

Henry E. Knapp Diary, 1870

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1870

Left Strasburg France this morning at 10:20 and after a very hot & dusty day's ride we arrived in Paris at 8:50 P.M. and took rooms at Hotel Meurice 228 Rue Rivoli  
Our rooms over look the Rue Rivoli and the Gardens of the Tuileries They are 22 & 23 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Col N & family got rooms on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 110.

Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1870

After breakfast we went around to Munroe & Co., where Pa received 15 or 16 letters and I one. While Pa read his letters I looked over the papers &c. Pa received his watch from Geneve from M & Co paying the amount due on it. Ret'd to Hotel & there walked along Rue Rivoli and in the Tuileries Garden Then to a tailors where Pa & Col N left their measures for a suit of clothes. Returned to the Hotel and then at 6 ¼ pm went down to a Restaurant on R. Rivoli and took dinner Then to a paper store & then to a shoe store & had my measures taken for a pair of boots also Pa. Hotel then to Baths in the Hotel Rivoli as the Hotel Meurice has no Baths. Col N, Pa & I took baths. Hotel V.T.P.

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 1870

Attended meeting at the American Chapel Rue de Berri. Fair sermon Rev. Robinson is absent in the Holy land. After church we met Mrs. Gilbert and her two nieces Miss(?) Helen and Miss(?) Fanny Gilbert we walked along together to the Tuileries Gardens where we sat down and talked a short time and then walked home with them to their Hotel. Hotel et Pension de Family Rue (or Avenue) Anglaise 10 near the Madelaine I then returned to the Hotel & Pa went into the Madelaine to see it. I spent the remainder of the day in the room reading TDH at 6 pm tolerable wrote & read in the evening. The trees on the Champs Elysee & Tuileries Garden are in full bloom. V.P.

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

We were at M & Co and shopping. I met Mr. W. Colton of Brooklyn NY on the street this morning he has been sick most of the time since we saw him in Naples Italy. V.T.P.

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

We left the Hotel about 8 ¼ am and rode to the depot of the Versailles RR where we met by appointment Mrs & Mipes(?) Gilberts and together we took cars to Versailles arriving there in ¾'s hours time We walked around through the grounds of the Palace which are very extensive and contain very many fountains &c at 11 am. The doors were opened and we went into the Palace We saw very many fine paintings and c. till we were almost tired looking at them & tired walking to all them we went into the private apartments of the Palace with a ticket Mrs. Gilbert had the rooms occupied by Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup>, Marie Ant and others were the principle ones At 3 pm after seeing most of the paintings &c we went to the Isrand (?) & Petit Trianous(?) which are two small palaces where some of the Kings have lived. They are very pleasant. We then took a cab and rode to the dept and took cars to Paris. Took bus to Palais Royal where Pa & I stoped for dinner the rest going on to the Hotels. In the evening Col & Mrs N attended the Imperial Italian Opera

and heard Mad. Adelina Patti sing in the Daughter of the Regiment She sings splendidly.  
V.P.

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Went around as usual.

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>

About 8 am we went up to the Palais of Industry but did not get in then walked around on the Champs Elysie and then took bus from the Rue St. Honore to the Jardin des Plants where there is a Natural Historical & a Zoological collection which we saw. And then returned on the Bus to 350 Rue Ss-Honore Resturand de la Paix where we took a lunch. Then to a shop and bought a pair of shoulder braces next to Opera Cornique(?) and purchased tickets for the play this evening. Next to the tailors where Pa & Col N tried on their clothes then to the Hotel after dinner we (that is Col & Mrs. N Pa & I) took a carriage to Opera Cornique (?) at 6 ¾ pm Preformance commenced at 7 pm with a piece called (left blank) which was very good next came the Spuce Mignon(?): the principle piece of the evening. Mignon was admirably preformed by Miss Galli Marie and the other parts very well by others Mad (?) Cico being one of the principle It was over about 11 ¾ lv 12 midnight

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>

Walked up to the Grand Hotel to see Mr. W. C Kilbourne of Keokuk Iowa. He was not in. Pa then went over to M & C & I went to Hotel Dryfuss No 26 Rue Lafite and saw Mr & Mrs Henry Barnard. After they left Naples they went to Rome where Mr. B was sick 10 days they then went to Florence where Mr. J D & H Phillips left them and went home arriving in NY Apr 13 Mr. & Mrs. B then went to Venice Milan Turin over Mt. Cenes(?) to Macon(?) & then lv Paris where they have been about one month. I next returned to the Hotel. Then went to Bowles Brothers & read the papers then to M & Co. & read a short time then to Hotel & back to M & Co. with Col N Then started to hotel but forgot my umbrella so returned for it & met Mip (?) F Gilbert she says they now intend to leave Monday morning for London. Hotel. In the evening went to Shoe store & got our books and then to Jardin Mabile and saw the tallest(?) kind of dancing T.C.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>

We packed up our things ready to leave Monday morning—Rainy

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Attended church at the American Chapel at 11 am before which we went into the Grand Hotel and saw Mr. W Kilbourne of Keokuk Iowa. After church we went with Col N & Mrs. N to their boarding place & took lunch. Then to Palace of Industry and saw the 6,000 pictures on exhibition there. In the eve I rode up to Col N's to see him a moment.  
V.P.

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

We left Paris at 7.40 from the Gare du Nord at Calais at 1.20 we took the Str to Dover where we arrived in 1 ¾ hrs & took South Eastern RR to London where we arrived at

5.40 pm and put up at the Charing Cross Hotel 5 floor 198 Col N Pa & I all together in one room. Cold—

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Went down to the Bank of B S & Co. & then to the tailors. Harris Jones & Shingleton 319 Oxford St. where we left our measures for clothes 2 full suits for me and 1 vest & 1 pr pants extra. Pa 3 suits & 1 vest extra Col N 7 pcs. Hotel V.P.

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

We went to the Tailors & tried on our clothes then to Thierry (?) & Co & purchased some shoes Then took Metropolitan Bus to M RR & cars to South Kensington Museum which we saw very well fine collection of Analysis of Grain Food & C Then into Naval collection museum where we saw some splendid models &c of War vessels of all ages machinery &c Rode through South Kensington Garden & to Hotel. Attended Adelphi Theater in the evening and were very much pleased The first piece was “Too much of a good thing.” Very good. Then the principle piece The Prompters Box by Henry J. Bryan very good indeed V.P.

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> About noon I went out to South Kensington Museum in the Metropolitan Under ground RR & saw she Naval collection again I saw the model of the Cunard Str Scotia and of the Inman Str City of Paris & New York & Albany Steamboat Empire & model of the Hull of the Str Great Eastern It is the model from which she was built Returned to Hotel after an absence of 2 ¼ hrs. About 2.20 pm Col N & I went into National Museum where we met Mrs. & Mipes(?) Gilbert. At 3 pm Col N & I went up to Madam Tussands collection of wax work figures which are very well arraigned they are very well made & represent Kings Queens & Leading men of different periods of Europe mostly England and a few of America. Hotel V.P.

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> We were packing up and shoping Mrs. Gilbert called to see about Mip(?)F and HG going along with us to Scotland. In the evening Pa & I rode down to where Mrs. G is stoping No. 7 Kings St. Cheapside & saw them Mipes F & H think they will be ready to go with us in the morning VP Rode on the River to London Bridge & Back

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> This morning while we were at breakfast who should come in but Mip H. Gilbert to say that they were not going as Mrs. G had made a mistake in the time of Mr. G's leaving NY which was on the 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the 17<sup>th</sup> as she had supposed so that they could go around through Scotland with Mr. & Mrs. G before sailing on June 16, I believe We took cars at 10 am from Kings Cross Station to Edinburg We rode all day through a fine country stoping at York for dinner arriving at Edinburg at 8.30 pm and put up at Hotel Royal Princes St. which is the main street of the city Sir Walter Scott's Monument is nearly opposite to the Hotel V.TP

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Attended church at a Scotch Presbyterian church and heard a tolerable sermon over 1 hr long. Wrote & read in the afternoon and evening

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1870

This morning Col Noble Pa and I took a carriage and with a guide rode out to the castle & chapel of Roslin. The chapel is in use but the castle is all in ruins we then returned to town and went into the Herriot Hospital or as we would call it a poor boys home and school. We next went up to the castle of Edinburg and saw the cannon fired at 1 pm. We saw the regalia of Scotland and several rooms where royal personages were confined &c. The room in which James 1<sup>st</sup> was born Mary Queen of Scots was his mother. To hotel and took some lunch. To Holyrood palace gallery. Rooms occupied by Mary Q of S. The room in which (blank) was killed. House of Parliament. John Knox's grave, his house. Hotel Very pleasant

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1870

Left Edinburg at 6.00 am for Stirling where we arrived at 8.00 am and went to Hotel Golden Lion and took breakfast and then walked up to Stirling Castle and went into the Douglass room where the Earl of Douglass was killed (pitched out of the window) by James 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a good view of the surrounding country. We looked down on the battle field of Bannockburn not far from the castle. We then returned to the hotel then took cars to Callender where we took coach to the East end of Lake Kasrine (?) stopping at the Trossacks Hotel 1 ½ m from the lake for dinner. Took str Rob Roy down the lake to Stronaelachar (?) The Rob Roy is a Scren (?) Str of 52 tons Took coach to Inversnaid 5 miles after wasting about 35 min till 4.30 pm we took Str Prince Consort which is a very fine Paddle Str with spacious cabins. We went to Ballock 20 m arr at B 6.15 pm Inversnaid to Ballock is on Lock Lomond. Took cars to Glasgow arriving at 7.45 pm and put up at the Queens Hotel.

Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Went to Telegraphic office and send a dispatch to Liverpool to see if our trunks had arrived from London. Rode to the Cathedral then down by the docks & Shipbuilding Yards Left Glasgow at 3.45 or 4 I think pm and arrived in Manchester at 12.10 I think Put up at the Queens Hotel.

Thursday May 12th/70

Went over to Potter & Taylors to see Mr. Barwise but he was not there we were shown through the Establishment by a Mr. Wilson It is a wholesale Dry Goods house we then were shown around the city of M by one of their clerks. We went into the Cathedral (English Ch) and the building we would call the Court House; to the Free Library & to a large store. Hotel dinner Left Manchester at 2.15 pm I think put up at the Washington Hotel. Went down to the bankers and to D&C Mac Ivers. Agents Cunard Line. Also to a store & purchased some things.

Friday May 13th 1870

Went down to Brown Shipley & Co's Bankers & then to D&C Mac Ivers & got our tickets for Berths 167 & 168. Got two of our trunks from their wagon & took them to the Hotel. I rode along the line of

docks as far down as the Sandon Graving Docks where I saw the Str Colorado of the Cuion(?) Line in Dry Dock saw them let the water in to take her out into the main basin Went shopping

Saturday, May 14th/70

As soon as we were through breakfast we took a cab to the South End of Princes Pier Landing Stage where we took the Tender Satellite out to the Russia of the Cunard line for N.Y. at 10 ½ am . The tender left us and we proceeded slowly down the river. Strong head wind.

Sunday, May 15th 1870

When we woke up this morning we were in Queenstown Harbor where we laid all day till 4 ½ pm when the mails & some of the passengers from the Str Siberia which was disabled came on board and also those of the passengers who had gone on shore met the Guiou(?) Str Manhattan about 6 pm Queenstown is 240 miles from Liverpool I was a little sick last night for we had very heavy weather & sea high.

Monday May 16th 70

Distance from Queenstown at noon 269 m Heavy head winds

Tuesday May 17th 1870

Distance run from noon yesterday to noon today 286 miles H.H.W.

Wednesday May 18th 211 m H.H.W.

Thursday May 19th 291 m H.H.W.

Friday May 20th 322 mi HHW

Saturday May 21st 238 m

Day cold & some rains Passed (met) Str Hammorua (?) of the Hamburg Line at 5 ¼ pm A great many of the passengers were on deck Head wind Our seat at the table is in the forward Saloon there are only 4 or 5 second class passengers so they eat below & the first class passengers occupy both forward & after Saloons we are on the Starboard side of the ship at meals & our berths also. Pa & I sit on the back side of the table Mr. Hill from Georgia sits next to me on my left, at the end sit Mr & Mrs Dr. Barron opposite Mr. Hill sits Mr. Simpson and Englishman & opposite me Mr. opposite Pa sits Col. B. Noble.

Sunday May 22nd 1870

In the fog most of the day. Ch of England service read in the after Saloon by Capt. Lott most of the passengers present & the sailors that were not on watch. Wind shifted to the east set 7 sails. Pleasant day. Mrs. Colterell wife of Mr. C. died at 12 ½ ? night & they put her body in the forward port boat & put ice all around it.—

Monday 23rd 1870 313 m

Wind shifted back to Head wind again about 8 am Sea very smooth ship very steady. No racks on the table today Singing on deck in the evening Home Sweet Home. Home again &c It was by Mrs. Gates Rev. Mr. Knapp (part of the time) & a number of others. Very pleasant Headwinds

Tuesday May 24th 347 m

Today about 9 am we took on board a pilot from No 14 I was the first one to see her & first to make out her number Ran through a school of whales saw them spout & saw them above water they were about 60 to 70 ft. long. Very pleasant Passed Steamship Batavia of Cunard Line going into New York the same as we were she has emigrants. She signaled with Rockets & Blue Light aft same as we did; it was about 9 or 10 pm

Wednesday May 25 Fire Island

Sighted Land about 6 am Passed Sandy Hook about 9 am Came into dock at 12 noon Saw Cousin Fletcher Baggage examined & we arrived at the Astor House at 3 ½ pm Dinner at 4 ½ pm Very Hot 301 m

Thursday May 26th

Went out on business with Pa in the morning. In the afternoon I met Mr. Campbell who was formerly in the store at home. We walked & Rode up to Central Park & walked quite a ways through it It is magnificent finer than any thing of the kind in Europe that we saw. Rode back to Hotel on the Horse Cars through the Bowery & in sight of the 5 Points. Warm

Friday May 27th

Went to American Agriculturists office & back. Then around with Pa to Costum House & c Left NY for Chicago on the Penn Central & Pittsburg Fort Wayne & Chicago line of RR from Jersey City at 5 pm We have Berth No 9 {Lower} in the Pullman Palace Car Promontory. Mr C gave me an alligator to take to Miss (?) M Nelson? Very pleasant

Saturday May 28th

Took breakfast at Pittsburg at 9 am Very pleasant but very dusty.

Sunday May 29th

Arrived in Chicago at 6 ½ am. Saw a large nail factory on fire close to the depot as we came in 3 Steam Fire Engines were throwing water onto it Put up at the Matteson House. Went to Plymouth Church at 11 am. Met Cousin John H. Douglass on Michigan Avenue He took dinner with us.

Pleasant

Monday May 30th 1870

Went around Chicago to various places through the Tunnel & to the top of the Court House &c. Left Chicago at 5 pm on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway for La Crosse by Milwaukee. Changed cars at M & took a Sleeping car. Supper at M. P.

Tuesday May 31 st 1870

Arrived at La X about 8 am and took N L Str Minnesota for Reads Landing where we arrived about pm & as the Champion had gone up we took Str Ida Campbell to Waubeek V.P

Wednesday, June 1st

Arrived at Waubeek at 1 ½ am & went up to the store & went to bed in the little room with Bostater & Thos Cassady & Pete Wilson. Left W at 4 ½ or 5 am Arrived at Dunnville at 6 ¾ or 7 am & took breakfast & then on home. We came from W to Menomonie with Bostaters horse & buggy Arrived in M about 12 noon