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"pogroms" and the rest until such time. President Wilson gave the best of all possible replies to those visiting him, namely, that the Jews in Europe are to get the liberties they enjoy in the Land of the Free—which is just the thing some of them do not want. For those liberties involve duties, chiefest of which is to become an intelligent citizen.

Nothing is more welcome in Europe than a Zionism which believes that the Jews are a nation, wants to recover for them a national home in Palestine, and to get them back there with every possible advantage, moral and material, secured to them; but the wish to get for them special rights in the bosom of other nations, to

create wheels within wheels, would be fatal. Fortunately, as we shall see, there are enough Jews in Warsaw, who see this clearly, and are at work on the task of "civilizing" their fellows. The word may seem a crude one, but it fits.

As we turned our steps homeward my friend said to me: "If I were a business man, I should start a paint-factory." He was making a good suggestion. The city is not damaged by the war any more than Paris, if as much; but it is terribly shabby. It needs paint, and that everywhere. Of course London is in the same condition, though nothing like as bad. In Warsaw the whole place must be renovated, from cellar to garret. Studied

neglect of generations has to be made good. The worst of it is, there is nothing to work with.

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It is true that I have felt very much at home in Warsaw. At the end of my stay, it is necessary only to add one word. One thing made me uneasy. It was not the sudden change in the weather from spring in February to such a blizzard in March as would be worthy of Manitoba's best days, nor was it that the prices of articles of food and clothing were double what they are in Silesia, nor yet that I was a visitor for the first time in what German Kultur always regarded as one of the Asiatic cities of Europe. It was something far different: the uncanny, though never impolite curiosity of the people. It recalled to my mind the Russian monk President Masaryk tells about in his great book on Russia and Europe.

I have been accosted, while waiting for the tram-car, in five different languages; each time with an offer of help, and with questions as to what news there was from the world outside. It was my good fortune not to belong either to a Mission nor to a Commission, which would have kept me indoors at a desk; so that I could roam the streets at will. I haven't even an auto to ride in. In a tram-car, if I conversed with a friend all the neighbours stopped talking, and pricked up their ears to hear what "the foreigner" had to say.

"That is the compliment paid by curious children to a man of another blood and from far away," said one of my friends to me, when I told him. "It is a great day in their history, and the sight of a stranger whom they see they can trust is a rare thing. We have had far too many here of a different sort."

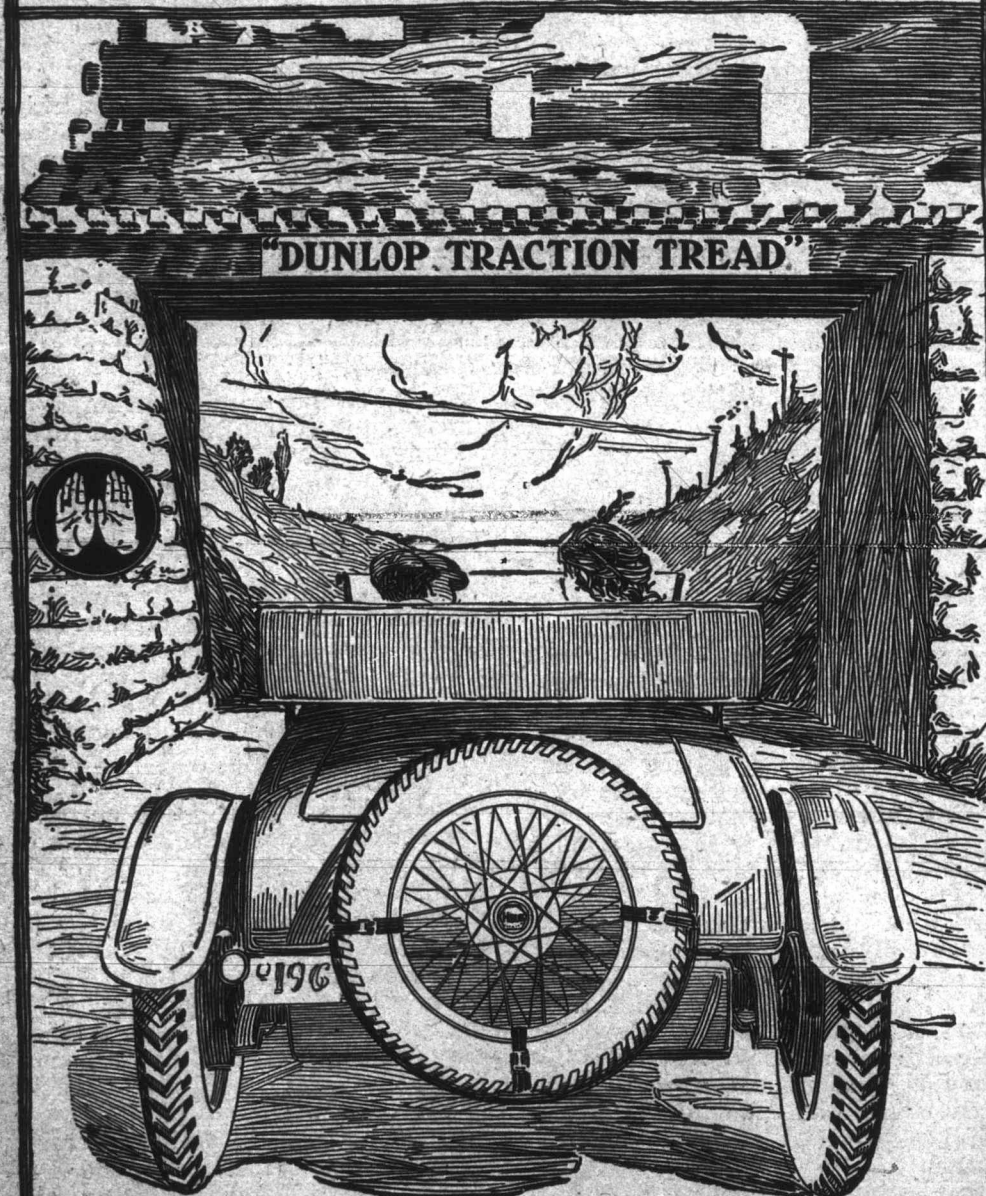
An old man of seventy told me he had never seen such a demonstration in his life as that which greeted the Big Commission in Warsaw at the middle of February. The fact that the train arrived at eleven o'clock at night made no difference. What I had said to people in Paris and London, that Poland was holding out hands of welcome to the Entente and to America, was only childish prattle. I have seen the thing now with my own eyes. A nation is being born again, one of the oldest and proudest in Europe; and he who seeks honour let him be at the birth, and lay hold as he may know how to help. The infant will find its feet and its hands and its other God-given organs without any delay if those who ought to assist do so. First feed and clothe it! Then let it be educated under the wisest direction Pedagogy can find. Rather let it educate itself! We shall see that it knows how.

And now this chapter must end—with a word of criticism. There are beggars everywhere. Of course it's no wonder. But I have a suspicion that Poland, even before the war, suffered from that plague of all Catholic lands—mendicancy. It grows by what it feeds on—indiscriminate alms-giving. Now I know why Cieszkowski devoted pages to this matter, showing how futile such methods are to meet the need. Pauperism is increased, not removed, by them. Human nature takes the line of the least resistance. It is easier to give pennies, than to get to work to solve the poor-question.

Those who had money in Poland formed the habit three years ago of giving doles to the unemployed, to keep them from having to report themselves for work in the ammunition factories in Germany; and by slow degrees these have become unemployable. For the rest they have neither raw material nor machinery for their factories even to-day! This is the greatest opportunity for the Allies at this moment.

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