

Nanking,
Mar. 15.

Dearest:-

Disappointed again. No mail whatever on the "Scarab".

Letter to Timperley will give you some information, too.

I've been watching for occasion and conditions permitting a visit to Shanghai, something that would overbalance calls here by needs for conference there. Other matters also lean that way. What the Japs will say is not clear or dependable.

Here is your picture list if you desire.

When you have a chance, will you take a look in the French bookstore (Route Vallon, nearest to Bund, I think) for anything good on Belgium during the War? I want information on the atrocities, as authoritative as possible. Pirenne, Histoire de la Belgique (probably last volume only, I'm not sure of dates) and a collaborative work by de Rency and others on La Belgique et la guerre, are standard; but I have no check on recent possibilities. Get quotation on anything that looks good, or buy it if not too high.

Also, does St. John's or any other place have Cambridge Medieval History or anything else good for Attila's atrocities. I may call a general article "Attila is Mechanized", and I want some historical background! If you see some good sentences, copy them.

My impression from two or three books here is that the Germans in Belgium killed fewer civilians than the Japanese did in Nanking in one night. But there is no complete statement in anything that I have found in slight time for searching.

Please assure Rees that the check for cables, and so on, sent by me Dec. 24, was probably not lost in his office but was handled by Boynton or some one else. Maybe you can clear it on bank records: 701377 Shanghai Bank (Shanghai) Dec. 24 for \$15. He was worried at not finding it in the opened letter on his desk when he returned from Hankow. Also tell him that his mimeographed and typed materials, including his own accounts, were invaluable to us here. Do likewise, and often! Probably one or more of us will visit Shanghai in the not distant future, and will try to arrange more help on information services. Does he have information or ideas about Japan - to visit say in May or later, and so on?

I must go now to a conference with investigators of damaged buildings.

Treasurer's stuff and Chinese report for Elsie. Please tell her that Gee's forms are strange, but he does have full evidence of all transactions, and I don't see any use in trying to rearrange unless she specifies a classification.

With much love for
you and Bobby,
Pearle

Look up young McJadgen, who just returned from Embassy. Lives near you. Has some of my books (3) (to cent boy)