and his nose well proportioned, but his mouth and chin are weak. He was dressed in a perfectly plain khaki uniform, without insignia or decorations of any kind, and wore tan-colored high boots. This is the simple costume I have always seen him wear. He has a resonant and pleasing voice and I should judge would be an effective public speaker. Francis had come along with us, as he told me he was unwilling to let Stevens be the spokesman and he, therefore, began by stating our errand and that we were much concerned by the continued delays in getting our program for railway relief and other help from America put into force. Kerensky was evidently more or less familiar with our recommendations which, he said, had his approval and that all authority had been given by his cabinet to have all things asked for by us carried into an immediate and full effect. The Assistant Minister of Way and Communications had been delegated to give all his time to doing this and would arrange at once for a train and go with us on the trans-Siberian Railway to see that the operating program was inaugurated. As a point of fact, later we found that he had done as he said he would, so matters are at last moving, although very late.

In the p.m. we went to the Fontanka bureau and had a special audience with the new Minister. He too spoke of the good work we had done, his sympathy with it and his intention to have all energetically carried out; to this end he would be ready to leave for Siberia with us not later than next week; (it was really three weeks before the trip began). We then had a sort of farewell meeting of mutual congratulations, each man of the twenty odd speaking, and afterwards adjourned to the garden and had a group photograph taken of the Ministry staff and the Commission. Later Greiner and I strolled around