

my dear sister,

I have this afternoon received a further cable from Jerry, dated Lugansk 23d (to-days date) handed in there at 12. 5.p.m. received at Tzaneen at 3.5 p.m. i.e. it came through in 3 hours, apparantly from Lugansk, via Johannesburg. It is reading:

" FURTHER VIZA EXTENSION GRANTED AWAITING NEWS TRANSFER
NORTH. " Jerry.

Now you will see that the last word is MUTILATED. It wither means " NORTH" or " NOTE". I am inclinnd to think it is NORTH, for then it fits in geographically, for Nijni-Novgorod is very much "North" from Lugansk. I had this cable repeated as far as far as Capetown, but the "mutilation" could not be traced to enlighten anyone further. To waste money on it further, is not worth it.

I did not wire to you the contents of this cable, as in any case it is not of importance, and no new arrangement in his plans have been altered, from what you know.

I take that the reason why he cabled, are following:

- (1) Either there was some alteration in his arrangements since he cabled ~~from~~ last, as going to Nijni-Novgorod, and which will appear in his letters since written. These letters will throw light on any other arrangements contemplated after that sending the first cable. This last cable advises that he is definitely going North.
- (2)

Or, he cabled again, that his Visa was now officially granted extension, and in case of our non receipt of the first cable repeats it again, and at the same time states that he ^{is} still at Lugansk, AWAITING NEWS OF HIS TRANSFER NORTH. ✓

In other words he is still "loafing" at Lugansk, for as we have known the Russian Beaucroacy in the past, they are not too efficient by a long stretch of imagination, and he may be waiting for his transfer and the arrangements connected therewith for a good many weeks to come yet. Added to that, there maybe weeks and weeks connected with his travelling and the waiting there before he gets fixed up at his new job at Nijni. So taking it all in consideration, months will elapse before Jerry will be doing a stroke of work at his new destination, and letters of his inactivity and the misery connected therewith, may soon start arriving, after the excitement of sight seeing (if any) is over. On the other hand, a "REST" may be welcome, and as he has no more LOVE left for the "people," or "their cause" it may be welcome.

There is one passage in his letter, that is far from clear to me, it says:

" DO NOT ASK ME WHY I DO NOT LEAVE AT ONCE. I CANNOT ANSWER YOU THAT. "

This passage is " BAFFLING" me for I do not understand it. Especially as earlier in his letter, he states:

" I AM AFRAID I SHALL HAVE TO GO HOME. AND NOW I FEEL THAT EVEN WORK OUTSIDE MY PROFESSION BUT IN A "FREER" ATMOSPHERE, COULD BE ACCEPTABLE".

His long letter this ~~was~~ week, comprising 3 and half close type matter on foolscap contains very interesting reading. He is certainly quite clear about the issue, and there is no necessity to clear anything further up.

I enclose the original cable.

Kind regards.

