stylobate
block in situ near this point.
It is in the colonnade which
returns toward the north from
the line of the south stoa.

Roman
building



3 other
stylobate
blocks just
S. of this one
have been pushed
only a little out
of their original
position toward the West.

I have caught an annoying
cold + am taking some quinine
tonight.

Friday July 2

I was in poor shape today
with a bad cold, a sore throat and
malarial aches in my legs.
I didn't go out on the dig
at all except for a brief
visit in the evening. After
that I wandered down to the
museum + the dump. Michali
of Ephra turned up + made
a strong plea for damages for
me + any which he says

were trampled on + destroyed (135)
by our workmen some sousta.
I told him I would see
what I could do for him
with the director but I was
almost afraid of mentioning
it to the director since he had
reproached me for paying as
much as 40. dr. for the permission
to dig + I specified that ~~the~~
covered all future damages
Michali had to be contented with
that.

I went back to the house + feeling
slight symptoms of a chill + fever I
went to bed early. Mr. Hill fed me
16 grains of quinine.

Saturday July 3.

I am a model patient. I stayed
in bed all day + did nothing.
Read Rewards + Fairis' again
+ the newspapers. It was a
pretty dull lay on the whole.

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Sunday July 4.

We had our small flag out today to celebrate the holiday. I got up again today but did nothing violent. Toward evening I went out for a short visit to the dig.

Monday July 5.

I got up before breakfast. After wards I went out to the dig & took charge of moving stones out of the Roman - Greek - Basilica building. Mr. Hill had charge of careful diggings of Greek levels & ancient drains at south end. The water channel along front of S. stoas apparently drops into a drain at its east end. Under this - the connection not yet clear - Richard Netaxas dug out the drain. He found almost 40 bronze coins here some small & some almost the size of a dollar - apparently all Roman.

Surf worked all day on plans & clean up coins

In afternoon I had the OLONI inscrip of 1896 hauled up from museum & south end of dig where we let it up by our ETPORTICUM inscrip

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of Thursday. The two join I finished a letter to Mother tonight

Tuesday July 6

We went on moving stones today & cleared out the central portion of the Basilica. Most of the stones were hauled down to the Museum only the interesting ones being left & these latter were all placed in the line of the inner west wall. In afternoon Aguzzis agreed to move 3 large marble epistyle piece blocks from inner east wall to stones in center of building & did it by night. It was a good job. These 3 blocks are now set crossways right side up in the central part of the building.

We began to attack the Byzantine foundation against the eastern outside wall of the building. I made a little study of it first & one great old Whiff helped me measure it up.

Miss Walcher arrived in the morning looking stouter than ever. She is staying a few days & then goes on to Neopolis. Aguzzis goes tomorrow apparently to get things ready for her. In the afternoon I showed her the pottery from Ephra. Today I got 4 letters ready. one to Palmer

one to Weston, one to Mrs Cooke
Beltington I went to Piraeus
to say goodby last Monday and
one to Mrs. Atchley declining
with thanks an invitation
to tea last Wednesday.

Wednesday July 7

The old foreman Aggeys left
this morning. I settled up all
accounts with him & paid him
his wages to date. He carried off
more than 1300.00 drappies which
looks like a pretty good haul to me.
Miss Walker has borrowed John
the carpenter & leader Mr George
who of course came with us
yesterday. George has developed
into a very faithful & clever
present attendant but today he
seemed considerably pleased
to get out on the job & boss
a real gang of real workmen.
His vocabulary doesn't seem to
have suffered from his sojourn in
Thebes as Miss Walker's attendant.
Miss W. privately informed me that
a Theban doctor had told her that
George was suffering from heart-
disease & might shuffle off at
any minute so she begged us
to be careful & see to it that
George should not take hold
very hard himself in morning

heavy stones. Certainly he didn't
look like a man afflicted with
weakness of the heart; no so I
think he could have inherited
any such weakness from his
father Aggeys.

We continued tearing out the
big foundation in east side of
Basilica ☺ & by evening most of
it was gone. Part of a marble
plinth with the portion of a sandal
foot attached came out.
At southeast we cleared up
some more n. of the s. stoa
getting out some Greek pottery.
We also swept up & cleaned
out the Roman house.

In the evening I paid off
7 of the Delphians who are
to leave tomorrow morning for
home. Old man Behoubs
is the only Delphian left &
he stayed by choice.

Miss Walker showed me
her pottery this afternoon &
explained her system of signs
& hieroglyphics. She discovered
that most of her good temple
sherds were in Athens where
she had men last year to
slow to Karo. Apparently
she got prehistoric sherds in
site only in one pit in
a deposit 1.00 to 2.00 thick
She thinks there were three
distinct periods there.
She thinks her site is some

what earlier than Ephya but her latest sherds are like my earliest ones. I should like to study some before forming an opinion. She found 2 or 3 Theraian sherds only in the ^{finding} great mass of pottery from her dig.

Thursday July 8

The Byzantine foundation in the east aisle of the "Basilica" is the going out. We found 3 fragmentary inscriptions in it today - all Latin one of them on poros. The poros fragm. looks as if it may be from one of the wall blocks of the "Basilica." It so the inscription (early imperial) would be valuable. A couple of small fragments of sculpture also came out - very insignificant.

Miss Walker went to Penteskoupha in the morning. Dean also joined the expedition. Miss W. had arranged with him to leave at 5:00 A.M. She finally appeared ready to set off at 7. Dean had got up early & waited around. They came back before lunch.

Miss Walker asked if she might have tea at 4 o'clock as she

proposed going to Ephya after wards. So tea was ordered for 4. Miss W. at length arrived at 5:00. Swift, Dean & I went down to the sea for a swim tonight.

Friday July 9.

Miss Walker left this morning for Nagoulia taking the essential gear along with her & the horses. (I learned from Miss W. that she owns the Crown mare the foreman always brings to the dig & is half owner of the mule. The foreman gets the use & profits for the horses for in return for caring for them. I think that a pretty good bargain for the foreman. But Miss Walker says he thinks the mule ought to be given to him outright.

Miss W. had planned to leave at 2 A.M. & actually got away about 3 o'clock. That was doing pretty well.

There was nothing exciting at the dig today.

I had a letter from Mrs. Cooke. She says they didn't go to America on taking Constantine on account of illness of Mr. Cooke. She invites me to come to Patras on Saturday. However Swift, Dean & I are talking of going to Stymphalos on

(142) Sunday, Monday Tuesday & Wednesday
are holidays & we can be gone 4 days.

Saturday July 10

Today we began clearing out the track & earth under it on south aisle of "Basilica" beginning at W. end. Mr. Hill has had charge of the section further south & the track has gradually been removed to this point.

In the south aisle we found a fragment of papyrus inscription today.

A study of the accounts reveals the fact that the excavations face a deficit. The Director has decided to charge us ca. 5.00 dp. per day for board & cover part of it. Nevertheless we think it wise in spite of the deficit to go on taking out the track & clearing up the "Basilica" as far as to the bridge.

Tonight I paid off. Aggeus being gone John Plakokyphalos is acting as foreman. He called off the names & signed the book.

Evangelos our cook departed for Athens on the noon train. His brother Costa who had gone up some weeks ago failed to suit Thompson & the plumbers. So Costa turned up here yesterday & Evangelos packed up today for departure.

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This evening I made a bargain with the Prodgal (Panayoti Yambourari) to take us to Stymphalos. We each take a horse & provide one for the Prod. Our bargain calls for 6 dp. per day for each of 3 horses & 8 dp. per day for the fourth, which is of course the Prod's own. That makes 26.00 per day for horses. I had offered 8 dp. per day for horse for 3 horses but would allow only 3 dp. for the 4th. The Prod couldn't accept that however but made me the counter-proposition which I accepted as stated above. So we did him out of 1 dp. per day but his pride is saved!

We are to leave by 5 Tomorrow morning.

In the evening the grand old whip sat up till nearly midnight mending a dozen odd holes in his riding pants. I got him to take a few stitches for me, too.

Saturday Sunday July 11

We get up ca 4.30 this morning. Pandyat appeared on the scene & gave us an early breakfast. Then somewhat after 6.00 we rode off to the west bound for the Stymphalian Lake. Swift Deau & I were on horses as well as the Prod. In addition two boys were in our party but came on foot. They were Thanassey and Vasilaki - necessary adjuncts to their horses. We could not take their horses without them.

It was a fine morning as we rode thru the old olive groves of the Elaiona to Zingalatio. We kept on in the plain to Hassan Aga a small village pronounced Xaovaya. Here we turned up into the hills past a farmhouse near the edge of the plain. We took a path leading up into the hills - but we hadn't gone far enough west. So we were compelled to climb down to the bottom of a tremendous ravine waded down a shallow stream for a quarter mile and then scramble up the west side of the ravine to the plateau above. The path hardly suited & it was a heavy pull for the horses but the Prod led the way gaily enough. We all walked down & up.

Then we cut across country till we finally came to a fair looking trail leading south. We took this and after a fairly long ascent came to the small

village of Stimauga (Στυμπαυγα)⁹⁵. We had been going nearly 5 hours. Stimauga is a pleasant looking well-located village with a conspicuous church & an excellent view. It is visible from Old Comite high up on the first long ridge between Old C. & Lyllive. We had masticha some here & then pushed on for Koutai. Koutai is a modern village on the site of Phlius. There is a good spring just as you leave Stimauga.

We reached Koutai about 1 P.M. There is a fine spring of cold water at the entrance to the village and some pleasant vegetation by it. We sat here in the shade while the Prod scurried about & scraped up some bread cheese & a few eggs for us. We have taken absolutely no provisions on this trip. However we made a satisfactory meal.

After resting a bit we rode down into the plain - the plain of Phlius. It is quite large & attractively green. The town of St. George appears to the S.E. a sizable town. Phlius must have occupied the low hill which pks up out of the plain like an island near Koutai. We saw antiquities in the fields here. There are said to be plenty of ancient graves in the vicinity.

We joined the carriage road to the south grade across the plain to Petri a far looking village with some considerable springs

Petri lie on the slopes of the hills bounding the north west side of the plain. We rode on along the edge of the plain to Batsika a town ca 1 hr west of Petri. We stopped for coffee at a wayside cafe here. There is a spring further up the hill in the town. Only a well at the cafe. Swift & Deau drank from it in spite of (or probably on account of) my protests.

From Batsika we went on up a long merciless grade over a barren rocky ridge. It was a hot and tiresome climb but there were some wonderful views of the plain behind us with St. George at its eastern end and beyond looming up the mountains north of Myeusa. Eventually we reached the top of the ridge and saw before us the town of Psari on the further slope of a small valley. It took us 2 to 2 1/2 hrs from Batsika. There are good springs at Psari. Why a town situated so high on a bare mountain side 9 miles from water should be called "fish" I failed to learn.

The Prod wished to have us stop for the night at Psari or to go on to Apokampos. We still had an hour and a half of daylight left so we preferred to push on. But not to Apokampos for that meant going back a half hour on our trail. So we left the rather attractive town of

Psari and climbed the ridge behind the village toward Kaliaui. We soon reached the summit & got a fine view of the Stymphalicus plain. A fairly sharp descent leads down to the plain & on the way you come into sight of the Lake to the west. It is a very fine prospect. Across the valley on the other side of the plain numerous villages are built on the edge of the mountains. The nearest one of these is Kaliaui. On the south side of the Lake the mountains are high & I saw no signs of a village.

We walked down the grade in good time. There is a fair sized stream in the valley flowing westward into the Lake. A mill stands by the roadside here. It is run by Costa Alexopoulos a former workman of ours at Loutra. He was much pleased to see us & begged us to stay overnight with him. But it was a malarial looking region - low & wet - and there was no water save from a well in the yard so we preferred to push on to Kaliaui where there are springs. Old Manoli our most experienced workman at excavations is here with Costa at the mill. Manoli looked very well - better than I have seen him for years. He has no more fever and Costa measures out to him only the smallest quantity of wine per

day. So the old man doesn't get drunk any more. He seems quite contented here + proposes to stay.

We went on to Kaliani arriving about 8.00 A.M. The Prod arranged to have us sleep at the magazi and set about getting us food. We had the usual tiresome talk with hells boys + village personages including the police sergeant + the telegraphist - both of whom had formerly been at Omitra.

Our supper was long delayed but finally between 9 + 10 we got our food. There was meat which once had belonged to an ancient he-goat + was altogether too tough to be carved. We managed to chew down some of it, however.

It took considerable time to get our sleeping quarters arranged. We preferred the open air to the stuffy dirty looking room offered. So some kupa were eventually spread on the ground outside the magazi door. We got to bed shortly after 11 pretty tired. Loazens sat around the magazi drinking + playing cards till long after 12 + prevented us from sleeping. Also there were numerous bed bugs with rouka and any number of mosquitos appear to be had a poor night.

Monday July 12
We got up about 4 feeling rather stiff + discontented having had only a couple of hours of sleep. The Prod was cursing too on account of the bugs. We decided we would have an easy day loafing about the lake.

The two boys had gone back last night with the horses to Costa's mill + they appeared in Kaliani about 6 this morning. We breakfasted + left shortly after 7 for Kionia where the head spring of the Lake + the site of ancient Stymphalus are. The Prod carried proudly dangling from his saddle a couple of roosters we had bought to ward off starvation during the day.

We reached Kionia (the "Columns" in 1 hour. The spring is quite wonderful + there is a pleasant green grotto about it. A very considerable quantity of water emerges ^{at various points} at the base of the cliffs and unites to form a small river that flows into the lake. The water is fairly cool.

Kionia is a very wretched modern hamlet named from some ancient columns shekhung up out of the ground near it. There are also the

of a Basilica made of ancient blocks & some Roman brick constructions.

The ancient site of Stymphalos is farther to the S. W. on a low rocky hill at the very edge of the Lake. The view is fine from the hill. There are numerous evidences of antiquity here - bits of ancient walls etc & on the lake side a very large rectangular cutting in the rock this must have been an important building. Steps lead down to its lower level on each side.

The fields to the north of the hill are covered with ancient blocks, columns, & debris. I think excavations would be very profitable here.

The lake itself was rather disappointing. It is on the north side, at least, extremely shallow & filled with wild rice. It may be deeper on the south where the main katabothra is said to be.

Our workman Costa was our guide to this point having come up with the boys Thavon & Basilis this morning. I had a talk with him about roads etc. & learned that it was quite easy to get to Pheneus and to continue on from there around the north side & Cyllene back to

Coninth. So I proposed to Swift (151) & Dean that we do this. They both agreed & our plans for an easy day of loafing around Lake Stymphelus vanished.

There are two routes to Pheneus: one by way of Castania and Monia; the other via Basi & Goura. We chose the latter on the advice of Costa

(This was a mistake, I think. The first route equally short or shorter would have taken us quite near the Lake of Pheneus. By the 2nd route we didn't get within swimming distance of the Lake.)

Leaving Kioma at 9.30 we climbed up a steep trail north-westward in one hour to Basi. Basi is a fine little village with a high location & good views. We sat here for 2 1/2 hrs. or more while our 2 tough roosters were being cooked up in a dish of pilafi. It was worth waiting for - tho' the best parts of the rooster seemed to be missing - unless the birds had no breasts. There is a fine spring at Basi.

We left about 2.00 P.M. for Goura. It is a desperately long climb with no springs. The grade is stubbornly up. There are occasional fine views but after passing the Basi fields we gradually get into a narrow valley between two towering ridges which effectually shut off the view. In ca 2 1/2 hrs we reach

(152) an upland valley which widens out a bit. On the east is Mt Cyllene on the west the high ridge Sepia mentioned by Pausanias. This valley is cultivated & green. There are fields of Hashish here. A well with ice cold water lies to the west of the trail.

A little further on the path across the western ridge and we have a grand view of the plain & lake of Thebes. It seems much more imposing than Stymphala. The mountains are higher. Mt Chelmos (Graevia) now appears for the first time towering up to the west of the lake basin.

A sharp descent leads down from the pass to Goura. We arrived in about 3 1/2 hours from Basi & the Prod get us accommodations at the house of the mayor's brother.

We still had some daylight left so we went down into the lake basin and crossed to the site of ancient Thebes opposite. This lies on a rocky knoll which rises out of the lake basin like an island near the modern town of Kalyvia. There are remains of ancient walls here (Greek-Roman & Byzantine apparently) and a modern chapel near the summit. From the top there is a fine survey of the plain & the lake. around the hill

are vineyards. Digging might (153) be expensive but there might be good finds.

We rode back to Goura after sunset. (1/2 to 3/4 hour each way)

Goura is a large town of 300 houses well situated on the slopes above the lake basin. There are springs which give a copious supply of cold water. Some fine trees add to the appearance of the place.

We had our usual lengthy conversation with helle boys & villagers including the mayor. I learned that it was possible to go from here to the top of Cyllene in 2 1/2 hours and that horses could easily make the grade. From the top there is a rideable path down on the other side toward Corinth. I proposed to the other fellows that we should take the chauce & go to the top of Ziria. They were agreed. So we decided to do this. We found a helle boy who was going to Kiato the next day & he consented (or rather offered) to go by way of Cyllene & show us the road. We arranged for an early start. Supper finally came & proved highly satisfactory. Then when all our matters including helle boys & the mayor had been gently shooed from the

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room we went to bed. It was a very clean looking room & clean looking linen & we looked forward with a great joy to a good night's rest being very weary. So we lay down three in a row on the floor. Our host & his family including the host & one two horse boys slept on the narrow veranda outside. It was nearing 11 P.M. when we turned in. Alas! Our hopes for a good sleep were never more sadly dashed.

Before putting out the lamp, Dean had a look, as a matter of precaution, under his pillow. He saw things scurrying rapidly for shelter. We were somewhat concerned & decided to let the light burn for a while in case it should be needed.

I had hardly put my head on my pillow when I felt an awful nip on the neck. At the same time there came a howl from the grand old Whiff. We set up in wrath & had the satisfaction of slaying the disturber of our peace & repose. But a little investigation gave very disheartening information. Our fine clean linen was swarming with lice. I got another nip in the leg. The grand old Whiff & I were aroused by that time. We saw no

traces of sleep that night saw organized a regular campaign against the bugs. By midnight Whiff had killed 60 + I about half that number. Dean apparently not tired than we or Fricker skinned dogs unnecessarily. We continued our slaughter - smoking cigarettes & using language which ought to have terrified even the stoutest bug.

About 2.00 A.M. the prod came in quietly with a candle. He was cursing softly & looked much disturbed. We showed him a few bugs & he broke out into round oaths "p'gov japovi to' slawgo" etc. He said he had been badly chewed up & had already been to the spring 3 times for relief. He proposed an early start for the mountain top & we agreed.

It was a bitter night

Tuesday July 13.

At 2.45 A.M. the slope was grand old Whiff 106 CWB 5-8 Dean ca 45. We got up & dressed & went out to the spring for a wash. I have rarely seen bugs so thick. We shall long remember Gouza. We got ready to depart & sent a boy to rout out Mike

(15) (156) The hullo-boy who had agreed to go with us. Mike soon appeared and we started off about 3.30. We had to wait some time for the Prad who was dashing about wildly looking for his skin cap. He used some awful oaths. When he finally found it he delayed us more by scurrying about trying to change a 25 dr. note to pay our bill. Then we got under way. We climbed by a zig zag path up the steep ridge behind the town. It was still quite dark but dawn was rapidly approaching. The ascent of the ridge was pretty heavy work but the horses did well. When we got up we were able to look back on the town with no great sorrow at leaving. Each of the 300 houses contains at least 500 million bugs. Good scenery is no antidote for having one's body chewed up by bed bugs. We were all pessimistic this morning. Swift & I had had no sleep at all. Dean had dozed & was somewhat refreshed.

We kept on going up and reached the upland valley we had passed thru yesterday - but the view further to the north. From here we went almost directly east up a long ravine. On each side were

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great masses of Cyclone, Far ahead we could see the saddle near the top.

We found some shepherds milking their goat and got some fresh milk from them. Then we pushed on. It was a good climb & we all got off & walked. The air was quite cold & there was a brisk breeze which encouraged us to exercise.

We came up to the saddle in 2 hours & 15 minutes from Goura. The sun was already up of course but it was still quite early. We found a shepherd here who knew Mike, our guide. This man's name was

and he was a mighty decent fellow: Tall well formed & quite handsome. He wore no hat. He greeted us warmly & invited us to his tent where two other men were working. They gave us cold fresh milk rather than any it was & some luscious yogurt. With bread this made a most satisfactory meal.

Afterward we pushed on to the summit of the mountain in 20 minutes to the north of the saddle. There is a superb view. This morning it was slightly hazy but Prad did not spoil the view in any great extent. There is a grand panorama of the whole Peloponnese

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and the mountains north of the
Gulf of Corinth stand up conspicuously.
I saw Cithaeron and Parnes, Penteli
& Hymettus. The Saronic Gulf & the
gulf of Nauplia were clear.

It was a view we wouldn't have
missed for anything.

But it was rather cold & we had
to keep moving. There were still
a good many patches of snow
near the top of Cyllene.

At 8.00 o'clock we said goodby
to our shepherd friend & started
down from the saddle on the east
side. The shepherds fired off
their guns in farewell.

We went down a rather difficult
path toward the north east with
Mike leading. It was bare stony
ground. At 9.30 we came to
a tremendously deep ravine which
separates the main peak of
Cyllene from the very high ridge
farther east. This ravine was
well covered with pine forest.
We descended to the bottom of
the ravine passing near a
sawmill & then gradually
climbed again to the brim on
the other side. This was pleasant
riding for four or more hours
of pine forest. The forest belongs
to the government. There seems
to be a considerable amount of
timber.

Swift & I were pretty tired
sometimes I almost napped

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asleep in the saddle but each
time I suddenly awoke with a violent
start just in time to save myself
from falling off. We rested 15 minutes
when we had gained the east bank
of the ravine. Then we pushed
on toward the village of Clementi.
The road seemed fearfully long
& it was more than 5 hours after
we had left the summit of Cyllene
that we finally descended over the
last ridge into the town. There was
no spring in the whole distance;
but at Clementi we found a
very good one.

The Prod discovered a first
cousin of his in the priest of
the village. He did what he
could for us. We obtained
a modest lunch after a con-
siderable wait at the pan-
talion. By that time Swift & I
were atrociously sleepy. The grand
old whiff face had a drawn
weary look. So we demanded to
be led to a shady place beside
the road somewhere where there
was a chance for a nap. This
was soon done. The priest furnished
us pillows and at 3.00 P.M. we
lay down giving strict orders
to be roused at 4.00. I slept
like a log & Swift & Dean
apparently did likewise.

At 4.20 the Prod roused us
& we set off down the road
for Souli. There is a carriage

(160) road. We staid on the upper path however till it joined the road a mile or so away from the village.

The scenery is rather good here but looks more Italian than Greek it seems to me.

Climentis lies on the side of an easy-sloping range of hills with a fairly broad valley below it to the east. Beyond the valley another ridge rises fairly high. The valley between with its green vineyards looks very attractive. I believe the valley drains into Lake Stymphalus to the south but am not sure. We crossed a low divide and in time (as is hours from Climentis) came down to the village of Souli. The Prod is a Souliote. The Giampouras family hails from this region. The Panayoti himself was born in Old Comith. Nevertheless he calls himself a Souliote.

Souli is an attractive place & looks fairly prosperous. There is a large church & many of the houses are roofed with the flat Gallie tiles. High location, fine view.

There was of course the inevitable talk with bell boys & others & a late supper. Then we got some bed clothes guaranteed to be free from bugs & had them spread on an aloni behind the village. Here we lay down in

a row out beautifully clear night under the stars. (161)

Wednesday July 14

We awoke slowly from a sound sleep. No bugs had disturbed us. It seemed too good to be true.

The Prod had heard of some antiquities at a village named Diopesi & wanted us to see them. We agreed. He said it was approximately on the road to Vasilino & Old Comith.

We set off at 5:00 A.M. or thereabouts, passing the spring (there is an excellent copious spring at Souli) to the east by south. We seemed to be going back up into the hills. But it was a fine morning & a fine ride. At the church of St Nicholas was another cold spring.

In an hour we came to a small village (name forgotten) & had some makeshiftly offered by the two boys. They gave us directions for a short cut to Diopesi. It was only the roughest sort of a track and took us a ravine or two but we finally reached Diopesi in a little over two

(163) hours from Souli. Liopetri was a fine little town with 2 or 3 good springs of cold water. It lies fairly high up on the west side of a fertile valley. It is a highly pleasant prospect. Parayosi found another first cousin here who received him with kisses. The cousin runs a general store.

He conducted us ca. 15 minutes to the south of the village to the outskirts. We found here on a small hill a perfectly good Greek polygonal fortification wall - 4th or possibly 5-7th cent B.C. It seemed to us to dominate the valley completely & the line of communication running south up along the valley. I don't know what the place was in ancient times.

We went back to the magazi and had a very acceptable breakfast.

At 9.00 AM. we started for Vasiliko. There is a fine trail passing around a spur in the ridge we came in ca 1/2 hour to the charming hamlet of "Paradise". The scenery is almost good enough to deserve the name. 10 minutes farther is a wonderful spring below a venerable spreading plane tree. A finer spot would be hard to imagine. There is a thoroughly fine view. At this point the trail is also

excellent. It branches one road (163) going west to Souli - the other south to Vasiliko. We went on southward.

The track leads downward along the top of the ridge. Below to the east is the deep gorge that comes out at Siayon.

We reached Siayon in a little less than 3 hours & stopped for a few minutes in the theatre. Then we rode on thru the village of Vasiliko without stopping. It was 12 o'clock noon when we drank from the spring in the bluff below Vasiliko.

From here we went down into the plain, crossed the queer steep bridge over the river and headed for Old Comiti. The currants in the vineyards here are beginning to get ripe. We passed thru a number of small villages but made no stop save at Zevgalatis. Here we sat for half an hour or more. It was very hot riding thru the plain. We mounted again after our rest (the Prod in the meantime having got a shave in a barber shop) and rode thru the olive grove to Old Comiti arriving about 4 o'clock. We were somewhat tired but all three of us

(16A) unanimously voted it a very enjoyable & interesting trip. We had started with the intention of visiting Stymphalos during a fairly leisurely holiday. But we came home after 4 days of pretty hard travelling having seen Stymphalos & the views & just of all having climbed to the top of Lyllene.

This is the festival of Cosmes & Damianou and there is a great crowd at Comita for the Eoptij. The village square is jammed with people. The museum seems closely guarded & the dig is locked up.

Three youths got fresh & released one of our cars (the truck only) which they allowed to run down from the bridge. It gathered speed & crashed into the gate by the museum which was fortunately shut. John Plakos kept rushing down to the scene but the boys ran out of the dig. We saw them hiding behind the wall of the school horse yard. Swift & I wandered innocently down & approached them from 2 directions. Swift called one but the second got away. The third had disappeared earlier. We turned our howling captive over to a palleman who got the name of the runaway youth. Several other suspects in grass

appeared. The one in charge (16B) gave the weeping prisoner a couple of powerful swats in the face & told him to put up home as fast as he could go, adding that he would give him more tomorrow.

I got some mail today - a letter from mother (June 7) & one from Aunt Augusta (June 15) also some Yale Pl. Weeklies & some Folkblads.

Swift, Deau & I went down for a swim after tea.

The Director says he has taken a vacation during the past three days - read a couple of stories etc.

Thursday July 15

We were all rather sleepy today. I took charge of the dig in the vaulted room where we are taking up the trash & removing the earth under it. 2 small fragments of inscriptions found.

Deau left this afternoon for Athens. He is to make temporary arrangements for the books in the new library on the new shelves. Also has numerous commissions to will be back here on Sunday.

I wrote a letter to Mother - or part of one - which is sent. It purports to be a description of

(16) our trip. I could not finish
in time so sent what I had
ready. To be continued in our next.

Friday July 16

Worked in the dig all day
clearing out certain the
vaulted aisle + shedding the
stratification. Nothing exciting.
2 more tiny fragments of
inscriptions.

Our newsboy + mailcarrier has
stopped bringing newspapers. He is
said to have had a quarrel with
the Pope + in revenge has gone on
strike - as far as newspapers are
concerned. I don't know what it is
about.

The grand old whiff is plighted
under the weather - stomach trouble

Saturday July 17

Work continues in vaulted aisle
One more day ought to clear it
up. We have only 12-13 men
on the whole job.

2 more fragments of inscriptions
on marble pavement

We sent Panayoti down to New
Corinth for newspapers - today +

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yesterday. The political
situation is rather exciting. The
first meeting of the newly elected
Boule set for next Tuesday is to
be postponed a month according to
the newspapers. It seems like the
last desperate attempt of the
Gormanis cabinet to prolong its
stay in power. The postponement is
to be based on the ground that the
king's health is still too weak to
endure any excitement. It seems to
me a pretext rather than a reason.
The Venizelos party, with its good
majority is perfectly willing to have
the senate meet, elect its president
+ adjourn till the king is well enough.
The party meets tonight in Athens
(that is the senators belonging to it)
+ Venizelos is to be present + will give
a statement of his decision as to
whether he will again become the
leader of the Philothronoi party.

Sunday July 18.

A quiet day. Rather hot but we stayed indoors + cooled off by baths in Peirone.

Tanayatz went to Hexamilia + got us newspapers. Venizelos made a strong speech last night. Announced that he would resume his leadership of Progressive Party forgetting the bitterness of the King's personal treatment of him 4 months ago when he retired because the best interests of the country demanded that he should resume.

Emphasized dangers seriousness of the Gouvaris government's foreign policy but especially their internal policy. Also attacked them vigorously for their version of old time political methods + attempts to undermine the constitution. It seems to me a good honest strong speech but not pleasing I should think to the King + Gouvaris.

Deau came out from Athens this afternoon. He brought me a card from Peton Drappers from Marseilles + some papers "Yale Review" etc. He reports that house is getting along well. Thompson has moved the library books into the new shelves but with no attempt at order.

I wrote a letter to Mrs. Cooke asking with Frank an invitation to Patras for last Sunday.

Surf Deau + I went to the sea for a swim

Monday July 19

Today I measured up (with Swift helping) + photographed the Byzantine walls in the vaulted aisle area + began to take them out. Nothing exciting.

A new news + post-boy appeared today. He seems even smaller than George his predecessor whose quarrel with the Pope remains a mystery.

Mechali pshyra came up today still demanding money for the lentils he says our man + sound tramped out in his field. I offered 10 dr. as the highest limit + he went away in sorrow with talk of law suits etc.

Tuesday July 20

Weakened by the removal of the Byzantine wall the north side of the vault in west half of vaulted aisle fell in today with a crash. An examination of the remaining portions shows that they are likely to fall when supporting earth is removed. I took a photograph (with small plate in large camera) from west end several more with small camera.

Found a rather good head of Zeus ^{bearded} modeled in relief in end of terra cotta end tile or sima.

Wednesday July 21

More of the vault came down today including all of the south side except a small piece near west end which we preserved by insulating wooden supports. This piece shows the change in the spring of the vault at the point where the vaulted chamber was extended westward in a slightly narrowed form.

5 small fragments of inscriptions turned up including two which seem to belong to my recentment inscrip # 594 in inventory. 1 of these will join I think

I wrote a letter to Miss Negreponte (in answer to one from her which came today) advising her to count me out on the Kiona trip and go ahead - For it looks as if I shall still have to stay here 3 weeks or more.

Also I wrote to Nace on same subject.

Thursday July 22

I had a letter from Mother today dated June 27. They are at the Lake. I sent a long letter to Mother today concluding the account of our Stymphalos-Cyllene trip which I began in my letter of last Thursday.

It's pretty hot out doors. We are finishing the clearing of the vaulted

aisle. In the extreme S.E. corner we found a hole cut thru the good wall to the east leading into a drain or water channel. We are clearing it out.

We pulled up another section of track & began taking out earth north of vaulted aisle. One fragment of inscrip. turned up.

Friday July 23

Today we continued clearing out water-channel eastward from vaulted aisle and also began digging out the well in west part of vaulted aisle. We got down ca 1.00 m. in this tonight. Nothing for .65 - except Roman tiles etc. Then from .65 - .90 Greek tiles + 3 or 4 pieces of old Corinthian base. Prospect looks promising.

North of vault we continued removing track & taking out late fill of stones etc. 4 fragmentary inscriptions. I am leaving with the team in S.E. corner of central quadrangle of "Basilica" for the present. This looks like original fill in situ & I will do it later somewhat carefully

Saturday July 24.

This morning we stopped work in the water channel eastw. from vaulted aisle. There are 2 channels here one at a high level running N-S; the other at a low level running eastward. Roman pottery in the well we have gone down to 2.75 below stairs. I am using trays to see if this is stratification & taking out all sherds by measured levels. There are a good many large ston. aggr. pebbles down to ca 2.65 - the sherds are comparatively few. Chiefly coarse ware & Corinthian. A fair number of Proto-Corinthian I think. There is not much evidence of stratification.

At 2.60 the well begins to widen out & the sherds become numerous; but they seem to be in general later than the sherds in the upper strata. It looks as if there is a clearing away of a water channel here. We continued down to 3.00 finding great quantities of sherds. They seem considerably later than those from upper levels. One whole Greek lamp.

We are clearing away to the north of the vaulted aisle. I made a sketch of the stratification here against the east wall & built corner.

Sunday July 25

Up at 5.00 A.M. & had an early breakfast. Then we walked down to the sea (straight road) - Mr. Hill riding a mule - and met a boatman whom John had hired yesterday at New Combe for a trip to Parachora. We left shore at 7.00 approximately. There was a pleasant growing breeze from the N.W. which necessitated considerable tacking. So we wasted a good deal of time & spent 4 hours in the crossing. We landed in the beautiful cove below the lighthouse shortly after 11 A.M. Swift & I had a scrub off the rocks where the bottom drops away for hundreds of feet & the water is a deep blue. It was a beautiful day & the water was highly salubrious. Afterward we climbed the hill & had lunch just below the long E-W. polygonal fortification wall near the lighthouse. John Dakorophalos had some wethers & clover out from warts.

We had a wonderful view from the top of the cliff above the wall. A recent remains are visible here - a column, perhaps for walls & portholes. Far out west toward the lighthouse is an artificial terrace. Perhaps the temple of Hera Akraea was here. Part of a four col. drum was set here.

we visited the lighthouse
+ were shown the light by the
keeper (there are 4 men there I think)

Then we started up to the
eastward + climbed up the hill
to the chapel of St. Nicholas. The
small valley on the way is full
of potatoes + graves. The beds
are Countess Protokor. When
I was here 4 years ago I found
some other good fragments.

At the summit of the hill
where the chapel stands are
a couple of stout polygonal
fortified walls.

We went down to the north
+ joined Mr. Hill who was riding
a small ass obtained at the
lighthouse. There are ancient
three wells, all the way
down the hill. In the valley
here is a large double aster
of Greek times. The cutance to
it is slightly west of the path.

We went on to the eastward
keeping well to the right near
the base of the ridge. Just soon
came to another ancient eastern
It is very deep ca 1 1/2 feet +
extremely narrow 1 1/2 to 2 meters.
The length is 25 meters about.
At intervals are stone bridges.
The upper part has caved in
so that it now looks like an
irregular hole except at one
or two places where the conglom
at side of the upper part is still

preserved. Below the conglomerate (75)
is a clay stratum which is badly
washed away. At the bottom the
stuccoed sides of the eastern appear
very clearly. We could not get down.
We walked on eastward + found an
ancient road with a blue stone
well on each side running for
a long distance to the lake
"Voulasmeni." Just before reaching
the lake a little to the north of
the road we found another well
eastern. There is an oval well +
north of it a stairway leading
down to the water. The water is
quite high now + prevented us
from going down far enough
to get to the well.

Voulasmeni is a salty
lake but the swimming
was good. Supt Dean + I
went in.

Along the west side of the
lake our road (ancient with
wheel tracks visible) still
continues. We walked around
the fishermen's hut on the
low sandy hill that separates
the lake from the sea. A channel
has been cut thru joining the
two together. Water was running
swiftly from the sea into the
lake today. Tide perhaps.

Our boatmen had come
from the lighthouse with
the boat + we embarked
here. A vigorous breeze had
blown up after lunch + the

The sea was quite high with plenty of white caps. The wind was from the west (by north) we had a fine sail across to New Corinth doing it in about 1 hour. This was a pleasant crossing.

I had a hair cut at New Corinth. We got a carriage and drove up to Palatia arriving ca 7.30.

Dear & I went to Peirene to the swimming tank for a swim. This was my fourth today, 2 in Peirene (morning + evening), 1 in the sea at Pulochore & 1 in Vouliasmeni.

We were tired & went to bed early.

I had a card from Miss Negepoint saying she & Wace will wait for me to join them in climbing Kiona.

Monday July 26

Work in the well continued. We got quantities of pottery mostly coarse but some good. It seems to be largely end of 5th cent BC in period. There were enough fragments for an almost complete restoration of a flat stemless oylit R.F. late fine style representing Dionysos seated in right facing a dancing maenad vis a vis in left. Dionysos is a fine figure & the maenad is very graceful. She is wearing a goatskin girdle (like that worn by chorus in comedy) with an erect phallus. Rather queer. It is a fine pot. We got down

to 3.70 in the well & are near stereo.

I cut away some of the strata along east wall of inner quadrangle of Basilica & at S.E. corner of this & gathered up the pottery. These strata are contemporary fill into the building of the Basilica. In all the pottery I picked up I can not see fragment I can unhesitatingly call Roman. The pottery looks to me to be a consistent late Greek fill. However there are a few sherds which may turn out to be Attic.

I wrote a letter to Miss Allinson today.

Dear went to Athens in the 4 o'clock train going by sonata from here to New Corinth.

Today was extremely hot. I survived by taking 3 baths in Peirene.

Tuesday July 27

Today we finished the well V. Its deepest point is 3.90 below stereo. We got two more baskets of pottery some of it fairly good. What I took for a water channel cutting the well on north east side is merely a natural fissure in the rock. We have cleared that out too.

In the late afternoon I began work on another well B further north near inner east wall of Basilica.

(178) I did some more digging in the original field along east & south walls of inner quadrangle of Basilica + in S.E. corner. The pottery in the fill seems consistently Greek.

Today I had 4 baths in the tank in basin (D) of Peirene.

We paid off 11 men tonight. The campaign nominally closes today but we shall go on a few days longer with a small force.

Wednesday July 28

We continued digging out well B and got down to 3.80 below stairs. The well is disappointing. It is much more roughly cut than V and there isn't much pottery. Mostly coarse ware.

I did some work on the stratification of the fill at the S.E. corner of central quad. of Basilica.

Tough + wrote a letter to Mother which I am sending in tomorrow's mail.

John went to New Corinth this afternoon and bought 36 standard oil boxes for storing pottery.

We had only 3 workmen. I labored for me + it in the museum

Thursday July 29

Today we finished well B. We dug to 5.00 m. There is water here + well is narrow making work difficult. Also there are no interesting

shards. So we stopped at 10.45 A.M. A trial with bevelled indicates that B goes only .40 deeper. (179)

I let Michali begin another well "M" farther south. We dug 1.75 - below stairs thru porous chips etc. without a single shard.

To the north I opened up the hole we last fall thought might be a Greek drain just inside "Roman" wall i.e. west of it. This turns out to be another well "G". There is a porous slab across top of it - possibly in situ. I think a stratum of porous chips etc. from time of building Basilica built squarely over this well. That looks promising for Greek pottery.

Dean came back from Athens with the supplies he went for. He brought me two letters from Mother + 2 Folkebeets. Also papers reporting that fall won all boat races with Hawaii at New London this year.

John went to Corinth today + bought 40 more boxes.

The Pope has katechized Ch. Sklivi president of the village for opening a meat box one day + another for pouring alcohol. John says he's lost.

Friday July 30
This morning (till noon) all our 7 men worked removing earth in the case. Up to noon they took out 22 cars pushing the cars by hand back up the hill. We began digging out well G and got down to 2.40. My hopes of having a Greek well were dim.

appointed. We found some Roman
corns in the well + great quantities
of Roman pottery. The well by characte
of its cutting doesn't look good Greek.

Farther n.w. Anastasi found
another well. This too looks late
being rather roughly cut. Greek wells
in general are cut so as to have a
very smooth surface.

Toward evening I had Anastasi
clean up some more in vaulted
aisle.

Saturday July 31

We continued digging out well g.
getting down to 3.00 - Roman pottery
continues + we found a good many
coins. If we get a real series of
Roman pottery the well may be
very useful.

I started Anastasi in another
well today "5" in east section
vaulted aisle. It was discovered
last fall but not dug. It looks
promising. It is a Greek well with
mostly finished side. We dug
down ca 1.00 m (the first 5 ft
clearing out debris fallen in)
The fill is hard packed + there
are green porphyry.

In afternoon Mr Hill took
over Anastasi's work in well
I stopped. The 4 other labours
moved marble architrave blocks
all day.

In the evening he said off

We plan to do only a little more
work and that irregularly.

These days are very hot + get along
only by frequent dips in Pirene.

Sunday August 1.

A rather hot day. I was very tired all
day + did almost nothing. I inventoried
some inscriptions in the morning.
I wrote a letter to Mother. Also
prepared to talk in the political
situation.

In the afternoon we all went
down to Ephye + looked over the
site. Mr Hill had not been
it since Saturday May 8.

We had a swim in the sea
before coming home again.

Monday Aug 2

Holiday of St Elias today. No work
in the dig. I inventoried inscriptions
all morning + did accounts in
afternoon. Swift + Dean departed
for Athens in afternoon. I had a
hard time extracting money
from Swift in payment for bills
for board + laundry + mileage - like
pulling eye teeth.

Swift + Dean plant soil on
King Constantine being Piraeus Aug 9th.

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Tuesday Aug. 3

Today we introduced an 8 hour day at $\frac{3}{4}$ of usual wages for workmen. We had only Aleks, Michali, Anastasios & Kitsos. M. & K. finished well 9. They got down to 4.50 where water hindered. The well goes down to ca 5.50 or 5.60. We dug only to 5.20. Very little in the way of potsherds today.

M. & K. worked on well 5 in afternoon but the tin is a good Greek well there are very few or no sherds. We dug to 2.05 by evening.

I began working on accounts today taking up the excavation acct. first. If we caught all the acct. ready we shall send them Aug 9 with Kotzadze.

Wednesday Aug 4

I worked on accounts all day. Michali & Kitsos spent only part of day in well 5. They reached a depth of 3.65. Practically no sherds.

There is a match famine. It is impossible to get spirits today. Alcohol too is unobtainable. Kosta the cook begs me to write to Athens to have Swift bring a supply. I sent a card to S.H.S. urging this. Very busy today.

Thursday Aug 5

I am still working on accounts have settled up with John Plakobeph. to July 31 (our report ends there) & the cook Kosta also with Parayot. I am trying to settle with Doctor Sabellianon

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for rent of his room for 13 days. He claims we ought to figure by the atom & asserts there were 26 people in all: that makes 26 dp. (@ 1.00 each) I refused this & offered 15.00 for the total charge (there were only 22 atoms according to my calculations) He prefers to wait & see what the Director says.

Michali & Kitsos continued work in well 5 & reached bottom at 4.65 - about. Just at the bottom were a fair number of sherds - they look late Greek. Otherwise the well was poverty itself.

Swift came back from Athens this morning. He has his old pavens cleaned up. He brought me the commencement of the Pl. Weekly.

Politics are growing interesting again. The Quabapple Entente presented a common note to Greece yesterday contents not clearly known. Lots of rumors.

Friday Aug. 6.

These days are cooler. There is a fair amount of wind.

Michali & Kitsos have resumed work on well M. They finished in the afternoon. Bottom is at ca. 4.25 - no pottery (only 16 sherds in whole well)

I worked on accounts most of day. In the mail today I got letters from Fanner, Palmer, Luce, Mrs. Allen, & Miss Mcgeponto.

The common note of the Allies to Greece another day seems to have been this: The Allies are trying to get Bulgaria into the war so they offer Bulgaria compensation namely Kavalla & part of Greek eastern Macedonia

(87) and a large slice of Servian Macedonia. In return they wish Bulgaria to help against Turkey. Bulgaria is to get Eastern Thrace, too. The Allies have therefore notified Greece & Servia that those sections of Macedonia are to be given up to Bulgaria. In return Servia will get an outlet to the Adriatic thru Austria and Greece will receive assistance of Asia Minor.

The Greek newspapers are furious and rave against the Entente. Not one particle of Greek soil shall be given up they say.

I wrote a letter to Miss Nye (this is the third, & a dull one at that, but I'll send this one)

Saturday Aug. 7

Today we had a force of 12 men all day removing earth to the dump. I was out on the dig again while Mr. Hill worked an account on the horse.

This morning I paid up Cretan John (& gave him 4.00 per day. He claims he always gets 5.00. So I will see Wall tomorrow & learn how much Dawkins paid. If he paid 5.00 I, too, will pay 5.00. This is satisfactory to me (Cretan). He got 40¢. dp. for his 2 mo. work & travel expenses etc. + if his night is his claim for 5.00 per day he will get 75. more. Pretty fair.

There is still plenty of resentment in the newspapers. The two political

parties are attempting to lay the (185) blame for the actions of the Powers on each other. The government press says that Venizelos put the idea of assension into the heads of the Powers & is really responsible. The Venizelos organs say it's all the fault of the present weak vacillating government. If Venizelos had been in power the Entente wouldn't have acted as it did.

One thing that may result is the dissolution of the new senate. The government newspapers all declare there ought to be another general election on the question of assension of Kavalla. They have absurd ideas.

This is Hall's birthday

Station 1 up to K.
 Steamboat 365
 Coal 30
 Oil 275
 Fuel 220
 Out 105
 Carriage 89
 Wagon 50
 Total 1134
 Kil = 708 3/4 miles

Kansas - Arto
 0-4 1/2 m or less - 4 1/2 - 6 1/2 up
 Mt. Adams - 6 1/2 - 8 down 8-17
 m. chiefly level the 100 m from 17
 17-18 up steep grade 18-19 m
 19-20 chiefly up the whole
 grade to 20 some to middle
 20-22 m up + down Bto 21 -
 22 m in a spine at a chain
 beyond 22 a small down a spring
 22-24 up + down near top
 24-26 1/2 chiefly down
 26 1/2 - 28 up + down after at
 (- 18 from Arto) half way change from
 a to left side of road.

Foama 50.-
 Timonith 7.50
 Saunders 5.

2.45
 7.95
 50
 10.90
 245.40
 95.25
 45.30
 3 (426.85)
 142.25

Diamond at Peter
 Dinner at Peter
 Tip of Mt. A

April 4 Breakfast for 2
Dinner for 2
Coffee for evening
10.00
2.60
.60

April 5 Hotel 2 nights
Carriage organ tips etc

Breakfast
Green # 1000000

Provisions
Dinner
Carriage of gunner - Karaman

Tip for driver
Dinner at Karaman

Tip for guide
Dinner at Karaman

April 6 Breakfast
Fruit + olives
Lunch at Akto

Left for etc at Akto
Dinner at Akto

Coffee
Lunch at Akto

April 7 Breakfast
Hotel at Akto

Lunch at Akto
Dinner at Akto

April 8 Breakfast
Hotel at Akto

Lunch at Akto
Dinner at Akto

April 9 Breakfast
Hotel at Akto

Hotel at Akto
Dinner at Akto

90
6.00
2.60
.60

10.00

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April 8 Breakfast of Hotel
2.70
.50

April 9 Boat to Akto
Butter water of Akto
2
1.50

April 10 Hotel 3 days gunner's rights
Hotel at gunner's tip
Tickets to Akto
Kosage - Akto
Rum for 80.00

1.80
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5.00

April 12 Breakfast
Carriage to Akto (at 200)
Food for Akto

1.50
1.70
1.60

245.40

April 13 Breakfast
Hotel at Akto
Tip

1.50
9.50
1.00
60.30
5.00

Staircase, tent, stove - Dinner
Pottery + kitchen laundry shop

22 - 22 up - just in 20
 a road corner in SW
 along main road. A
 the flat at bottom of
 the road for Astoria
 Katoma wheel
 road by 1/2 down
 with 1/2 far top
 very fine Oak wood.

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 with 1/2 far top
 very fine Oak wood.

45 - 46 up - 45
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 with 1/2 far top
 very fine Oak wood.

46 - 47 up - 46
 road by 1/2 down
 with 1/2 far top
 very fine Oak wood.

~~Ticket for return fare~~

Breakfast
 Lunch from
 by the fare (in dining room)
 Appetizer charge

Hotel (Apr 3: B + D in each)
 Storage in car
 Ticket to Kipman
 Breakfast
 Lunch from
 by the fare (in dining room)

Breakfast
 Lunch from
 by the fare (in dining room)

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 Lunch from
 by the fare (in dining room)

April 3 Logging at Hobbes well. Dinner
 Left tonight a breakfast today
 Tip to guard at Thurman
 Lunch at Kithley
 Return to water table
 6 oranges at Kithley
 Coffee at Thurman
 2 cans tinned
 1 box blueberries
 1/2 Mc Wisenhardt (tip 4.20)
 1/2 Soper (last bar) (tip 4.20)

7.00
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 3.90
 15.30

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 Appetizer charge

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Jan 9. Jim's Bank (Bthard) 400.
 Return to George 30.
 Advance to George 20.
 Report Loan to Bank 100.
 To Bank in Bthard 150.
 " " " 30.
 " " " 30.
 from Bthard 100.
 Jan 8 the Post 23.60

~~423.60~~
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~~253.60~~

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