

The situation discloses all the weaknesses of a League of Nations and of the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

I do not know whether or not you went to the meetings of the Institute of Pacific Relations, but the delegates are now returning, and one reads interviews in the press as to what they think of things.

After leaving Peiping, I went, as you may know, to Mukden, where I had the honour of meeting Chiang Shueh Liang at Luncheon and of talking with him, with some of his generals, and with Mr. Donald. From there I went over to Japan, where I spent five days. I could not help noting when I arrived at Mukden that I was met by a former major of the Japanese army then employed in the South Manchuria Railway Service. He was most courteous, but would not say much about Japanese intentions in that state.

With kindest personal wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,