wall and the whole surrounded by immense walls, 30 miles around. In the centre is the old Imperial "Forbidden City" enclosed by its own wall. The succession of walls, battlements, gates and towers which one meets everywhere furnishes one of the chief charms and surprises of this great city.

In the P. M. we visited the Winter Palace. Later I called at the Russian Embassy and had an interesting talk with the Ambassador Kudacheff regarding conditions in Russia; he is a prince of the old regime and is very despondent over conditions at his home and is momentarily expecting a recall. We then took tea with the American Minister and met a number of Chinese officials. Reinsch is from Milwaukee and knew a number of my friends there. I was favorably impressed with him.

August 31st. Took lunch with Commander Gillis, who is a friend of Chandler Davis. He lives in real Chinese style, in rather a remote part of the City. He has a charming Chinese house-- or rather several small houses surrounding a miniature garden adorned with trees, shrubbery, small ponds, rockeries, etc. It is a surprising place, as the exterior gives one no inkling of the beauty of the inside. We had a wonderful lunch of Chinese delicacies and good American food. Gillis has collected a quantity of beautiful things and his house is a combination of the charm of the Orient with the comforts of an American home, but I should think would be lonely and probably cold in winter.

September 1st. Again shopping and sight-seeing. In the P.M. we went to the top of the City wall near the Foreign Compound. It was interesting to see a company of American soldiers, whose duty is to patrol the wall near the Embassies. I should explain that the various foreign Embassies, etc. are grouped together compactly in one section of the city and guarded by