and an appalling situation disclosed (referred to in detail elsewhere) Vast quantities of goods of every kind are on hand. For instance, there are 48,000 tons of tea; 150,000 tons of chemicals, 86,000 tons of barbed wire, 100,000 tons of railway material, 160,000 bales of cotton, 50,000 tons of munitions and explosives, etc. etc. Baled cotton is piled in various open spaces on the hills for miles around; chemicals and explosives are stored in enormous special warehouses erected at various points; motor cars, machinery, household goods, etc. are on hand in thousands of weather stained boxes, on the docks, in the yards and in any old place. Most of these materials have evidently been systematically cared for, considering the circumstances, and the result reflects credit upon the industry of the port authorities. But the whole situation shows an entire lack of forethought and co-ordination on the part of the Government, and it is sad to see that so much effort and money has been expended without accomplishing needed help to the country; in fact, it is a crime that materials were allowed to come in here for months after it must have been apparent that they could not by any possibility be forwarded to their destination.

June 1st. We went this morning to see the extensive car-erecting plant at "First River", which is over the hills to the north of the city. These works are elsewhere described; they were hastily built to care for the erection of American freight cars received since the war began.

In the afternoon we visited a proposed location for a locomotive-erecting plant, at the north end of the Horn, and made a thorough inspection of the dock and railway facilities, which we found good. In the evening we dined with Mr. Caldwell at his apartment. He is a capable young man and has an American wife.