

"Tiger" in Role of Listener on Seeing Harding

Pays Social Call at White House With Jusserand; To Have Heart-to-Heart Talk With Executive Tomorrow

Expects to Meet Wilson

Begs America to Stick By Unsigned Treaty and Keep U. S. Soldiers on Rhine

By Boyden Sparkes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Georges Clemenceau, whose political career began when Napoleon III put him in an imperial prison, extended his name to another generation of history today when he was introduced at the White House to President Harding.

This visit was purely a social call of courtesy during which the tangled affairs of Europe were discussed only in general terms and in the presence of the French Ambassador, Jules Jusserand. On Thursday, however, the President is to have a heart-to-heart talk with this old man, a talk that will embrace all the circumstances that have caused the French people to cease accusing him as a man who had deceived them.

The President will do most of the talking. Clemenceau has told his story, so that now he wants to listen. To-night he gave a hint of what he would like to hear when he makes his second call at the White House.

Would Encourage Germany "I hope America will say," the aged man explained to a group of newspaper men who called on him at the home of Henry White. "I hope you will say 'We did not sign the treaty, but we will stick to it in some sort of way.'"

He said more than that there is in the home of one of the American signers of the unexecuted Treaty of Versailles. He said that if the thousand American soldiers who are now on the Rhine should be withdrawn it would be an unfortunate encouragement to Germany, to that German aggression which America went into the war to halt.

Those few doughboys who remain on the Rhine mean much to France, to French security, if the mind of M. Clemenceau was rightly interpreted to-night.

"I don't ask," he said, "I didn't come to ask. I simply say before you some French and European questions that in their time were American questions. There is no doubt that they have ceased to be American questions."

Pressed to discuss his visit to the White House, his eyes began to twinkle. "I said, 'Good morning, Mr. President, how do you do?'" he said, "Thank you, I'm very well."

There could not have been much more than that. With M. Jusserand he drove up to the entrance of the executive offices just four minutes before 10 o'clock. He passed through a lane of camera men, the same of his existence, and was taken at once to the President. They were together about thirty-five minutes, and when M. Clemenceau emerged he started to walk out of the building without hat or overcoat until he was recalled to himself by a polite touch on his arm and a whisper from one of the Secret Service men.

Not Preaching to President "We spoke of general things," he explained later, "things which I don't think of general interest in the circumstances. I agreed with all that he said. The fact is that I did not express any views. I have not come to America to preach to the President. I am only a listener. I was received with the greatest courtesy. We spoke of general matters of Europe and America. Don't forget there was a third person there in Ambassador Jusserand. We all seemed to agree. Then after a moment's pause, 'I mean no irony of any kind.'"

The White House version of the visit was in complete accord with that of M. Clemenceau. There is no description of a social call, purely. The President never had met M. Clemenceau before.

A comment that probably will be interesting to M. Clemenceau, although it was not made in reference to his visit, came from the White House not long after he left. It was said there that the impression is gradually deepening that the foreign policies that have prevailed since this country was founded were pretty wise. It was also said that the United States could not take on its shoulders the burden of directing the rest of the world. Although this comment was made in connection with Near Eastern difficulties, there is little doubt but that it will prove interesting to Clemenceau.

The old man's visit to Woodrow Wilson has been arranged for to-morrow afternoon, and the degree of warmth of his reception is a matter of speculation in Washington to-night, for it is recalled that when Marshal Foch, accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, called at the Wilson home he was informed that the former President was too ill to receive any one. And then, the very next night, Mr. Wilson went to a vaudeville theater. Whatever they say, though, is certain to be confined to the field of reminiscence.

Visits Lincoln Memorial

Leaving the White House this morning, M. Jusserand drove his old countryman to the Lincoln Memorial. They mounted the steps of the beautiful temple slowly, with a keen regard for the short breath of him who used to be the best swordsman of France. They read, word by word, every inscription on the cold stone walls, and then emerging drove to the Washington Monument. They merely circled this without getting out of their car, and then went to the zoological park, where the Tiger displayed a visible interest in the grizzlies and Alaskan bears penned up there. Then they went back to the Crecent Place home of Henry White and M. Clemenceau had a brief nap to prepare himself for a luncheon, at which he met Secretary Hughes, Secretary Mellon, Secretary Weeks, Secretary Denby and a few others.

Secretary Mellon and M. Clemenceau talked together for more than half an hour after luncheon. Later the Tiger said:

"I surprised one of your public men greatly to-day when I told him that it was absurd for any one to say that we had exacted too much from Germany. I told him that France had received only 2,000,000 gold marks from Germany since the end of the war. Yet we are told we ruined Germany." He threw his short arms wide in a gesture of disgust.

Came to Stir Public Opinion "Well," he concluded, for the day, "as far as I am concerned, my mission is very nearly being accomplished. I came to stir up public opinion on certain matters. I don't quite know whether I have succeeded. I thought before coming that it would be a mistake if I asked for anything in too precise a manner. Remember, your soldiers are there on the Rhine. Your statesmen are at Lausanne. What I ask is simply to make use of the power you saw fit to restore."

The Tiger had tea at the French embassy, where he met only the members of the embassy staff, and called on Mrs. Tasker Bliss, wife of that other signer of the unexecuted Treaty of Versailles.

To-morrow his day begins with a

trip to Arlington, where he will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then he is to deliver a brief talk at the War College, after which he will board Secretary Denby's yacht Sylph and go to Mount Vernon, returning by motor for his call on ex-President Wilson.

Except for his luncheon engagement with President Harding on Thursday that day has been left open.

5 Barges Lost, Crew Saved In Gale on Oneida Lake

2 Boats Sink, Others Driven Ashore; 60,000 Bushels of Wheat Destroyed

UTICA, Dec. 5.—Caught in a furious fifty-mile gale, a fleet of five barges owned by the Inland Marine Corporation, of New York, carrying a cargo of 60,000 bushels of wheat from Buffalo to New York, was torn apart and practically destroyed on Oneida Lake late this afternoon. Two of the barges sunk in midlake. The others are stranded in the sand of Verona Beach, 500 feet from shore.

All five members of the crew were rescued, three in midlake by the crew of the steamer Martin H. Glynn, towing the fleet. Two others were aboard the stranded barges and were not rescued until five hours later.

To-day's loss is estimated at \$100,000. Less than a fortnight ago six barges were destroyed and two lives lost in a similar accident on Oneida Lake, with a loss of \$137,000.

Export Declarations at Customs Highest in 2 Years

Export declarations filed at the Customs House, covering individual shipments in foreign trade, amounted to 93,293 in November, the largest total recorded since 1920, the record year in export commerce. The total in October was 91,989. Declarations yesterday numbered 5,175, the greatest single day since December 20, 1920.

Officials said yesterday that the declarations are a fair indication of the volume of exports, and have been increasing steadily since the middle of September.

Rate War Looms as Gulf Shippers Dissent

To Disregard Price Compacts Unless N. A. Conference Ratifies Agreement

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 5.—Unless the North Atlantic Conference ratifies the tentative agreement reached at the joint meeting at Washington two weeks ago, to reduce the differential in the trans-Atlantic rate on cotton from 20 cents to 17 cents, the lines operating to Europe from the Gulf will disregard all existing rate compacts after that date.

This ultimatum, if unheeded, means the opening Friday of a great Gulf-North Atlantic rate war, beginning with the trans-Atlantic rate and extending, shipping men predicted, to all other trades in which the two groups of ports are engaged as rivals.

As their request for an extension of time until December 11 has been refused by the Gulf interests, the North Atlantic operators are meeting at New York to formulate an answer.

A rate condition that made it possible for shippers to send cotton from Galveston and New Orleans coastwise to New York for trans-shipment there for Europe at a cost of two cents a hundred pounds less than by direct steamer from the two Gulf ports is the cause of the impending break.

Bureau to Decide Tax On Marketing Earnings

Double Levy on Dividends of Co-operative Associations in Kansas Charged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Internal Revenue Bureau is expected to decide whether individual members of co-operative marketing associations must pay income taxes on dividends from such organizations. Such incomes heretofore had been exempt, but attempts to collect the taxes in Kansas have met with protest, and a request for final decision by the bureau was made to-day by John Tromble, president, and C. E. Brasted, secretary, of the Farmers' Union of Kansas.

While no official statement was forthcoming from the office of Commissioner Blair, there were indications that the exemption would be made a permanent part of the internal revenue regulations. The stand taken by union officials was that to require tax returns on such forms of income would mean double taxation, inasmuch as the co-operative association's income as a corporation is taxed.

Mr. Brasted said the decision would affect probably 500 co-operative associations in his state.

Mallory Line to Add Passenger Ship to Galveston-N. Y. Service

H. H. Raymond, president of the Clyde-Mallory Lines, said yesterday that the Mallory Line will probably add another passenger vessel shortly to its New York-Galveston service. Business justifies expansion, he said.

The company now operates the Henry R. Mallory and the San Jacinto on this route, and a number of strictly cargo vessels.

Army Orders

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Army orders issued to-day follow:

Industry Miller, Lt. Col. J. J., to Panama. Honorably discharged—Bartram, Lt. A. J. Dental Corps

Bodine, Capt. R. L., to Honolulu. Chambers, Col. W. H., to Honolulu. Miscellaneous

Dresser, Lt. C. W., C. A. resigned.

Diet of Westphalia Limits Liquor Sales

MUNSTER, Germany, Dec. 5.—The Provincial Diet at Westphalia has forbidden the sale of alcoholic drinks to persons under eighteen years of age or habitual drunkards. The presence of habitual drunkards, as well as children under fourteen years of age, in places where intoxicants are sold also is prohibited.

The Diet further has ordered that no alcoholic drinks may be sold in motion picture shows, and has reduced the hours for the sale of such beverages in licensed places.

Fire Record

A. M. 12:15—2644 W'way; unknown. Trifling 1:30—3709 W'way; Hilda Hat Shop. Trifling

1:33—211 West 29th st.; M. Rosen. Unknown 2:10—419 4th av.; Nish Dematopous. Unknown

2:15—72 East 113th st.; Frank Car. Unknown 2:38—171 Grand st.; Puchs & Krest. Unknown

2:45—248 Washington st.; Van Dyke & Lindsay. Trifling 10:00—112 West 12th st.; Leona. Unknown

P. M. 12:10—2461 3d av.; shanty; unknown. Unknown 12:20—204 East 113th st.; Eliza Haddy. Unknown

12:40—7 Manhattan st.; Max Katz. Unknown 2:55—1549 Lexington av.; Chas. Singerhoff. Unknown

3:15—104 Home st.; Brooks; collar. Unknown 6:00—1972 Park av.; auto; John Lase. Unknown

7:15—52 East 9th st.; A. Kossay. Unknown 7:40—Foot of 107th st. and East River; snow; D. R. C. Unknown

8:00—148 West 26th st.; Shaffit & Kress. Unknown 8:25—105 West 135th st.; unknown. Unknown

8:35—45 East 98th st.; Anna Haddy. Unknown 8:45—178 Wooster st.; Zullenberg & Sons. Unknown

8:55—164 East 98th st.; unknown. None 9:20—120 East 19th st.; John Chappin. Slight

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Friedell, Lt. Com. D. J., to Washington. Edridge, Lt. E. P., to U. S. S. Utah. Patriamb, Lt. O. R. Jr., to Pensacola.

Jones, Ensign H. P., to Pacific fleet. Thompson, Com. J. C., to San Francisco. Davis, Lt. O. W., to Aircraft Squadron's battle fleet.

Karrell, Lt. E. D., to Puget Sound. Mitchell, Lt. D. W., to U. S. S. Arctostook. Elliott, Lt. (j. g.) W., to Key West.

Gawes, Com. J. O., to Washington. McTigue, Lt. J. B., resigned. Derrington, Ch. Boon. W., to U. S. S. Kingfisher.

Melbourne, Boon. E. R., to 3d Naval District. Gallaire, Ch. Corp. J. F., to U. S. S. Arkansas.

Reduced Wool Items

IMPORTED ANGORA AND ENGLISH WOOL SWEATERS WERE \$2 NOW \$1.10

ENGLISH WOOL HOSE WERE \$1 AND \$1.50 NOW \$1.10

ANGORA MUFFLERS WERE \$1 NOW \$1.10

WOOL SPORT VESTS WERE \$10 NOW \$11

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