

- Tuesday
Dec. 17. Unable to obtain places in sleeper on 19th.
Packing for trip.

- Wednesday
Dec. 18. Applied to Sudan Agency to transfer us to steamer of 21st
Rec. ...able[?] answer in telegram about 11 a.m. It was
a great relief as I found it impossible to clear up
packing etc. by tomorrow morning. Engaged compartments
11/12 and 12/18 for sleeper of 26th.
- Friday
Dec. 20. On Thursday and today cleared off correspondence
(Ashbee[?], Fisher, Mrs. Brunson[?], Palones[?], etc.).
Received telegram for Bagley that sleeper was arranged
for steamer of 27th. Note from Knabenstone that Gary
had sent my case verbatim over his own signature
(very satisfactory).
- Monday
Dec. 23 Knabenstone[?] and Garrels [?] about 3:30 p.m. a
cold rainy day. K. gave me details of the
despatch of the cable to the State Dept. as
"native autocracy", Mr. G said he got the term from
Reuters. Mr. G pretended he wrote the text himself
as I gave him permission to do. But he hesitated
two days before sending it. Wingate is urging
the B. Foreign Office to get Wilson to make a pronouncement
This cable ought to make it possible for him
to comply with a condemnation of Egypt. Nationalism.
- Wednesday
Dec. 25. Christmas day
- Thursday
Dec. 26 Left Cairo at 8 p.m. Sleeper was full
and Kemp[?] and I had to put up with end
compartment.
Arranged for Khartoum box to go in on Saturday.
Distributed 97 £s sent by Mr. H. S. Wellcome
for his Egyptian workmen.
- Friday
Dec. 27. Change at Luxor. Saw Mr. Littlewood[?] who
introduced me to Mr. Mullen (R.W. manager
this section).
Arrived at Shellal at 5:30 and transferred
to S.S. Ibis. Mrs. Reisner and Mary had
big room in bow.
Other passengers -- only Mr. Wynne, Mr. MacMahon
(an American) and the Censor.
MacMahon going on S.G. service to find water in Kordofan