railway officials, the shops of the Kazan (private) Railway. These are located in an inconvenient position in the central part of the city; and they are very old and cramped. However, the buildings contain the best equipment of machine tools we have yet seen and the shop management is good and progressive-- in marked contrast to the shiftless methods of the Government controlled shops heretofore visited. The Company intends soon to move into new shops (now being built) at Murlan; for particulars, see special memorandum elsewhere.

After visiting the shops, we took a special train for a trip over the fine new Belt Railway around the city. This is a double-track line without grade crossings and with connections to all radiating railways and opens up excellent manufacturing sites. At present the line runs through an unsettled section for the most part and the heavy investment in the property has not been as yet justified.

In the afternoon we motored about the city and visited the Kremlin.

Moscow is the same beautiful old city which I remembered well from my previous visits some years ago. At present it is badly overcrowded by refugees and soldiers and the general conditions are the same as in Petrograd as regards scarcity of food and high cost of living. The hotels had just settled an employees strike, with the result that for the moment no "tips" were accepted. The management pays the employees fiftenn per cent. of customers' bills in lieu of tips formerly received direct; this fifteen per cent. is, of course, added to our bills.

No eggs are obtainable in the restaurants, and the reason is not apparent, as eggs are for sale in the markets.