

December 25, 1916.—Christmas. We had a pleasant time at the Allards' last night; they are always charming, and make an effort to be cheerful which is a kindly, brave, courageous thing to do, especially with me who I fear never make a very great effort in that direction....

Reading the newspapers, such as they are, this morning, one sees little chance of peace. The comments of the English press, as given, show an utter failure to realize the situation of the world

today or of the responsibility of governments. Of course, the press of England, now under the control of the English military caste, does not express the intelligence of England at all. The French papers are naturally much more polite than the English. Switzerland very handsomely sustains the President.

The saddest thing is that there seems not to be anywhere in Europe, in a place of responsibility, a man who can appreciate or understand the President's motives.