**Brussels, August 8, 1914.** --- To-day our new organisation is working like clockwork. In Cruger's formerly calm chancery there are five typewriters pounding away, and at the committee rooms there are swarms of people working to take care of odds and ends. Monsieur de Leval has a table at one side of my room, and the committee relieves us of the people who want information and those who want to talk.



Maître Gaston de Leval, legal adviser to the American Legation in Brussels

In GIBSON, Hugh (Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels, 1914); *A journal from our Legation in Belgium*; New York; Doubleday, Page & Company Garden City; 1917:

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## Footnote.

It would be also interesting compare with what **Paul MAX** (cousin of the bourgmestre **Adolphe MAX**) told about the same day in his **Journal de** guerre (Notes d'un Bruxellois pendant l'Occupation 1914-1918):

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