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I should like to have a little more time to think over the many impressions gathered in the course of my present trip to the Continent and the United Kingdom, before attempting to be too definite in any opinions I might express.

When I arrive in Ottawa on Thursday, it will be exactly five weeks from the day I left. In that time, I will have visited no less than five countries: United States, France, Belgium, Holland and the United Kingdom -- in all of which I have had the privilege of meeting with many of those who are best informed on public affairs; but the views of all of whom were necessarily expressed with considerable caution and reserve.

As I travelled by ship, both to and from the United Kingdom, the actual time possible for studying conditions was reduced almost to a period of three weeks. However, the exceptional nature of the opportunities afforded to meet with leading personages in the several countries was such as to make possible the gaining of more