sides of peasants. All foreigners have lost weight under this diet, so it is one comfort that I am not the only sufferer.

Perhaps the smelly canals have also contributed to this condition. The heart of the city is intersected by a triple ring of canals; we live and work near them. The City drains into these canals and, as there is practically no current to the water, it becomes very foul after the heat of the summer.

News from the front is very bad. The army in the southwest is still retreating and will soon be driven from Austria to the Russian frontier. When this occurs the forces in southeast Galicia, around Chernowitz, will be "pocketed" with a probable loss of 200,000 men and a large amount of material. The only hopeful sign is the growing alarm of Ukraine; see the appeal they have just published. This may brace up the army before it is driven out of Little Russia, leaving the enormous crop of wheat in the hands of the enemy. All members of the Provisional Government ministry resigned yesterday, except Kerensky, who announces he will form a new ministry; we shall see how long it lasts.

July 28th. Saw a most impressive ceremony to-day, the funeral of the seven Cossacks who were killed in the late uprising. The bodies, in silvery coffins, had lain in state all night at St. Isaacs Cathedral. This a.m. an elaborate service was held over them, lasting for hours. Dignitaries of the Church and State were present in full force; Kerensky was chief mourner. The music in the church was wonderful. The Square was full of Cossacks and other troops mounted and on foot and thousands of lookers-on packed the sidewalks. Numerous military bands played fumeral airs continuously, one taking up the refrain when the other stopped. Golder and I secured window seats in the