Hotel Angleterra restaurant facing the entrance to the cathedral on one side of the open square. At 1;00 p.m. the service ended and the troops stood at review and the spectators bared their heads as the procession came out. It was headed by scores of priests in full canonicals. The shining coffins were loaded on open funeral cars. When Kerensky appeared he received quite an ovation, with much cheering. He made a short speech (?) and then the procession of priests, soldiers, nurses and officials started, Kerensky in a limousine motor car. It was all most solemn and imposing. It was amusing later in the day to see the regiments returning from the cemetery with their bands playing American ragtime tunes; the pleasure-loving people cannot be serious for any great length of time.

We are still, by the way, awaiting answers to our various cable messages to America. No answers have been received to letters or cables sent from Vladivostok last June regarding the locomotive erecting plant; last week we had one cable asking for a description of the plant and saying that our recommendations for additional cars and locomotives would be taken under advisement. We have already promised the Russians, by direct authority conferred upon us before we left home, to do certain things for them; we have accordingly agreed upon the immediate necessity of a locomotive erecting plant at Vladivostok and also that we are to furnish a large number of locomotives and cars; the cable just received would indicate that our part of the work on the plant has not been started and that our Government may not arrange to furnish the cars and locomotives promised. All this places us in a most awkward position and I, for one, must decline to make any more promises without explicit instructions from the State Department at Washington. In fact, it