

DEUTSCHE INTERNATIONALE HARVESTER COMPANY

MIT BESCHRÄNKTER HAFTUNG

BERLIN O. 98, RUDOLFSTRASSE 5, 6, 7.

den 13. Sept. 1914.

Mr. Jno. Dierking,

St. CLAIR, Mo.

Dear Friend!

We received your letter of the 18th. ultimo. this morning and were surely glad to hear from you and to find out that you are getting along nicely. Too bad that you are not here now to see how Berlin and Wien look during a time like this.

John, you are quite a student of Germany and Austria, but let me tell you that you are missing the school of your life by not being here now. I do not believe that this world has ever seen organizations at work, and working together as we see them in these days, the German war department and the German R.R. System. Such a clockwork can only be organized in Germany. How I wish that you could have been here to see the soldiers come and go, The horses come and go, The Autos come and go. No yelling and hurrahing, every man, every horse, every Auto knew on what date to report and at what place, yēs even thru what streets they were to come. If it had not been something new, and if the fact had not existed—that they are preparing for war—we at the Warschauer-Brücke would not have noticed what was going on, or that anything of special importance was being done, never-the-less it is a fact, that nearly one-and-a-half million soldiers passed over the Berlin R.R. tracks in less than five days absolutely ready to go into the land of a strong enemy. With these soldiers there was what they needed to in a war like this one. From Berlin alone the war-Department took more than twentyfive-thousand Autos—this will give you an idea how it was possible to take Lüttich so soon and why it was possible that on the morning after Lüttich these same soldiers were before Namur.

You will no doubt know all about the plan of the movements of the armies by this time. The american papers will have come to their senses, and will be glad to finally report the truth. The heads of the great american papers are supposed to be bright, well educated, and well balanced average men, how they were fooled, how the english made asses of them. Is it still possible that the american people will pay money for papers that are hired by another nation to report them nothing but lies. The U.S.A. woke-up in a hurry when they heard that dear Old-England was figuring on the Japs to help her fight her war. How sympathies change, and how soon was it possible for the big papers to get the truth for the american people, when the american people begun to show their dissatisfaction toward the service they were getting. Pfui Deibel! John give them hell. Tell Mr Wilson to continue to keep a stiff upper lip. He has a great reputation here. We trust in him, we believe him a great diplomat, and hope that he will put the U.S.A. to the absolute front in this war.

- II -

The war got us just a bit. The month of August showed very few sales. We are ahead of last year. Monnies are coming in nicely. We will get in more money this month than we got in in the same month last year.

German is only being hurt in a small part of the Mannheim territory and in Ostpreussen. East Prussia is hit hard. It was the German plan to let the Russians come into the East. The East-Prussian Seas were a great help to General Lindenburg in catching the 9000 unwounded Russians.

Powers from the Königsberg office moved his books to Berlin. He will stay here for some time. Sam is very much down in the mouth.

Our Berlin office has only four men in the field. Laue, Meyer, Jürgens, and Monteur Rassa. The first three are driving Autos. Rassa is at the head of a horseshoeing brigade. Mr. Pleiss and possibly Mr. Baltzer will have to go yet. Mr. Pleiss may have to go within the next ten days. He belongs to the first year "Landsturm" and is Unterofficier. The other German and Austrian Offices were hit much harder than the Berlin office. John Eigen of Hamburg is gone and Dally is in the States.

As far as safety is concerned we are living just as free today as any time before the war. Berlin looks the same by day-time. The "Nachtleben" has naturally changed some. Theaters, Caberetts, dancing-halls, and Damenbedienung jeder Art are closed. Restaurants and Cafés are open all night, and crowded with anxiously waiting people. Till date the German armies have been doing great work. Reports of victories have been coming in regularly. The only disheartening reports that strike Germany of late are the ones that the U.S.A. is blaming this country for this war, and that the U.S.A. is rather in sympathy with England and France.

I will have to close for this time. Everyone in the office who knows you sends his best regards. All were glad to hear that you are getting along nicely. Kindly remember us to Mrs. Dierking. Mrs. Hertz joins me in "Grüssing" you.

Your friend

Jasie

L. J. Hertz

Lanshuter Str 13

Ber., Ger.