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SIR MORTIMER DURAND IS ENDING BRILLIANT CAREER

British Ambassador About to Retire to Private Life --- His
Brilliant Work in the Diplomatic Service --- Addressing
Chamber of Commerce in New York He Says "All is
Well" Between Britain and the U. S.

New York, Nov. 22.—Interesting addresses by the ambassadors to the United States of two world powers, marked the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. Those utterances were in response to toasts by Baron Spock Von Sternburg and Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, respectively of the German and the British governments. Baron Von Sternburg spoke on "The Commercial relations between the German Empire and the United States could be improved."

People of the British ambassador's remarks, "Diplomacy and Commerce," was anticipated with interest because of his intention soon to leave Washington and to retire from public life.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, in his speech, said in part: "It has long been recognized in England that commerce is the life-blood of the nation, and other nations have looked upon it rather too thoroughly perhaps, for our taste, to the consciousness of its importance. The diplomatic service has sought the spirit of the age and for many years past the embassies and legations have been devoting their attention much more than they used to the interests of trade. Commercial attachés have been found for this special purpose, and every year sees more attention paid to the subject."

Mr. Durand then said: "As you know I am about to retire from the diplomatic service. For some reason I greatly regret doing so, and especially do I regret leaving America where I have many good friends. From the day I entered the service it was my express wish to become ambassador to Washington. I regarded this embassy as the most desirable post in the service. I had inherited from my father a warm feeling towards Americans and I can say in truth that after three years spent here, I am leaving the country with that feeling not only unimpaired but greatly increased. You have made me thoroughly at home here, and I shall always think of America as the most kindly and warm-hearted people."

"I feel also that the old era of misunderstanding and prejudice is passing away and that it is right to recognize the fact and rejoice in it. Do not mistake my meaning. Do not suppose that I wish to claim a particle of credit for it. I am merely stating what I believe to be a fact, due to causes wholly independent of me. But in leaving America with regret—a regret amounting to sorrow—I do leave it with one great satisfaction, the assurance that between our kindred nations all is well."

qualities that can be selected for the office."

WHY HE RETIRES.

He goes on to declare that Sir Mortimer Durand has admirably filled this difficult position. The writer does not discuss the reason for the retirement, evidently finding sufficient cause for the step in the two score years that Sir Mortimer has spent in diplomatic service. It is reported, nevertheless that the ambassador at Washington was not in accord with the British foreign office in the matter of the Newfoundland modus vivendi, and that his resignation marks his disapproval of the policy of his chiefs. If this rumor is without foundation it might be denied from London. If not, it is certain that the truth of the story will not be formally set forth for many years, the time that must elapse before confidential government documents relating to international matters may be used for purposes of publication. By this rule the British government ensures that any wounds caused by a controversy will have healed before the matter is once more forced on the attention of those whom it concerned.

A TRIUMPH AT CABUL.

Sir Mortimer Durand has been at Washington for three years. He has succeeded Sir Michael Herbert, who had shortly before followed the venerable Parnell. Durand was the choice of Lord Dufferin, who, as Viceroy of India, had come in close contact with him, and had, indeed, publicly testified to his regard for the delicate Cabul mission. He had been so satisfactorily negotiated. The viceroy's tribute chiefly concerned those diplomatic qualities that the young man displayed, but a stronger recommendation to the general public was his courage under fire, which amounted to heroism, and earned for him the distinction of mention in despatches, an incident almost without precedent among ambassadors. A successful career in India as foreign secretary preceded his promotion to Tehran as British representative.

THE BEST MAN IN PERSIA.

It was in his dealings with the wily Shah and in checking the hostile influence of Russia that Sir Mortimer Durand made his real diplomatic reputation. That he was the best British diplomat who ever served in Persia is an opinion quite generally held, and to him is given credit for Britain's paramount influence in the Shah's court during his regime. Certainly this prestige never was so high before or since the days of Durand. That the government would have kept him permanently at Tehran had such a policy been fair to Durand is undoubted. He had well earned promotion, however, and it came in a transfer to Madrid, where he was ambassador of the first rank, both officially and as a matter of accomplishment.

GOOD WORK AT WASHINGTON.

He was, indeed, the first full-fledged ambassador from England to be appointed to Washington, his predecessors in office having been raised to the first rank upon appointment. During his incumbency there have been no great events to threaten the good feeling between the countries, and consequently there has been no call upon those high qualities with which Sir Mortimer Durand is endowed. When it is said

that he has so discharged his duties as to strengthen the cordial relations now existing, high praise is given—perhaps the highest that he would care to receive. His fine reputation makes the choice of a successor increasingly difficult, for a better man could hardly be chosen.

COULDN'T STAND FOR THE RED WINE

Mrs. Temple Now at War With
Baptist Publication Society
Over Verse on Cander.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.—Comparing the heart throbs of erudition by the picture of a dainty girl in a crimson gown to the feigning paces of red wine has caused a war between Mrs. John C. Temple, a fashionable writer of verse, and the Baptist Publication Society, for whom the former designed a handsome calendar. This calendar, with the picture of a girl in a crimson gown and an amatory poem beneath, was a work of art and passed muster till a bespectacled female clerk discovered in one of the calendar's lines: "Like ruby wine you've turned my heart, Dear girl in red."

With the discovery came a horror-stricken letter to Mrs. Temple, counselling the order for 100 copies, and a note that the Baptist Society could not sell anything that could be construed as a praise of wine of any color. The girl was all right, but the wine, lady, Mrs. Temple, indignantly over the breaking of the contract, is undecided whether she will sue for breach of contract.

More Facts and Figures About Circulation, Etc.

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HENRY O'BRIEN.

Before me:

JOHN A. SINCLAIR.

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The Telegraph did not intend to make any sworn statement of circulation until it had passed the 10,000 mark. Happily that time is rapidly approaching. It will be duly celebrated later on.

The Telegraph has never resorted to a cut rate in order to secure circulation, or advertising patronage, and its circulation statement above, and a glance at its advertising columns is a convincing argument as to its real worth to the reading and advertising public.

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There was a very large attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close by serving refreshments. The lodge expects to have a new hall soon.