military railway matters. We were handed maps showing the portions of the front which they wished to rehabilitate at once and a list of the equipment and supplies needed. This list was rather an appaling one; it included practically everything needed to build and equip many hundreds of miles of railway. They also wished our good offices in getting prompt attention paid to their necessities in the way of military supplies; they showed us lists they had requisitioned and which included everything from medical supplies up to cannon. We said these matters were beyond our province, but we agreed to give the railway list our first attention upon arriving at Petrograd. I am daily more and more impressed with the colossal military job this country has been up against since it go into the war. The vast extent of territory to be protected, the inadequate transportation means, the almost total dependence of the army upon military equipment and supplies sent in over immense distances from other countries -- England, Japan and America; and, lastly, the easy-going character of the people. This is a country where when one orders something to be done, the reply is "si -chas", literally "immediately", in reality "any old time to-day or to-morrow". When you expostulate at delay, it is "nichevo", what does it matter? While I am on this subject, there is another national characteristic which has frequently struck me; the Russian is not discriminating in an emergency; that is, he confuses present necessities with future desirables. His plans are, therefore, too elaborate and their object is often defeated by the inclusion of many things which could be postponed for the future. It is rather staggering to have your offer of help met with such hearty acceptance that responsibility for furnishing everything is dumped upon you and the Russian stands