

RELIEF FOR BELGIUM IS STARTED EARLY

Mr. Gibson Tells of Going to London and of How Vigorously Hoover Acted.

NO DELAYS ARE BROOKED

Secretary to American Legation Writes of How Favorably He Was Impressed With Food Administrator From Beginning.

BY HUGH GIBSON. Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the American Legation in Brussels, right, 1917. Doubleday, Page & Co., by Cilla F. Wood.

(CONTINUED) On board S.S. "Princess Juliana," off Dover, Sunday, October 19, 1914.—Here we are coming into England in rain and fog. Up to the last minute I was in great doubt as to whether we should come at all, but everything was finally straightened out and here we are.

Friday was spent in hard work, aggravated with many conferences. In the morning most of the German civil and military government came to the Legation and discussed the food question with the members of the committee, the Spanish Minister and ourselves. They all united in asking that I go to London and see the situation before the Belgian Minister, the Spanish and American Ambassadors and, under their chaperonage, before the British Government.

Two Allowed to Go. When this had been agreed to, some bright soul suggested that I be accompanied by a commission of 15 prominent Belgians, to add impressiveness to what I had to say. The two Ministers rose up and said no, adding that as I was to do the work and bear the responsibility in going on this mission of food relief, I should not be hampered by having to carry the weight of 15 speech makers. That was knocked in the head, and then to show that we were not unreasonable, we asked that two members of the committee go along. The men chosen were Baron Lambert and Monsieur Franconi, one of the leading bankers and a man of poise and judgment. They expressed reluctance but were soon persuaded.

The rest of the day was spent in getting ready letters and telegrams and other papers necessary in our work. Fowler and I dined at the Lambert's, finished up our work at the Legation, and got to bed at midnight. We got up yesterday morning at half past three, and at half-past four set sail in three motors—one filled with servants and mountains of small baggage.

Dutch Frontier Passed. We sped in the dark through ruined villages to Antwerp, and from there to Eschen on the Dutch frontier, which we reached soon after daylight. We missed the morning train to Flushing, and had to spend the day in that charming city. We found the place filled with refugees from all parts of Belgium, and were greeted on every hand by people who knew the hotels were filled to overflowing, and people were living in freight cars, sheds and on the sidewalks. We clung to chairs in the reading room at one of the hotels, and walked the streets until 9 o'clock, when we got aboard the boat with 800 other people. Cabins were not to be had for love or money, but Franconi, by judicious corruption, got us a place to sleep, and we slept hard, despite the noise, which was tremendous.

LONDON, Oct. 20, 1914.—Here we are, much cheered by the prospect. We hammered hard yesterday and today, and this afternoon it looks as though we had secured the permission of the British Government to send food to our people in Belgium. We got into Folkestone at 4 o'clock on Sunday, were passed immediately by the authorities, and then spent an hour and a half waiting for our train to pull out. We got into darkened London at quarter of eight. We sat around and visited beyond our doors, and yesterday morning I was called ahead of anybody else, so as to get down to my day's work.

Telegrams Are Sent. First, I got things started at the Embassy, by getting off a lot of telegrams and running away from an office full of people who in some mysterious way, had heard I was here. I saw several of them, but as my day was going, I up and ran.

Next I went to the Spanish Embassy, and gave the Ambassador details in regard to what we wanted. He caught the idea immediately, and has done everything in his power. When I got back to our chancery, I found that the Ambassador had come in. I went over the whole business again, and made an appointment with him for the Spanish Ambassador and my traveling companions.

TWO BUILDINGS IN GAUTEMALA CITY, WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.



TOP, TEMPLE OF MINERVA, ERECTED BY PRESIDENT CARRERA IN 1906. BELOW, ESTRADA CARRERA ASYLUM.

QUAKE DEVOURS CITY

Life and Property Consumed at Guatemala.

HUNGRY FISSURES YAWN

Earth Torn Apart by Terrific Seismic Disturbance; Churches, Prisons, Hospitals Among Structures That Are Wrecked.

MIKE AND IKE CLEVER

"THE MERRY WHIRL" PLEASES BIG AUDIENCES AT LYRIC.

BEES START TO WORK

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BODY FOUND IN FRAGMENTS

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LABOR MAKES CONCESSION

Railroad Clerks and Station Employees Waive Some Demands.

REPAIR WORK UNDERTAKEN

North Yakima Engineer in Charge of Work at Hood River.

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The names of the prizewinners have been sent to the California Associated Raisin Company, Fresno, California, and they will receive their prizes as soon as the mails can carry the judges' report to California and bring back the checks.