

RUTLAND COURTS
17th & Riggs Sts.
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. A. A. Boyden,
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New York, N. Y.

My dear Bert:-

Do quiet Rosie's mind about this matter. I have heard the same story in at least half a dozen different quarters. I am sure it is the same story. Somebody tells it reporting it from Germany. Somebody takes it up and reports it from the invaded parts of Belgium or France. Somebody else places it in regions from which the Germans have retired. Of course it may all be true, but I do not believe there is a particle of evidence in it.

I dined at the Hoover's the other night and was much interested in what they had to say about the Belgium atrocities. They think Lord Bryce's report very false in the general impression it gives. Hoover says that there are towns mentioned in it which do not exist; that is, Bryce was deceived by the stories that were told him. I asked him if it were true that the Germans cut off the hands of Belgium children and that such children were seen. He said it was not true - moreover, that a hand cut off meant a dead child. Doctors at the table confirmed this. However, to comfort Rosie tell her that Hoover said it is entirely unnecessary to invent tales of this kind, that the German record and attitude of mind is quite as barbaric as the most ardent hater of the race could wish.

I am going to New Hampshire Saturday night. I have to be in Concord on Monday for an all-day meeting of the New Hampshire Division of the Women's Committee. I am to stay with Mrs. Wm. H. Schofield at Peterboro, N.H. I shall probably arrive in New York Monday night. Save Tuesday if possible to lunch with me. I shall have to come back here Tuesday afternoon.

J. S. P. is quite right - I am trying to take care of myself.

Sincerely yours,

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