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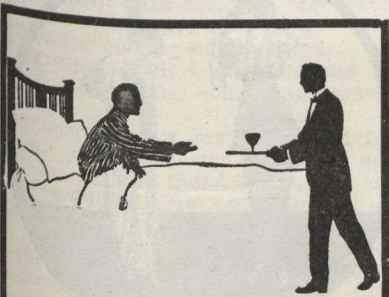


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try. This they agreed to do and placed this magnificent statue of Christ with one arm over each border blessing each country. The facsimile of this statue is now at The Hague.

Having ascertained on our arrival back at the hotel what time the train left for Rotterdam in the morning we found we would have to be up at 5 o'clock to catch the train from The Hague to Rotterdam, as we had to change cars at Rotterdam for Flushing.

Thursday, Sept. 10.

WE were up and away in good season, having paid our bill, which I thought about 50 per cent more than it should be, but glad to get out. Arriving at Rotterdam we changed cars, and finally arrived at Flushing at 11 o'clock.

Having gathered together all our belongings, we proceeded to the boat, and the first thing asked for on climbing the gangway was passports. I somehow or other had put my 5 ft. 5 inches passport, with dark complexion, away, and found my British passport which I handed to the officer in command. He asked me in a very sharp voice where I lived, where I was born. I told him Canada. He said, "Pass along," which I did.

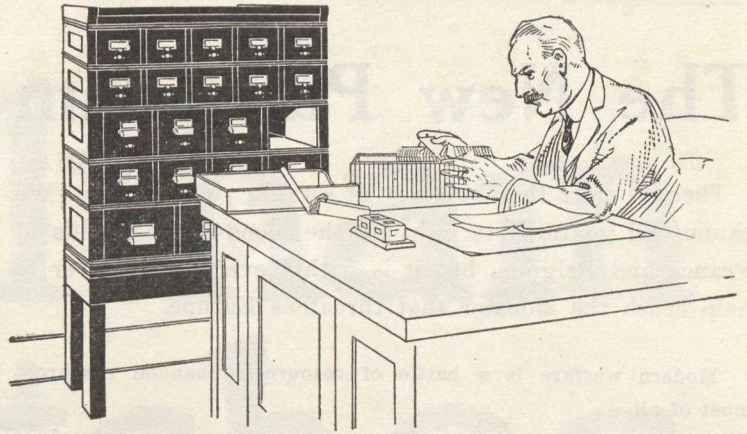
Arriving at Queensborough after a delightful run over of about five and a half hours, we had to undergo another serious inspection before landing. On a document about eight inches square we had to write our nationality, age, where we were going to, and where born, and then had to sign our names on it. Before landing we had to pass a rigorous examination by two doctors, the Custom House officer, and a shore officer. The doctors looked us well over, passed us to the Customs officer who passed us to another officer to hand our passports to, as we had to sign the white paper which he compared with the signature on the passports to see all was well. I might say, that if I had to do the same thing on passing the German frontier—well, you can imagine the rest.

Then we landed on the shores of good old England. I took charge of the family while my friend Z. looked after the luggage and got them all through excepting one piece of mine which I had to go back and open up. The officer who examined this piece asked me if I had anything dutiable. I said "No." "Have you any German papers?" I replied "Yes." "Let me have a look at them," which I did. These papers were a collection of various papers I had got for the last month, including what I would call a "rag" called the "Continental Times" issued by the German papers for what they call the "Amerikaner" people. The officer very kindly took the whole lot away from me, tore them up and told me they had tons of this class of thing and they were not wanted. I pleaded for him to either keep them himself or give them back to me, being one better than a Britisher. Looking at me with a laugh he said, "You have got a nerve, but all the same the papers have to be torn up." Then, with a funny twinkle in his eye, he asked me "How in hell did you get through the frontier?" I said, "By the aid of the devil." He said, "You had better go and take your seat in the train," which I accordingly did. I lifted my hat to the gentleman with a smile and walked away.

Needless to say, when we got seated and everything arranged, we had a good old cup of English tea, and then the time came to start for London, where we duly arrived, and the Z. family and I put up at the Hotel Victoria, feeling very happy after our exciting journey through the enemy's country, through beautiful Holland and its well cultivated fields, across the dangerous English Channel (which we heard in Berlin was mined and almost impossible to get through) to the chalky shores of old England, eager to meet the smiling Britishers, but to tell any German we saw he might go to h—.

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