

*December 29, 1916.*—Meeting at my Legation—Janssen, Lambert, Gregory, Van Vollenhoven, Rolland—for Janssen must discuss the German circular put out by mistake at St. Nicholas and two other communes near Liège the other day. I explained that it was all a mistake, that the Germans had blundered, that its existence was but a proof of German thoroughness, and that we should be happy to know what they would do in case the revictualing ceases. In short, the meeting and discussion were wholly useless, like most meetings and discussions.