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FRENCH VISITORS WERE TOUCHED BY AMERICA'S WARMTH

Message of Farewell Given Out on Behalf of Joffre and Viviani—Regret Brevity of Stay

Washington, May 19.—A message of farewell to the American people on behalf of Marshal Joffre and ex-Premier Viviani was issued here by M. Hovelague, official spokesman for the mission, he having remained behind in the United States.

"The whole mission," said the statement issued by Mr. Hovelague, "was deeply gratified by the reception it met everywhere, and not only gratified but surprised at the universal enthusiasm shown. The trip was not only a most pleasant one, but excited an intense interest in all members of the party and increased their great regret in being utterly unable to extend their journey further. The welcome was everywhere most enthusiastic, yet varied according to the different places through which we passed, and we shall return with a feeling that in spite of the variety of local conditions which we encountered, the sentiment was everywhere unanimous, even if its manifestations were different. Among many regrets there is one that the mission particularly wishes to express, and that is, that in spite of its keen desire to do so, it was utterly unable to visit New Orleans, Richmond and a few of the Southern States. It had intended to do so, but urgent business recalled it to Washington, and it has had to devote the whole of its time to a discussion of the different problems presented to it. The mission hopes that all the towns which so kindly extended invitations to it will understand that only considerations of an imperious nature could have prevented it from visiting them. It is unfortunately unable to sacrifice its desires to the common cause, and trusts that the same sacrifice will be cheerfully accepted by all those who expected its visits and whom it has, to its great regret, disappointed.

Fervent Beyond Words

"The reception everywhere accorded to the mission in the mid-west was beyond words fervent, and touched us all deeply. It was clear, even to a superficial observer, that everywhere the citizens of the different towns it passed through were wholeheartedly in sympathy with the commission, and united in the common cause. It would be invidious to pick any special region or towns as having manifested its feelings in a more charming way than any other, for everywhere, from Washington to Chicago, from Kansas City and St. Louis to Springfield and Columbus, from Columbus to Indianapolis, from Philadelphia and New York to Boston and Baltimore, every kind of ingenious manifestation of good will was showered upon the mission. The mission trusts that the mission will take away of its hurried trip through too small a part of the United States will grow the recollection of all.

"France already knows what a magnificent welcome was accorded it everywhere, but we hope on our return to bring even more fully home to our fellow-countrymen a realization not only of the feeling that exists in America for France, but that this feeling is as earnest as it is widespread, and of a nature to inspire the utmost confidence as to the future action of the United States.

"One word more. Among the innumerable marks of generous sympathy, none went more directly to the hearts of every Frenchman on the mission than the manifestation of interest in our orphan children which we received in the form of substantial offerings, notably in Columbus and Boston. A cheque for \$12,000 was handed to Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani in the latter place, collected by the local committees and the school children of the town and neighboring states. As Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani said, nothing could more deeply stir the feelings of all France than this loving kindness to those innocent little victims of this war for the liberation of the world. All our hearts go out in gratitude to all those committees which are successfully pursuing this admirable work, and both M. Viviani and the Marshal wish to express once more their deep appreciation of these efforts."

FAMOUS STALLION'S BONES GIVEN TO AMERICAN MUSEUM

Carrying out the expressed wish of the late William Simpson, the bones of his \$20,000 stallion, McKinney, whose death was recently reported, will be mounted in trotting attitude to represent the skeleton at the American Museum of Natural History.

McKinney was a trotting horse worthy of this distinction. When Mr. Simpson bought him in 1904, and for several years afterward, he was the sire of more trotters in the 2:10 list than any other horse on record, though he has since given place to Peter the Great, 2:07 1/4, and to his own son, Zombo, 2:11, in this respect.

Foaled in Kentucky thirty years ago, McKinney achieved his distinction as a trotter and as a sire in California, where he was owned from colthood until 1902 by C. A. Durfee, of Los Angeles. Mr. Durfee bought him from his breeder, W. H. Wilson, of Cynthia, Ky., for \$15,000 and sold him to H. B. Gentry, of Bloomington, Ind., for \$25,000. Two years afterward Mr. Simpson bought him for \$50,000 from the Indiana breeder and sent him to Empire City Farms, at Cuba, N. Y.

McKinney was not so successful as a sire after coming east, though he got Belwin, 2:06 3/4; Nova McKinney, 2:07 1/4; Arizona McKinney, 2:08 3/4; and Trusty McKinney, 2:10, at Mr. Simpson's stud. His offspring have won about \$400,000 in purses and stakes, and seventeen have trotted in 2:10 or better, the fastest and best winner being Sweet Maria, 2:02, with earnings of \$85,000 to her credit. Through Zombo, 2:11, he is the grandsire of San Francisco, 2:07 3/4, one of the most successful young sires of today.

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LOST PROVINCES PROPOSED AS BRIBES TO GERMAN STATES

The Hague, May 21.—The sensational revelations of Die Post regarding the German intention to split Alsace-Lorraine between Bavaria and Prussia, has been practically suppressed by the German censors in other papers. The Lokal Anzeiger, however, adds that confidential communications had been made to Alsace-Lorraine parliamentary deputies at Strassburg, whilst the Vossische says the demands of the great Centrist party, whose chief stronghold is Bavaria. The revelations explain the importance attached at the time to the speech of King Ludwig, of Bavaria, to Bavarian troops quartered at Strassburg on May 7. The king said he was especially glad to meet his troops in "this ancient German city, reconquered by us 46 years ago. Our enemies want to wrest it, and this fair country again from us, but they shall not do so."

Probably this huge bribe to Bavaria also explains the journey of the Bavarian premier, Count Hertling, to Vienna in April and the persistence of the Centrist leader, Erzberger, until he and his friends had pushed through a deal with the Prussians. With Bavaria's promise to back him in his pocket, Chancellor Bethmann yesterday was able to show a bold front to his opponents, Conservatives and Socialists, in the Reichstag. There will be furious jealousy in other German states, which have not been bribed.

Already Saxony is kicking, and one of her parliamentarians says in the Vossische Zeitung that whilst other states have been on the grab, Saxony has been among the first few who has steadily sacrificed themselves for the great cause, only to find themselves shoulderless in the cold when it came to a distribution of food and political influence. This deputy says: "For reasons which cannot be discussed now, the monarchist idea has gravely lost ground amongst the masses of the little town. It is a German city, reconquered by us 46 years ago. Our enemies want to wrest it, and this fair country again from us, but they shall not do so."

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Without the aid afforded by the savings of our people," said Sir Thomas White in his budget speech, "the expenditures which have been made in Canada by both governments for supplies and munitions could not have been made, so that those who have saved have benefited not only themselves but the entire community. While our national saving during the war has been gratifyingly large, it is not so great as it should have been, and today no better advice can be offered to the public than to exercise the strictest thrift and economy. Every additional day the war lasts makes this individual and national duty the more imperative."

It is to be regretted that it is still necessary to reiterate such advice. The glory won by Canada at the battle front, has been won by supreme sacrifice to duty voluntarily made. On those for whose well-being so much has been given, there devolves the duty of discharging with unnecessary pleasures and luxuries, and of rendering effective service by producing and saving. In view of the casualty lists published at the close of the month, and the urgent appeals of the leaders of the empire, devotion to these duties is the least that can be expected of those who have remained safely at home.

The London Evening Times gives the following account: "Once upon a time Peronne was so fortified. For 900 years or so it boasted itself Peronne in France, a maiden city, which had never surrendered or been conquered. Most of us made our first acquaintance with Peronne in the pages of "Quentin Dardard." Readers of that romance will remember the little town "situated upon a deep river in a flat country," the "ancient walls and deep green meadows," to which Quentin came with his lady Isabel, to find Louis XI in the grip of Charles the Bold. In the castle King John of France slept before the battle of Poliers, and 400 years earlier another king of France, Charles the Simple, was starved to death there.

two wrecks lying 400 yards from each other. One of the two had put a bullet into Ball's engine. As no more enemies were in sight, he came home. Next day Ball again went out and met a party of four Germans. Promptly diving into the centre of their formation he sent them scattering. He picked one, checked it, and sent it crashing down. He then looked for others, but they were not fighting that day, and were for home as fast as they could.

Just Like New
"Why," asks a "Woman Worker" in the Yorkshire Post, "do not the leaders of fashion in every town issue a decree that for the next three years all dresses are to be made with a 'panel' of the same or different color in front of the skirt? Then two old skirts (by using the best parts) could be made into a wearable one again. As every woman knows, it is the front width that always gets shabby and wears out first. For half-mourning, grey panel with black side pieces, double-stitched and rounded from the front with half a dozen covered buttons on each side, would look quite smart, and save the expense of a new skirt for a time. The bodice could have a waistcoat to match."

A remarkable paper covers the walls of Messrs. Conk's Bank in the Strand, London. The Daily Chronicle tells us it was taken from the hall of the boardroom in the old building at the time the bank crossed over from the south to the north side of the Strand twelve years ago. Then it was at least a century old. Lord Macartney, the fifth British envoy to China, sent it from the Far East to his friend, Thomas Conk. Its history prior to 1800 is unknown.

