

Viviani's Glowing Words Thrill His Lawyer-Hosts

French Minister of Justice, Guest of New York Bar at Luncheon, Asks Aid for His Nation in Liberty's Fight

René Viviani, French Minister of Justice, lunched yesterday with the law-ners of New York. While Marshal Lyautey, true to his profession, was seeking out future generals at West Point, Viviani, true to his, was reviewing the distinguished members of the bar of the city, some 830 of them, all seated where he at the Biltmore.

And they paid tribute to him and he to them in that great, flag-embowered dining room. But these were but incidental preliminaries to the impassioned debates which all paid to France as represented in his person—all who could speak or cheer or weep, and that included every one.

No jury of laymen ever succumbed more completely to the eloquence of most advocates than did that big gathering of lawyers to the fire with which Charles E. Hughes and their guest of honor set forth the cause of France.

Won by Viviani's Magic

M. Viviani spoke in French, and with a rapidity which only the born Frenchman could follow, so that few of his hearers could understand the words he spoke. But such is the magic of the man, the wonderful expressiveness of his inflections, the grace and power of his lightning-like gestures, that no one could misunderstand the purport of his flow of language or fail to vibrate to it. That roomful of advocates listened to that wonderful breathless attention, and interrupted him constantly, simply appearing at times, and again leaping to their feet and cheering.

He talked first of the nobility of the profession to which they all belonged and of its place in democracy. Then he was reminded of the thousands of young lawyers in France who had taken up arms at the outbreak of the war, and of the moral of all the liberal professions who, in common with workmen and peasants, had answered the call. And he went on:

"Yes, it is an admirable example of national unity and sacred union which France has offered to the world. Not a man, whatever his rank, whether he wears the apron of the peasant, the robe of the lawyer, or a military uniform, has failed in his duty. And at the same hour, on the same day, all, bowing their heads to the level of the democratic army, the great army of citizens, all went together representing France before the enemy."

Inspired by the Past

But what am I saying? It is not true. I lessen their role; I lessen their mission. They did not represent France alone. They felt that they were bound to our national history by more than the soldiers of 1914. They defended the soldiers of the country invaded. That they did. But do you believe that discipline, that the apprehension of danger, do you believe that the orders given by the leaders to the soldiers suffice to engender such a heroism?

"That which caused the army to line up was that in reviewing the past it saw a past filled with glory; it was because it did not wish to be unworthy of the great ancestors who suffered and fought on French soil; in a word, this national army knew that it was defending the principles of justice and humanity to which you have rendered in just an homage."

"And that is what, in the towns I have passed through, however feeble my voice may be, in the midst of immense throngs gathered before me, that is what I have said. I have brought all the strength of my heart to it. You were right, my dear brother, my illustrious brother, illustrious judge of the Supreme Court, you were right. I say that we had finally found the means of appealing directly to the heart of America."

"And do you not think that I have noticed? Do you imagine that I do not feel that my words were heard by the souls of those who surrounded me? Do you imagine that an orator who, being in the profession, could speak, could be carried away by that alone, by his individual thought, if he did not feel the great hearts vibrating around him? Yes, it is because I have felt in you a heart similar to my own, because my impression corresponded to yours, because my emotion has risen to the height of yours, because yours has risen to the height of mine, that we have understood one another, and that in spite of the difference in language, which is the habit of the soul, we have perceived one soul, the same, the same in France as in America."

The applause here became a tempest. M. Viviani paused and then continued:

"To Penetrate Your Hearts"

"Your attitude to-day, like the attitude which I have already spoken of, has been outlined by Mr. Hughes. He said, and I repeat it: 'It is not an abstract salute which the French mission has brought to America.' We, we are not here merely to exchange expressions of international friendship; we have not come merely for the purpose of shaking hands with you; we have set come here to salute you, nor to be intoxicated by the clamorous acclamations which greet us in your streets. We have come here to penetrate your souls, to penetrate your hearts."

"Yes, this I say: We have come, however unworthy we may be of our mission, to show you the great soul of wounded France, of suffering France, of eternal France. All the orators who preceded me upon this platform have accorded me too much praise to permit me, with modesty, to surpass the light of this eulogy. You have shown the French isolated at the beginning of the war, sleeping in muddy and bloody trenches, fighting night and day, constantly, not only for themselves, but for humanity. You have considered the French army as theanguard of all the armies of free men. Yes, indeed, that is true. For the last three years we have been fighting for liberty; we are fighting to the breeze under the fire of cannon the banner of universal democracy."

"May freemen now rise and come to our sides! For the honor of humanity let us not be alone in this fight. Come to us, American brothers, whose hearts have been attached to ours since Lafayette, with his French soldiers, handed upon your soil and loaned his arms to American independence!"

"For the Whole World"

"It is not for France; it is not for you; it is not for England; it is not for Russia. No, it is not for the nations; it is for the whole world; it is for all humanity."

Again the response came in a frenetic outburst. The speaker looked his pleasure. He went on:

"And Mr. Hughes has just said that he could not imagine a country where international law would no longer exist. In fact, it would be a country similar to a desert, in which there would be neither laws nor judges, and where he

who entered might at any step be assassinated. And I say to you, what good will your and my pacifist studies be? What good will it be to open the files of our clients? What good will it be to invent codes for the determination of individual conflicts? What good will be to plead individual causes before judges if the great cause of humanity is not gained by our arms, by our soldiers?"

"Then let us close our brief cases. Turn from the study of the law so long as human right has not obtained the satisfaction to which it is entitled. And since in the history of the world no progress can be initiated unless it is born in pain; since human and eternal right can only stand after immense bloodbaths have been slain around it, let us send our pious homage to those who have fallen for the holy cause and create in ourselves a heart of iron, a heart inaccessible to fear and sorrow; let us continue our road to the end, to the end of the war, to the victory of justice and democracy."

Hughes Stirs Audience To Tears with Speech; Viviani Deeply Moved

The sheer magnetism of the Frenchman seemed the more pronounced in competition with the remarkably eloquent address of Mr. Hughes. The former justice, in that big, rasping voice of his, and with that power of expression to which he has given free rein since the declaration of war, brought his great audience to its feet, cheering through its tears, time and time again.

And M. Viviani himself, with M. Dejean, counsellor of the French Embassy, by proposing a toast to the President of the United States and the President of the French Republic. When this had been drunk he launched into his address of welcome, referring to the guest of honor as "the official head of the French bar, Minister of Justice of the French Republic, a successful advocate and the most eloquent orator in a nation celebrated for its oratory."

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Toast to Belgium

Mr. Wickersham also interpolated here a toast to Belgium in words which elicited much applause. He said:

"Before introducing the next speaker I think you would not forgive me if I did not propose one toast. We have with us here a representative of that heroic little nation that interposed itself between the tremendous brute force of Germany and the unpreparedness of France. There are two figures of incomparable grandeur in the world to-day. There is the heroic figure of that young Sir Galahad, Albert, King of the Belgians, and there is the sublime figure of that great cleric, applying in himself the courage of Christianity against the forces of darkness, Cardinal Mercier."

"Gentlemen, raise your glasses and drink to Belgium."

They raised themselves, their glasses and their voices in one mighty tribute.

"Message of Warning"

"It is a message full of warning. Would you know what this war means? We have, indeed, entered into this war, but do we realize fully what it means? If you would know what it means, picture as best you can in your imagination wounded France; picture, if you can, the stains on that fair land and the blood that has there flowed, not simply for the sake of France, but for our sake, and if you would know how this fight is to be won still, contemplate France. Arise, Americans! arise to the faith, the courage, the devotion, the sublime spirit of sacrifice of France, and the victory is won."

"It will not be won otherwise. Let us not delude ourselves with false hopes. Let us count the cost and measure ourselves to this great enterprise upon which we have entered. The message of France is not the message of an abstract principle. Beautiful as are the principles of democracy, the message is not simply a tribute to those ideals. This is a message that comes from men, statesmen, soldiers, who in this time of test have been the incarnate exponents of the principle of liberty, showing what democracy can do, how democracy can defend itself; how democracy can express itself; how democracy can give itself just as efficiently, just as completely, just as victoriously as the legions of the greatest autocracy the world has ever seen."

"France has lost her men, thousands upon thousands. She has been bled white. We cannot begin to understand the sacrifices of that nation. We cannot begin to understand the depths of the affliction which she has suffered. But that spirit is unconquerable. And as long as the world lasts men who stand for the rights of the people will derive their inspiration from the fortitude, spirit and devotion of that great republic, our long time friend, our present ally."

"A great statesman of our country has said, the only greatness that counts is the arduous greatness of things done. That is the greatness of France. If we would achieve as American citizens, it will not be by calling the roll of our resources; it will not be by exposing our statistics; it will not be by pride in wealth and industrial development; it will be because, with all this extraordinary progress, we shall have still kept the faith of democracy in our hearts, and we will always be willing to give the last token of our fidelity to the principles of liberty by being willing to shed our blood that they may be preserved."

Wickersham Presides

George W. Wickersham, who presided, opened the after luncheon exercises by proposing a toast to the President of the United States and the President of the French Republic. When this had been drunk he launched into his address of welcome, referring to the guest of honor as "the official head of the French bar, Minister of Justice of the French Republic, a successful advocate and the most eloquent orator in a nation celebrated for its oratory."

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