hama in ten to eleven days. ~~The route followed is a cold and disagreeable one, as~~ the course is laid very far North, touching close to the Aleutian Islands. ~~and there is~~ it is therefore cold, with much rain and little clear sunlight at any season. ~~On Sunday the 20th~~ on the 20th we crossed the 180th meridian and dropped one day from the calendar, i.e. we skipped from Saturday to Monday. there was no Sunday. Practically no shipping was seen and because of war conditions our course was kept a secret. No wireless was sent, although we received some news in this way during the first three days out. There was a full passenger list, mostly commercial men bound for the East; generally uninteresting people ~~and the Jews especially noisy.~~ Count Ilya Tolstoy (son of the famous Tolstoy,) was on board. He is a scatter-brained individual, ~~and afforded us considerable amusement~~ of a sort.

We arrived at Yokohama early on Friday the 25th and were received with much formality by a Japanese delegation of railway men and by W. T. Payne, the genial C.P.R. resident official. No trouble was experienced at the Custom House, and neither our baggage nor passports were examined. We put up at the "Oriental Palace" hotel, ~~a good house and quieter than the other large one.~~ Mr. Post-Wheeler, the Charge d'Affairs at the Embassy, was on hand and assiduous for our comfort both then and afterwards.

On the first morning we took a motor ride, by invitation of Mr. Payne, to Kamakura to see the famous Diabutsu. It was a beautiful day and the ride for some twenty miles through a hilly country an interesting as well as a hair-raising experience, as the road was very crooked and narrow and through an almost continuous settlement. People thronged the road, in jinrickshas and on foot. A teeming population, women with children on their backs, boys and girls with ditto and small children with little babies, all carried in