

Geneva, October 27, 1914.

Dear Pees,

I think you and Father mis-
understood my letter. It was not the
army reports to which I referred,
but the diplomatic. The German
soldiers which are sent into Bel-
gium, thoroughly believe that the
French were there first. The German
soldiers who are picked up wounded
ask the French nurses - "Why did
you declare war on us." The soldier
who set fire to Senlis called out to the
population - "You wanted war, now
you have it!" Letters which
come here from Germany take it
for granted that we know the other
countries declared war ^{first} and
that is what I say is the terrible
crime which the Kaiser committed,
he deceived them into believing

that there were called to a defensive²
war, so that he could do what
he wanted with them.

I suppose you are tired of hearing
about dum-dum balls, and it is
ridiculous how all the Government
telegraphs Wilson to complain
about all the others! But definite,
"eye-witness" news is always en-
lightening, and so I'll tell you
that the woman-doctor who is
head of the trained nurses asso-
ciation here, was working at Lyons
for some time. When she came
back she reported in her Samaritanian
lecture that she had seen
dum-dum wounds with her own
eyes, that she had treated at
Lyons French soldiers with
big holes in the interior of their
bodies that could have been
made only by exploding balls.

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The teacher for whom I delete the
Schuetzler has been substituting
has just come back. She was
in a little village near Brussels,
spending the summer with a
married sister. She got off easy
— probably because she was
Swiss — and she says that the
poor people (among whom she
was living) were not molested
as much as the well-to-do. It was
the better classes, the finer houses,
against whom the Germans have
been venting their anger — near
Brussels, that is. But she says
the newspapers have not exagger-
ated the atrocities. The cruelty
of the officers is unconceivable.
But she gives me some hope
for the German people, for she
says that thro' the officers whom
she saw behaved like boulets,
yet she spoke with soldiers
really sorry for what was being

done. "They would kill us if we didn't", soldier after soldier told her by way of excuse. They said too, "We don't carry out half the orders given us." She says that the slaughter of children, the mutilating, the cruel treatment of the girls, was ordered by the officer that they threaten the men with pistols if they don't obey, that for the most horrible work they make the men drunk first, and then "send them out like lions" —

Mother says that if she'd been in Aulwarp she'd have let some of the snakes and lions in the zoo loose against them!

The university was supposed to begin yesterday — I went to my classes but found no professors. If they feel like taking a little longer vacation

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They can — and I suppose most of them do feel like it. I don't wonder they shun the lecture rooms, the air is so bad.

Have you been to call on Molly yet? I wonder if she wrote me from college — ^{Paris} I got no card. But I think she is in Trenton now, because Miss Doolittle is back at B.N.

Oct 31.

In all this week I have found only two of my classes going on — one was by a private docent, who announced that $\frac{1}{2}$ the fees paid for the course would go the Belgians. The classes are arranged very peculiarly. For instance, one course I have three times a week. But instead of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, or something like that, it meets Friday at nine, at eleven, and at three!

We can see snow on the Java

these mornings.

Herbert's address is care of
Morgan, Harjes Cie,
Boulevard Haussmann, Paris
— or it was, the end of August.

I've not heard since then.

I wish very much now
that I had not immatriculated
at the uni. I feel so selfish,
just studying. It seems
as if everyone ought to be
doing philanthropic work
this year. But the deed is
done, and I am condemned
to the classroom until March!

My plans so far are:

- Constitutions compared - 2 hrs
- (review of a course I took at B.M.)
- International Law - 3 hrs
- (French Lit - 3 hrs?)
- Diction - 2 hrs
- French Composition - 1 hr
- and 3 hrs private French lessons.

P.S. The University was supposed to begin on Monday, but the professors are very slow about returning. Only once I found anyone when I waited in the class room - a privat-docent who announced that $\frac{1}{2}$ the gain of the course would go to the Belgian refugees. But as that course is 6-7, as supper is at 7, and it takes a quarter of an hour to walk home from the university, I have decided not to take it.

Did you read that there was an earthquake in Italy on Monday morning? It woke us here, at a quarter to five. I

thought there was someone under my bed shaking it, and my hair stood on end! Mar-

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Jorie didn't feel it at all in their
house (which is low), but it was
very violent on the fifth floor
here. And Mme. Drossini, who
lives on the sixth floor of another
building, got up and dressed
and made her children sit by
the door ready to run. She
came to call yesterday, and
was trembling stiff. At first
the papers said it was in Ger-
many, and we thought per-
haps the north sea was getting
busy, and Heligoland had
gone, but now they say it
was in Lombardy.

Automobiles are beginning to go
around now - there are several
which pass thro' our street.
I wish you would keep them
I give for me, if you can
put a bundle in the attic
occasionally) go I want to study
up the "history of my own time" which