April 6. Peggy's birthday!

There are only five passengers left. ~~of those who started~~

The river is narrower & swifter. Occasionally there are rapids and the water washes over the bow & drains off the sides. The boat consumes wood and there is a continuous shower of glowing sparks in the early light. The woodwork on top is burned as if ~~swollen~~ thousands of cigarettes had been laid on it by careless smokers.

On the left we passed the Roca de Burro (an earless burro). The steep face was pitted with birds nests. A pair of large green parrots ~~broom~~ with red trimmings flew past its face & into the trees.

Hey and there were large turtles (tortugas) at the waters edge or ~~body~~ on sloping logs. On a sandspit was a group of 30. When the

ship was close to ~~the~~ a rocky bank we saw the head of an alligator resting ~~with~~ close-by in the rushing water between the stones. His mouth was partly opened and he showed his huge teeth.

On the left bank we passed an oil derrick. The mountains are getting close to the river and there are clearings on the slopes and small herds of cattle at the water's edge.

We stopped for wood in the morning & I photographed the loading. The men work with only a loin cloth. They place a sack on one shoulder & someone helps them acquire a huge load extending beyond their head. A rope is swung over it & both ends held.

These same man get into the river to move the gang-plank, or swing ashore with the mooring rope.

The five passengers are

* Enrique Baena, Calle 59 No 3, Bogotá (~~B~~ Chopinero), Elias Rodriguez (Bogotá), Pascual Prince R. of ~~Santo~~ Rep. Dominicana, and Mr

S. B. Adams (a Scotchman)
? Apartado (= P.O. box) 157,
Caracas Venezuela. We all
had an orgy of Spanish this
morning. Mr. Baena has
was at my table from on the
first boat & has done his
best to ~~break me in~~ teach
me Spanish conversation.

At about 8 p.m. we reached
Girardot, passed under the suspension
bridge & moored at the sloping
river-bank. Dr. S.B. Wilson came
aboard and took me to the Hotel
Suiza where we shared a large room of
tropical type with floor of flags &
high ceiling.

April 7, 1925. Took the train at about 6.30 a.m.
for Bogota. We wore clothes of medium
weight as the trip would end in a
cool region. The train climbed
fairly steadily up the ~~most~~ Eastern
Cordillera of the Andes. The scenery
was not as rugged as I had expected
and the mountains were rather bare.

At noon we stopped at a restaurant and noticed a very distinctly lowered temperature. We entered At this level we passed coffee plantations and noticed more wild-flowers. As we rose still more we saw eucalyptus trees and a few monterey cypresses. The green fields bounded by rows of eucalyptus trees and the drifting fog caused the scenery to resemble Berkeley, California. Finally we crossed a summit and began a short descent to the Sabana on which Bogotá is situated. At Facatativá we were met by Mr. Daniel Saenz, capitalist and owner of coffee estates. He was accompanied by his little daughter. We changed trains here as there is a break of guage. At another station a special car was attached and in it were the following, who had come to meet me:
Dr. Juan Corpas, Minister of Education and Public Health.
Dr. Pablo Garcia Medina, Directo General

of Public Health.

Dr. Bernardo Samper, Director of the Samper Laboratories (Bacteriologic — Diagnostic + manufacturing ~~bacter~~ sera, etc.)

Dr. Ryberg Garcia, former fellowship holder under I.H.B. (Failed in his studies + did not complete work) Now running doing child-welfare work + running a laboratory relates to the med. school

Dr. Rafael Martinez Briceno, Assistant Director Division of Inoculations

Dr. Manuél del Castillo, Treasurer D. of H.

We had about an hour ~~to~~ for conversation on the way in. Dr. Samper talked English excellently + Dr. Garcia spoke English. Dr Samper invited me to visit his laboratory. Conversation with the others was in Spanish and much limited.

The girl had arranged to have ~~me~~ a special car for us at Granada, but I arrived a day earlier than expected + the car was not there.

~~Left~~ Arrived at Bogotá at about 4 p. m. We were met at the station by Dr. Roberto Franco, Rector of the Medical School. I was taken in an auto through the city to the Plaza

Bolivar and Hotel York, where a room had been engaged by Dr. Wilson. The room looked out on the Plaza Bolivar and was close to the Cathedral on one side and the Capitol on the other. The offices of the Dept. of Uncinariasis are in the Capitol. The hotel is small but comfortable & is run by an English woman.

The morning paper "El Tiempo" contained an article about my arrival and a picture taken from the I.H.B. Bulletin.

Took a walk ~~after dinner~~ in the evening & ~~notice~~ noticed that ~~my~~ a tooth which had been tender for some months, was beginning to throb & ache. Visited Mr. Granger's appartment in the evening ~~&~~ while his son exhibited his Pathé Baby motion pictures.

Apr 8 Spent a restless night & in the following morning (Apr. 8) went to Dr. Fernando Cortes S., Calle 13, Numero 118. He drilled a hole ~~into~~ through the filling & found the nerve decomposing. I was fortunate that the pain

52 had not started when I was on the Magdalena River far from relief. (2620 meters = 8500± feet)

Bogotá is about 8000 ft above sea-level + has no distinct seasons. The days are cool + comfortable + the nights are cold. There are two dry seasons + two wet seasons. People often go part way down to the tropical low-lands for holidays at "summer-resorts".

Apr. 8. cont'd. Made official courtesy calls with D. Wilson as follows:

In the morning on D. Juan Corpas, Minister of Education and Public Health
Dr. Alejandro Herrera, Director of Lazarettos.
In the corridor we met Dr. Julio Portocarrero, Secty of the Junta de Sanidad de Bogotá.

In the afternoon - on

1. Samuel H. Biles, American Minister to Colombia.
2. Dr. García Medina, Director of Public Health. Dr Medina is occupying one office of the new building of the Health Dept. He took us all through it. It is not yet finished. The construction is true tropical style, with studs

walls and high ceilings.
Provision has been made for ~~to~~ a hygienic lab. (bacteriology) a chemical lab. (foods & drugs &c), a division of Vital Statistics (Birth & Death Records are now kept ~~only~~ by the Church). A lab. for the production of sera & other biologics is also planned but will ~~be~~ not be in the same building. It will probably be Dr Sandoval's laboratory ~~which~~ to which it is ~~not~~ expected that Groot will take over. At Dr. Medina's office we met Dr. Nicolas Buendia, Prof. of the theory of obstetrics in the Medical School. Formerly he was in Public Health Work with Dr. Medina.

3. Dr. Roberto Franco, Rector of the Medical School.
4. We went to the home of D. Jules Aparicio, but he was absent from the city. ~~We left~~ cards.

At 5.30 Dr. Wilson took me to the Club, where He & Mrs. W. were giving a tea to about 30 or 40 hosted.

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April 9 Had a long talk w D. Wilson in the forenoon. Took some pictures of the Capitol + around Plaza Bolivar. Ate supper + took a walk leisurely up the slope to a little church at the foot of the mountain.

This was Holy Week and all offices + shops were closed from Wednesday to Monday. The streets were crowded with people going to + from the many catholic churches. The general appearance of the crowds lacks the gay color of many tropical countries, the clothes being chiefly black. The women, most of them, wear black mantillas. Sent a pound of maple sugar to Mrs Wilson + the children by D. Wilson.

The Plaza Bolivar is a striking + beautiful place. On one side is the Capitol with its fine columns. On another is the Cathedral with its towers + bells. In the center is the statue of Bolivar. In the background, close to the city, are

two high mountains, one of which is the ~~church or monastery~~ chapel of Monserrat.

April 10 Good Friday. Talked over plans for public health work c̄ Dr. Wilson in the morning. In the afternoon Dr + Mrs Wilson + their two little boys aged 2½ and 3¾ came to the room to view the Good Friday Church ~~Pa~~ Procession + have tea. Miss Rose, Proprietress of the Hotel, and several other guests came to ~~see~~ view the parade from my balconies overlooking the plaza, the best places from which to see. At about 3.15 p.m. the parade began. Before that the police had arrived with a band and had formed a lane from the cathedral to one corner on the broad sidewalk and then down the street past the capitol. The parade came out of the cathedral + marched slowly to dirge music by a large band. First came ~~to~~ three young men carrying huge silver symbols. ~~Not far~~ Then

followed the band. Behind them came the wooden cross on a platform borne by penitents wearing black hoods with small holes for their eyes & dark robes. The next ~~float~~ platform carried the image of Christ in a casket said to have been sent to Bogota by a King of Spain. The Bishops marched. The third ~~float~~ platform carried the Virgin Mary under a canopy. All the platforms were carried by penitents. ~~like~~ The ~~square~~ Plaza and the steps of the capitol were packed with people. After the parade had gone by the crowd in the Plaza began to get boisterous. They threw shoes back and forth in the air, threw up hats or other objects, and finally began throwing stones. They kept gathering in groups, arousing some focus of excitement and then scattered to avoid police or for other reasons. Finally they began stoning policemen as

a crowd stoned and pursued a soldier policeman who ran away and dodged around a car to some other police. As this victim was gone the crowd threw stones at a gaily uniformed group of cadets who happened to be near-by and suspicious. The cadets stood their ground and the police finally chased away their assailants with drawn swords. After that there was almost continuous excitement. The police would draw swords and chase various persons, sometimes beating them with the flats of their swords and even knocking them down. One man who came under our balcony was cut across the temple. Reserves arrived with rifle and they chased the various groups. One policeman near by fired a shot into the air, and hundreds of people scurried away, expecting a volley. Every little while the police would

arrest someone or harangue with a riotous group. Soon they would be the center of a mob. Whenever conditions became threatening the police would chase a lot of the people away with swords or rifles. A few of the higher army officers with gray ~~sw~~ uniforms and helmets of German type were present. One would ~~also~~ sometimes be seen running after some rioter ~~case~~ with drawn sword. There seemed little coöperation, as each soldier seemed to have his foot races ~~for~~ to himself. More reserves arrived and ~~the bulle~~ finally it grew dusk and the crowd dwindled. A shot was heard down the side street but nothing seemed to develop.

Miss Rose staid & helped me serve tea after the procession & before the riot was well started. Mr. Bevan, one of the hotel guests stayed to tea. A number of the guests came in from time to time to use the balconies, including

Mr. Mike Spellacy (Col man), Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan (British Embassy), Miss Ledoux, representative of the Red Cross + a few others.

During the evening people crowded the sidewalks on the way to church and torpedoes were exploded under street-cars, but there was no more rioting

April 11, 1925. Spent the morning with Dr. Wilson in the office + the afternoon writing. Each morning at about 8:30 or 9 a.m. there is a loud drumming apparently in the tower of the cathedral. It sounds almost like a steam riveter but has the rhythm of a drum.

In the afternoon I went to have afternoon tea + dinner with the Wilsons at their home on Calle 57, Chapinero.

April 12, 1925 Easter Sunday.

At about 8:30 there was a church procession. The figure of the risen Christ with hand lifted + with rays [illegible]

projecting from his head was carried through the streets. A police band preceded it and a military band ~~foll~~ and company of soldiers followed. At the head of the procession were youths dressed in ~~so~~ white and red. At one side of the platform on which was the figure of Christ were people carrying candles. The soldiers wore olive drabs uniforms and black shiny helmets decorated with brass, German style.

In the afternoon I went with the Wilsons to Major & Mrs. Gautier's (Swiss Military Commission) and had afternoon tea. Other guests were a Swiss Military Aviator and Dr. & Mrs. Carlos Esquerra. Dr. Esquerra has a hospital ("Marly") in Chapinero. He studied in France and is much interested in Red Cross work & was instrumental in bringing Miss LeDoux to Colombia for one year.

During my absence from the hotel Dr. Bernardo Samper, Prof. Dr. Med. E. Martinez (Dir. Gen. of Lazaretto) and Dr. Alejandro Herrero Restrepo, called & left cards.

* Wrote Margaret

April 3. Monday. The morning paper, the first since Wednesday, announces an attempted military conspiracy to seize the government. It appears that the younger officers of the Colombian army, especially those in the barracks in Bogotá decided to follow the example set some time ago in Chile and seize the government. They communicated with other garrisons and are supposed to have gained support. The coup d'etat was to have taken place Saturday morning. They planned to seize the President's palace and the Government. On this day a loyal officer was in command at the palace and it was decided to postpone the coup for one day. The president and a number of the cabinet were away on account of the holidays. The plan "leaked" on Saturday and was telegraphed from Barranquilla. Before dawn on Sunday morning the older officers had been informed and eleven of the conspirators had been arrested.

62 They will be courtmartialled. On account of this attempt to seize government, the usual "Calle de honor" was not a feature of the Easter morning church parade. I suppose the "Calle" would be a lane between troops. The President and some absent ministers were brought back in haste.

In the morning Dr. Wilson & I called on Dr. Garcia Medina, Director-General of Health and talked over his plans for the health dept. He desired to have the hookworm work continued in conj. with I.H.B.. We went, at about 11.30, to visit the Baby Welfare Centre, which had been brought about by Dr. Ruben Garcia. Dr. Garcia was on duty this day of the week with a medical student asst. The Centre is in effect a clinic for infants and children. Different doctors attend on different days in turn. There are printed matter & card index files. The clinic is the first of its kind in Colombia

and is only a few months old. About 15 cases a day are treated.

In the afternoon we planned & also talked with the Ass't Director of the Dept of Uncinariasis about possibly ~~taking~~ applying for a ~~[illegible]~~ fellowship, and with the Secretary of the Same Dept about the work of sanitation. He used to be in the field & is one of the best men. Dr. Wilson thinks of putting him in charge of organizing this work. In the evening I had tea with Dr. Wilson at the Anglo-American Club.

April, 4. Tuesday. At 9 a.m. Dr. Wilson & I called at Dr. Garcia's private office & laboratory. His walls carried photos of Drs Welch, Hegner, & Howell. He had a diagnostic lab. and some students helping him. Had modern filing cases & card system.

He took us to see the San Juan de Dios Hospital of about 400 beds, and showed us the laboratory he had established there. Went through the wards. General impression

64 was of an old & picturesque two-story rambling building, or series of connected buildings. Roofs of tile, some floors of tile, crooked walks, pretty little courts with flowers and moss-covered wet tiles, pictures of the saints, Sisters in cream-white uniforms with rosaries hanging at the side.

At 10.15 a.m. I kept an appointment with the dentist, D. F. Cortes

At 12.30 D. & Mrs. Wilson, D. Bernardo Sampér, and I had dinner with D. & Mrs. Carlos Esguerra at their Private Hospital "Marly" in Chapinero. Ate in an open-air pavilion surrounded by flowers. Went through the hospital of 36 beds. Saw the D. Esguerras radium outfit & expensive French laboratory & operating-room equipment.

At 2.30 D. Garcia Medina came & took went with D. Sampér & D. & Mrs Wilson & me to visit the Sampér and Martinez laboratory. Dr. Martinez died a few years ago. D. Martini (a German!)

is a scientist on the staff. He came to Columbia on a contract to study leprosy about 4 yrs ago. He had done work in the Philippines in the Bureau of Science with Dr Strong many yrs ago. He is old.

Went through all the buildings. The main building is modelled generally after the Pasteur Institute Lab., New York. Saw the leptospira under the microscope. Do not make diph. antitoxin. Make black-leg & anthrax serum, smallpox vaccine, sterile solutions of many kinds, ethyl esters of chaulmoogra oil, bacterial vaccines (typhoid & paratyphoid), anti-rabic vaccine. Have stables full of horses & have pastures. Sell veterinary products & those for man. Sell much to govt. Plant cost so much that have difficulty in paying interest. Expect to sell to govt health dept soon.

Dr. Sampson intends to go to America or Europe as soon as he sells and to get treatment for his wife who had encephalitis

 about 4 yrs ago when Dr Samper was studying at Hopkins. ~~Has Parkinsonian attacks~~ Would be willing to return & do lab. work under favorable conditions after he has done what he can for his wife.

Dr. Medina, Dr. Samper, Dr Wilson & I went to my room at the hotel & had tea & discussed the coöp. of the I.H.B. & the Health Dept at length.

April 15. Wednesday. Dentist in morning. In the afternoon Dr. José M. Montoya, Graduate of Harvard Med. School about 1897, Editor with Dr. Julio Manrique of the "Repertorio de Medicina y Cirurgia" Discussed the value of the Span. Edition of the Jour. of A.M.A.

Afterward we had a conference with the Minister of Public Health and Education.

Mr. Arthur H. Sleigh of the American Bank Note Company, age 73, is at the hotel & is a delightful gentleman.

Apr. 16 ~~In the~~ Thursday. Dr. Samper arranged for a trip to

Taquendama Falls, and we started at 9 a.m. from the Hotel in two automobiles. The party consisted of:

1. Dr. Juan Corpas, Minister of Ed. & P. W.
2. Dr. Roberto Franco, Rector of Med. School.
3. Dr. Bernardo Samper,
4. Dr. D. B. Wilson
5. Dr. Rafael Martinez Briceno.
6. Mr. Manuel del Castillo
7. Dr. José M. Montoya
8. Dr. E. Martinez (Substituting for Dr. Medina at last time. Candidate for Asst Directorship.)
9. Dr. Julio Aparicio
10. Myself.

We rode out over the Sabana for about an hour and a half. The land was not very fertile in this part & the mountains were rather bare. Finally rode down the canyon leading to the top of the falls. Passed small coal mines. Above us was a railroad. Finally passed some rapids where the Hydro-electric plant is located. It was built by D. Samper's father & brothers. Used a tall spruce the head

of the falls and then walked down the muddy road to a point where the falls could be viewed as a whole. Tequendama Falls are 147 meters high (about 476 feet). There is a very short leap at the top and then one fine cascade with many rockets of water. There was much water & it was somewhat turbid on account of recent rains. Above the falls is the "tierra frio" and below the "tierra caliente." The warm air coming up the canyon makes clouds of fog which intermittently concealed the falls and floated away as clouds.

~~An automobile~~

We found an automobile stuck in the mud. With the help of 4 oxen and ~~all~~ we doctors the car was finally dragged to the road.

We went to the top of the falls where photos were taken of the party on the

rocks of the stream.
Some of us crawled through a curious hole in the edge of rock down to the ledge at the bottom of the first leap. The cliffs & hills are very beautiful.
We went back to the power house and had an elaborate luncheon at a cottage belonging to the Sampers. (or the Company). Afterward we went through the hydro-electric plant, and saw the machinery.
We returned in the late afternoon. The newspapers were announcing the shooting on the street of ~~the~~ a bookkeeper of the Samper-Martinez Lab. by one of the women employees whom he had seduced. She put four bullets into him and he died ~~to~~ a few days later. At a subsequent interview De Martini of the Lab. told of his troubles. One of his best women workers was lost through the tragedy, a bookkeeper was killed, and their

American-trained Veterinarian (U. of Penn) has been arrested for being involved in the seduction. He says there is too much "poetry" in these people.

In the evening I attended a dinner given by Mr Patterson, &c. to the American Minister. It was an elaborate affair.

April 17 In the afternoon Dr. Wilson and I had a long conference with Dr Cortes, Minister of Educ & P.H., Dr Medina was absent on account of illness. In preparation for this conference the preliminary plans discussed with Dr Medina were drawn up as a "Basis for provisional discussion with the Minister" & translated into Spanish

Met a Mr. Weber of Ulen & Co, in the office. His company has contracts with the municipality to build about 6 schools, a slaughterhouse, waterworks, & probably an

incinerator for garbage, and also to extend & improve the street-car system. The waterworks are to ~~include~~ be a complete system. The water will come from several watersheds & there is to be a treatment plant consisting probably of slow filters.

In the evening Dr & Mrs. Wilson gave a turkey dinner in my honor. There were about 11 present.

April 18. Sat. In the afternoon we worked in the office. ~~The~~ A band gave a fine concert on ~~the~~ a balcony of the Capitol.

Rueno "Rueno" is the garment X worn by men over their shoulders. It is called poncho in Mexico.

In the morning sent radio to home office about proposed co-operation.

April 19. Sunday. In the morning there was another church procession. On the first Sunday after Easter the Parish

72 Church takes the sacrament to the sick at their homes. First the police paraded with a band as usual and lined the sidewalk near the parish church, between Hotel York & the Cathedral. Then a company of cadets uniformed in green coats with red collars and blue (?) pants. They had knapsacks on and white bands across their chests. Finally the procession came forth, many people preceding it bearing candles. There were schoolboys and others. A standard was carried in front finally a canopy appeared over a high-church official in white and gold. He carried something under his robe. The ~~rest~~ cadets and the people in the street fell to their ~~feet~~ knees until the canopy had passed. All morning the police & cadets, ~~school boys~~ people, paraded the streets waiting at the homes of the sick until the sacrament had been administered.

At 11. I went to the country club & strolled about the Golf course with Dr. Reynolds Sawyer.

In the evening Dr. Martin called and told me the troubles of the laboratory. It needed a central station for all "engine work" at which there would be a drying room for glassware, a kitchen for media and a crematory for dead animals; the whole under a man employed.

Has a Polish Nurse who keeps the girl employees steady; but has just returned after six weeks illness with strept. septicemia. During that time the recent tragedy occurred. Lost 5 girls through love affairs.

Dr. Martin was "personal assistant" to Robt Koch. (Graduate in Med. at Berlin) In China Dir. of Hosp. & of Bact. Lab. at Taking Tau. In Bureau of Science in Manila. With Dr. Oscar Teague, Dr.

74 Whitmore, Dr. Moses Clegg, + Dr. Strong. With Dr. Strong at the Manchurian Plague Congress.

The lab. has great difficulties in keeping up stock on account of difficulties of communication. The R. F. could help greatly at times in selecting stock in U.S.A. Told him to report through Dr. Wilson if the plan for assisting lab went through.

April 20 Monday. Worked on my report all day. Understood that a member of the Junta of Health of Bogota was to come to the place to see me, but he did not show up.

In the evening I went to dinner at the home of Dr. Bernardo Samper. Dr. & Mrs. Wilson were there + also Mr. [illegible] relatives of Dr. Samper + Dr. Montoya.