the Jewish market, which is nearby. It is an interesting place, crowded with soldiers and vendors of all sorts of articles. The soldiers were in many cases selling their uniforms, guns, etc., -- a sight not calculated to inspire confidence in general conditions. Many contraband German-made articles brought in by the soldiers from the front were also on sale.

August 14th. Last few days I have spent, largely, in farewell calls, official and otherwise, also in completing arrangements for our departure. I have engaged Golder as courier and interpreter to go with us as far as China; he will then continue to America on his own account. We were