

TREATY OF GHENT BEGAN HUNDRED YEARS' PEACE

Was Signed, a Century Ago, Between United States and Great Britain

DIPLOMAT TELLS OF ITS FORMATION

Characteristics of the Leading International Statesmen of the Time

One hundred years ago on Christmas Eve the envoys from Great Britain and the United States affixed their signatures to the memorable Treaty of Ghent, ending the hostilities between the warring nations and ushering in an era of peace, which, although at times endangered, has remained unbroken for a century. Of the eight members of the Peace Commission, who gathered in the refectory of the monastery in the venerable City of Ghent on the afternoon of December 24th, 1814, to sign, amid great rejoicing, the document to terminate a useless and unwarranted war between neighboring nations, the outstanding figure among the diplomats of the two powers was undoubtedly Albert Gallatin, a commissioner of the United States, whose genius and tact alone was responsible for the ultimate success of the peace negotiations.

After a lapse of a century, and

when once more the makers of the Peace of Ghent are being brought into prominence anew by the centennial anniversary demonstrations Count Gallatin, a great-grandson of the famous American commissioner, has published, under the title of "A Great Peacemaker: The Diary of James Gallatin, Secretary to Albert Gallatin, 1813-1827" (Heinemann), a work which covers in detail the period when the latter was prominent in the diplomatic service of the United States.

James Gallatin, as confidential secretary to the foremost and most influential of American diplomats in the early 18th century, occupied a unique position. His father, the head of an old and prominent family of the Swiss nobility, was closely related to many of the most aristocratic families in Europe. At the age of 19 he immigrated to America, and in the country of his adoption rose to the position of Secretary of the Treasury. Subsequently he was Ambassador at both Paris and London and in each case his son, James, was his First Secretary at the Embassy and his confidential secretary.

Rose Rapidly. With the doors of society open to him through his aristocratic birth, James Gallatin speedily became one of the best known young blades in Court circles at both London and Paris, and his numerous gallantries made him a noted figure among the nobles of his day. With a candor amazing to the reader, young Gallatin has set forth in his diary the after intrigue, in which he makes no attempt to spare himself or others. If he was a gay spark about town he was also a close observer of men and affairs, and nothing escaped his eagle eye. As a personal friend of

the Duc de Berri, he knew all the notables of his time, and in his diary King George and the Regent of England, King Louis and Napoleon, Prince de Conde, the Duke of Wellington and numerous other historical figures once more are recalled and play again their parts in both scandals and great affairs of State. In the diary Gallatin has overlooked neither the great or the small, and from kings to cooks he criticizes with the greatest impartiality, but never malignantly.

Diplomatic Difficulties. In chronicling the events which preceded the Treaty of Ghent, the work is especially valuable and establishes the fact that the signing of the peace compact was due alone to the efforts exerted by Albert Gallatin. The reader is given an insight into the many and great difficulties which he had to overcome before his efforts were crowned with success. At that time the diarist was only 17 years old, and his opinions were those expressed by his father. This is fortunate, as the diary gives an excellent expression of the views and opinions of the great diplomatist, and shows that Albert Gallatin had but a poor opinion of his colleagues from America. In fact, he looked upon them more as quarrelsome busybodies and was fearful lest their blunders should ruin his carefully laid plans. For the Duke of Wellington and Lord Castlereagh, however, he had the greatest respect and believed them to be the first diplomatists in Europe. The Iron Duke, he remarks, was not only a great leader of men, but was also a great leader of thought. In commenting on his father's opinion of John Quincy Adams, subsequently President of the United States, James Gallatin speaks in a different strain, and quotes his father as saying: "Mr Adams is really a thorn; he is so absolutely 'kankee' and of a common type. Why he is Minister here I cannot understand. He is totally unfitted for the post." In speaking of the attitude of the English commission to-

wards the American representatives, he remarks: "I can see contempt on the faces of the English delegates; they are so courteous and civil."

Fresh and Amusing. In reviewing the various events which at that time had a marked effect on the policies of the European nations, James Gallatin is singularly frank, fresh and amusing. He is delightfully witty and possesses a charming sense of humour. Although the largest portion of his diary is written in a jocular and sarcastic vein, he could also be intensely dramatic, and the account of the assassination of the Duc de Berri, who died in the diarist's arms in the Opera House in 1820, is depicted in a vivid and realistic style.

The work is undoubtedly worth reading well. The reader in search of a few moments' entertainment could not find anything more congenial in a literary way than wandering with Gallatin through Paris of old and laughing with him at the various affairs of the heart with distressed the "smart set" of that day, for, although the diarist could be unusually frank and sensational in his confessions, a fine sense of humor never permitted him to wander from the risk into the vulgar. To the student of history, however, the book will be even more interesting, giving as it does an accurate account of the life and times of the early 19th century. A number of letters bearing on the important political events are also reproduced, while an excellent introduction is contributed by Viscount Bryce.

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CHANGED TUNE OF DERNBURG

Six Years Before War Laud-ed Britain to Skies—Now Her Vilifier

Herr Dernburg, former German Secretary of State for the Colonies, is an important member of the corps now laboring to vindicate Germany to the American people. Six or seven weeks before the war began this present vilifier of everything British made a speech in London scarcely less laudatory of British expansion than his current utterances are of his own country "culture." (The speech was delivered at a luncheon given by the London Chamber of Commerce to the 120 members of the Berlin Society of Merchants and Manufacturers, then on a visit to Britain for the principal object of increasing their business connections there. Herr Dernburg spoke very flatteringly of British commercial methods and British colonial policy. He said that before the war of 1870 enterprising Germans in quest of some larger field of action usually found it in Britain. In his own family no fewer than four big houses in London and Lancashire had sprung up and prospered. When Germany had become strong enough to acquire overseas possessions of her own, it was, he said, again the British by their example, statesmanship and experience, gave Germany the best help. Whenever he was in difficulty as to the solution of any colonial problem he could always find it by studying British methods. He desired to record his most sincere thanks for the kindness and friendly interest he had received in these matters both from the central authorities in London and from statesmen in British possessions. He knew well, he said, how much blood and money it had cost the British nation to gather the experience that had always been most fully and gratuitously at his disposal. After this strong testimony from his own lips, how can Herr Dernburg expect now to be believed as a bearer of falsehood to Britain's use of empire?

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