these are the largest we have seen and are working to full capacity. They are well arranged but equipped with antiquated tools; also, needed raw materials are scarce (see special memorandum). At the station we met a train load of "Little Russians", (Ukrainians,) going to the front. They gathered around the rear of our train and made us a speech of greeting, to which we responded suitably and were loudly cheered. On a banner which they carried was the following: "Forward! For Freedom of the Land. Long Live the Might of the People! Forward in the Name of Peace and the Union of the People for the Destruction of Militarism!"

En route in the afternoon we passed numerous Red Cross trains packed with sick and wounded soldiers; most of these were from the Roumanian front. We also passed several trains going to the front; these were of box cars and packed with soldiers. The doorways of the cars were decorated with green boughs of trees. The men cheered us loudly and seemed cheerful and contented with their lot. This has been a most interesting day -- a beautiful country and novel and curious scenes at each station. Before leaving Ekaterinoslov a long discussion was had with the station and train officials as regards our route from this point; a doubt was expressed that we would be allowed to enter the military zone and they wanted us to turn back. We told them that it had been arranged in Petrograd for us to go anywhere we desired and that the Ministry expressly wanted us to visit the Stafka (General Headquarters) at Mogilev to discuss railway matters with the army officials. We, therefore, insisted upon proceeding and said we would take all risks ourselves. The Catherine Railway ends at Ekaterinoslov and we proceeded to Kiev via the Southwestern, an extensive system.