

My father M I C H A E L R O S N E R
from Neustadt-on-the-Wald Naab
was born at Neustadt June 1st, 1823

My mother M A R G A R E T H A R O S N E R
nee M. Kaes was born at Meierhof/ Floss (ff)
January 20, 1831 and died April 28th,
1879 at the age of 48 years, 3 months
and 8 days.

My parents were married on May 2nd, 1854

W O R K B O O K

(Log book that served as identification paper within Europe)

O w n e r :

1st & 2nd name	Joseph Rosner
Place of birth	Neustadt W/N
Year of birth	1856
Place of residence	Neustadt W/N
Height	medium
Hair	dark brown
Identification marks	none
Trade	Cabinet maker
Signature	Joseph Rosner

Issued: Neustadt W/N April 2, 1872
Royal County Registrar

SEAL Register No. 21

(Fee including seal 18 Kreuzer)

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J. R. gets permission to wander (journey on foot = journeyman) within the German Empire and abroad but only until the time of his draft to active duty.

Neustadt W/N, April 2, 1872

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I was born December 22, 1855 at Neustadt W/N, was raised and attended school there for 8 years. Became an apprentice to learn the trade of a cabinetmaker, from 1869 - 1872.

(Now follows a list of names and places where J. R. worked for brief periods.) Here are the places where he went: Weiden, Vienna, Eger, Eschenbach and Neuhaus.

(It appears that he wanted to avoid the draft and left Germany at the age of 18).



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On June 9, 1874 I went to Eschenbach and stayed there in Neuhaus until nightfall. Then I went home where I arrived at 11:00 PM. I saw my parental home for the last time and left my home town, parents and sisters and brothers at 3:00 AM.

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Returned to Eschenbach and Eger and left June 10th at 8:00 PM for Leipzig. Arrived there at 9:00 AM, went on foot to Skeidiz and took the train to Magdeburg on June 11 at 5:00 PM. From there to Uelzen, Harburg and Hamburg.

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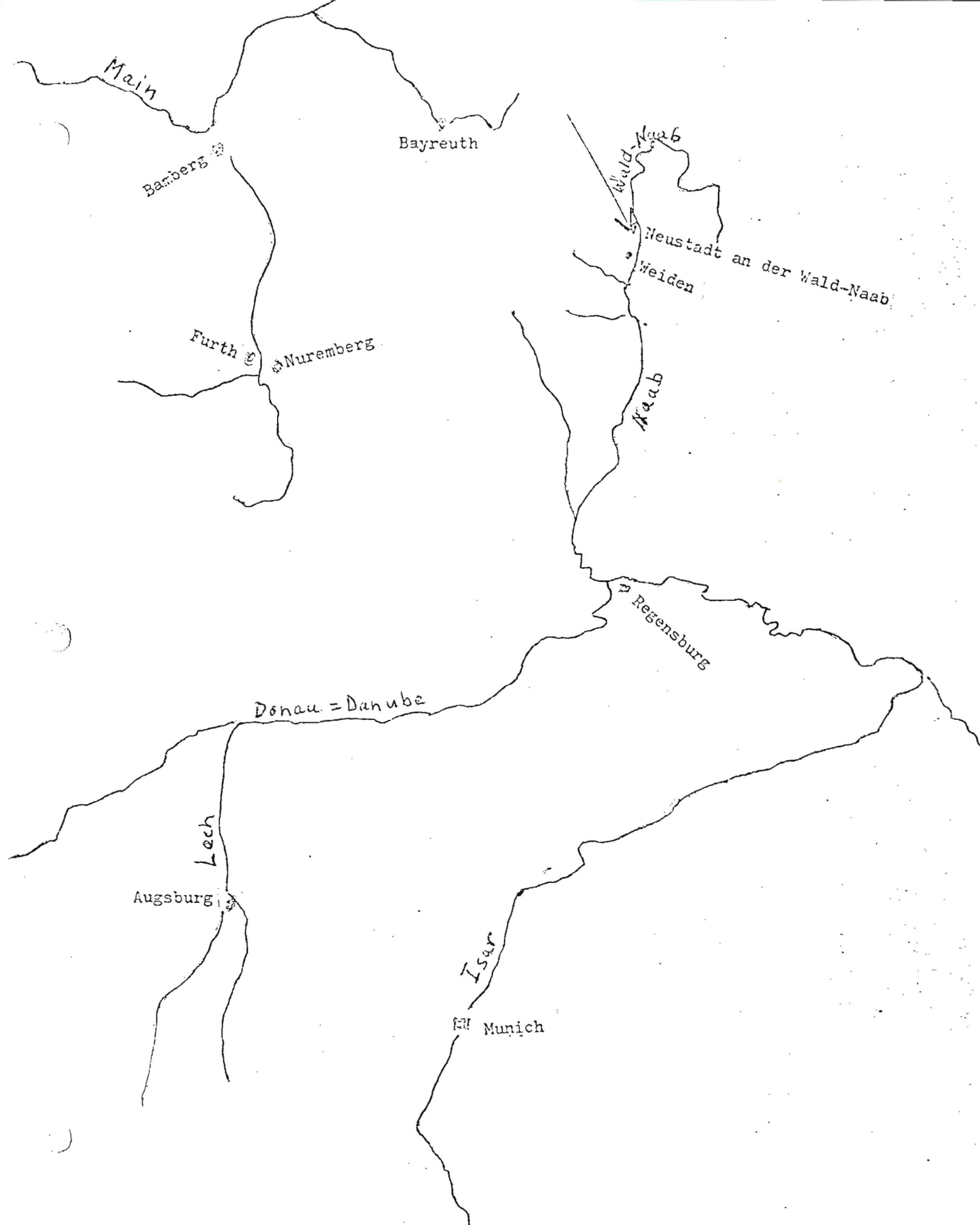
Arrived in Hamburg at 11:00 PM, stayed the night and boarded the ship 'PRAGER' on June 13th at 6:00 AM and left Germany at 11:00 AM. Arrived in Leith (England) on June 15th at 2:30 PM.

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Took the train to Glásgow where I arrived at 6:00 PM. On June 20th, I boarded the ship 'VIRGINIA' and ventured upon the High Seas. Monday, June 22, 1874, I lost sight of Europe. On Thursday, July 2nd, I arrived in New York at 11:30 AM. Entered the American territory Friday, June 3rd.

(Again follows a list of names and places) He went to Buffalo, Detroit, Trenton, Toledo, Logansport, Lafayette, Decatur, St. Louis and Emporia.

No further entires.



Main

Bamberg

Bayreuth

Wald-Naab

Neustadt an der Wald-Naab

Weiden

Furth

Nuremberg

Naab

Regensburg

Donau = Danube

Lech

Augsburg

Isar

Munich

A D I A R Y

kept by J o s e p h R o s n e r

covering a trip to Europe.



1889
1895
1801
1907

1907

The first pages are missing. It appears that Mr. & Mrs. Rosner made a trip to Europe -no indication of the year- and that the 'Mama' mentioned was his wife (after she became a mother).

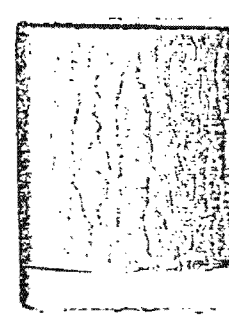
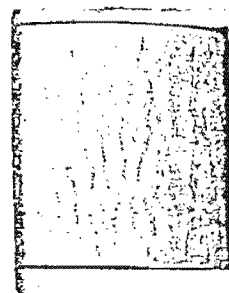


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July 3rd Sea was choppy, Mama sick, and 306 mi. travelled.
- 4th Sea better, Mama on deck, 319 mi. travelled, sighted 2 ships.
- 5th 331 mi. travelled, everybody is well. Land sighted at 12:30 PM, also many ships and fishing boats.
- 6th Arrived at Hook of Holland (harbor-Netherlands) at 3:00PM. Train to Rotterdam, arrived 8:00 PM, spent the night at Hotel Taschel, paid DM 3.00 incl. breakfast.
- Sun. 7th Left Rotterdam 8:30 AM and arrived at Duesseldorf (Germany) at 3:00 PM and stayed at Hotel Neue Post (New Post) for DM 3.00 with breakfast. Very good room and bed.
- 8th-10th Visited Mr. Johann Funk and wife, were received friendly and stayed until noon of July 10th. Booked a ship passage from Emil Hess, departing September 10 from Hamburg. Also bought 2 tickets for a round-trip-excursion for DM 409.70 or \$98.75. Left 11:17 AM by train for Cologne. Arrived 12:00 PM and stayed at Salzrauchen.
- 11th Spent July 10 and 11 in Cologne.
- 12th Left by steamboat at 6:50 AM for Coblenz and visited Festung Ehrenbreitstein (famous fort) in the afternoon.
- 13th Visited Castle Stolzenfels (on-the-Rhine) with its watchtowers and antique furnishings. Also Arenberg and the red Rooster.
- 14th Took steamship 'Hohenstaufen' at 11:50 AM, arrived in Mainz at 6:30 PM and stayed at the Pfaelzer Hof. We travelled through the romantic area of the Rhine river.

- July 15th We went to Wiesbaden for the day and
7 returned at night.
- 16th We travelled all day by train to
8 Nuernberg (Nuremberg) and arrived
there at 7:00 PM and stayed at the
Blauen Traube (Blue Grape) for DM 2.00
per day. Good bed.
- 17th Old City, nothing spectacular.
- 18th Left 9:50 AM by train and arrived at
9 7:00 PM in Neustadt and were at the
parental home 7:30 PM. Went to Gretel
the same evening.
- 19th Walked Friday through the fields and
acres.
- 20th On Saturday, we went to St. Telise
and Johann's grave.
- 21st Visited friends on Sunday.
- 22nd Monday to Calvarian Mountain and Al-
tenstadt.
- 23rd We 'did' the town on Tuesday.
- 24th Wednesday to Zessl and Beich.
- 25th Thursday: Sternstedt.
- 26th Friday: Geismuehl.
- 27th Saturday: Fahrenberg, Preistein and
Albersrinth - cool reception.
- 28th Sunday: joined the procession to
Muehlberg.
- 29th On Monday, back to Wiesau and arriv-
10 ed 6:30 PM at Eger (Austria - now Cze-
choslovakia).
- 30th On Tuesday, we went to Marienbad, 1
11 hour each way. Rain all day. Most
beautiful spa. Waldmuehle (mill in
the forest) most beautiful place.
Beautiful forest, nice new building,
pretty church: octagonal inside. Elec-
tric streetcars, everything modern,
beautiful location.

- July 31st On Wednesday, we went to Karlsbad
12 (another spa), rain all morning. We
tried the 'bitterwater' (mineral
spring water), drank it as hot as
possible, also sampled the other
springs and left at noon for Dres-
13 den (Germany) where we arrived at
10:30 PM. We stayed at the Schwei-
zerkeller (Swiss Cellar) for DM 3.00.
Room good and clean.
- Aug. 1st Thursday: Sightseeing in Dresden.
2nd Friday: 8:45 AM by train to Goerlitz,
14 arrived 10:30 AM, continued to Ruh-
bank and Landeshut. From there to
Neurode where we spent the night.
Very beautiful church.
- 3rd Saturday: Went to Albendorf, stayed
2 days at the Hotel zum Loewen (lion)
good, comfortable and very reasonable.
- 4th Sunday: We arrived in Neisse at 6:00
15 PM and looked for Amalie Katner, 13
Over-Maehrengasse, stayed at the hotel
by the railway station for DM 4.00.
- 5th Monday: we went to Gronau to visit
Heinrich Langer, Miss Funk's and Ama-
lie's brother. Mr. Langer took us to
Neisse in the evening.
- 6th We toured Neisse and left 2:13 PM for
Ziegenhals where we arrived at 3:00
PM at Mr. Guettel's house and spent
the night there.
- 7th Visited friends in Kunzendorf.
- 8th Went to Mariahilf (famous church and
place of pilgrimage).
- 9th Back to Kunzendorf.
- 10th Took the train to Bruenn (Austria),
16 First through the mountains, then
through the plains & arrived at Bruenn
11:00 PM.

- Aug. 11th Sunday: Visited the cathedral, city
and Spielberg (mountain), left in the
17 afternoon for Vienna. Arrived at North
Station 3:30 PM, took a hansom cab to
Hotel Kummer in Leopoldstadt (distr.
in Vienna), paid 3.00 Kronen. Went to
Hitzing in the evening (one of the vil-
lages near V. where the vinegrowers
sell their new wines in the vineyards).
- 12th Visited City and Prater (famous amuse-
ment park).
- 13th Trip to Schoenbrunn (Emperor's summer
18 residenz with formal gardens) and zoo.
Afternoon emperor's castle in Vienna
and afterwards we had wine in the Rat-
hauskeller (restaurant in the basement
of City Hall) near the Motiv Church.
- 14th Left Hotel Kummer and paid 29.40 Kro-
nen = 9.80 Kr. per day, went to South
Station and took the train at 7:25 AM
19 for Venice. Fast train to Wiener Neu-
stadt through beautiful meadows, then
20 through the mountains up to the Semme-
ring (mountain peak) which has the
highest station at 3,000 ft. above
sea level. From there, downwards bet-
ween two mountain ranges through 20
tunnels until 6:00 PM. The snow-cap-
ped mountains are wonderful. A rush-
ing stream between a road on one side
and the railroad tracks on the other.
Then a lake, about 5 mi. long and 1/2 mi.
wide, just before we saw castle Oster-
witz on top of a hill. The lake's name
is Osea, all in Kaernten (province)
(Austria). From Tosseta we passed
through 30 tunnels within an hour, and
the mountains on both sides were the
most beautiful sights we have ever
seen, with the peaks parting the clouds.
21 At 11:30 PM we arrived in Venice (Ita-
ly) and took a boat to the German Club.



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Aug. 15th We visited St. Markus (church and huge square in front) all morning, saw the Cardinal read Mass and afterwards confirm. In the afternoon, we visited a park.

16th At 9:00 AM we took a steamboat to the railway station in heavy rain and thunder and departed for Rome at 10:00 AM. It took 9 minutes to cross the sea over a bridge to the mainland, then
22 through plains to Bologna. From Bo-
23 logna to Florence we went through 47
tunnels from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. From Flo-
24 rence to Rome through 25 tunnels and
in Rome at 10:30 PM and went to the
hotel.

17th Visited the Vatican and Art Gallery in the morning, in the afternoon St. Peter's (cathedral) with its 32 altars and 28 confessional boxes that can hardly be seen. In the center is the High Altar, built over St. Peter's cell where 76 candles are burning. The Cathedral is so big that nobody can believe it unless he saw it with his own eyes, a splendid building!

18th On Sunday we attended Mass at St. Peter's and visited many other churches in the afternoon.

19th We travelled to St. Paul's church which is outside the city and was built recently and is said to be Rome's most beautiful church. It is amazing how they affixed all the Popes' pictures to the walls. Inside are samples of every kind of marble in the world. We also saw catacombs, ancient ruins, an amphitheater and other antiques.

20th The Papal Museum and City.

21st We visited the city again because we

- Aug. 21st had received a letter that we had been granted an audience on Aug. 22.
- 22nd Audience with the Holy Father at 12:30 PM, and at 9:15 PM we left Rome by train and travelled along the coast and passed through 14 tunnels on our way to Milan where we arrived at 10:00 in the morning.
- 23rd We went into the city, visited the famous cathedral and departed 12:55PM. In Cambo we saw a mountain lodge by a pretty triangular lake. On the way to Chiassa we went through a tunnel for 10 minutes and came to an 8-mile-long lake, high up on the mountain. Up and down along the mountains, the train took us to Lake Zug (Switzerland) (1½ mi. long) and then to Zurich and Lake Zurich which is big enough for steamboats. In Zurich we stayed in an hotel by the railway station for 5.00 franks per day.
- 24th Stayed another day and toured the city.
- 25th Sunday, we left at 10:48 AM for Lindau (Germany) from where we took a steamboat ride across Lake Constance and had dinner for 3.50 franks each.
- 27 28 We went to Munich and arrived there at 7:30 PM. Stayed at the Hotel Leopoldsteit and paid DM 3.00 for the room per day.
- 26th-27th Visited the city: New City Hall, City Brewery and the cathedral.
- 28th Trip to Starnberg (famous lake and small town near Munich).
- 29th Sightseeing : King's Castle and Glass-Palace (exhibition hall).
- 30th Left for Regensburg, travelled over a high plateau and watched the beautiful countryside along the way. Arrived 9:00 PM and to the Hotel Stadt am Hof.
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Aug. 31st Bought souvenirs and drove to Walhalla (memorial to the war veterans). It has 250 steps, and from the top you have a marvelous view of the Danube valley and Regensburg. Later, we visited the famous cathedral -very old- and went back 'home' in the evening. Arrived in Neustadt at 9:30 PM and were met at the station by Mr. Jacob Zetzl and his two daughters.

Sep. 1st We were made very welcome and stayed there until Sep. 5th. Had a going-away-party in the evening of the 5th at the Baerenwirtschaft (pub).

6th Went to Berlin, took a room at the
30 Hotel Anhalter Bahnhof by the (Anhalt) Station, paid DM 3.00 and stayed 2 days.

7th Visited the cathedral, castle, museums and parts of the city which is very beautiful.

8th Visited the St. Hedwig's church, oldest church in the city, and the Parliament Building including the Victory Column and park which is very beautiful, but it was raining. At 2:40 PM
31 we took the train to Hamburg and arrived there at 6:30PM. We stayed at the Hotel City of New York for DM 2.50 with morning coffee. Good meals for DM 1.50.

9th We looked for our luggage and toured the city.

10th At 8:55 AM we took the train to Cux-
32 haven (harbor for sea-going vessels) and started our voyage home at 11:30 AM on the BATAVIA. First day 276 mi.

11th Second day: 285 mi.

12th Third day: 322 mi.

13th Fourth day: 284 mi.

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Sep. 14th Fifth day: 282 mi.
15th Sixth day: 289 mi.
16th Seventh day: 271 mi.
17th Eighth day: 291 mi.
18th Ninth day: 151 mi.
19th Tenth day: 160 mi.
20th Eleventh day: 272 mi.
21st Twelfth day: 287 mi.

Here ends the diary, but it can be assumed that they arrived in New York on September 21st. It took a steamboat about 12 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

