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U.S. REPORTS RE MESOPOTAMIA MYSTIFY BRITISH

Government Preparing Answer to Americans Regarding Oil Concessions.

By WILLIAM G. BUTLER.
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Special to The Standard.
London, Dec. 9.—British Foreign Office officials are mystified by the unofficial reports from Washington quoting the State department to the effect that Great Britain has decided to sell all her interests in the oil-producing Mesopotamia.

ing between the two nations regarding the mandate over Mesopotamia involving oil concessions. It is pointed out, however, that the British Government possesses no oil stock except the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. There is no information among the oil experts in the Foreign Office of any intention to sell these holdings.

The British answer is now being prepared to the Cobly note, but it is not yet ready for time without answering definitely America's demands to share the Mesopotamian oil fields. The note will point out that it is now impossible to give a definite answer and will be so until the entire question of mandates which are now being thrust out between the Allies are settled. Meanwhile, it is pointed out that the British Government is unable to obtain a sufficient supply of labor.

LANCASHIRE COTTON MILLS HARD HIT

Eighty Thousand Workers Are Already Reported Out of Jobs There.

London, Dec. 9.—Lancashire cotton mill operatives are facing the prospect of a hard Christmas. Eighty thousand are already reported to be out of work and other mills are expected to close for a protracted period. Several other industries in the north of England are also feeling the effects of the depressed business conditions, but in reported that the building trades and iron foundries are unable to obtain a sufficient supply of labor.

TIGER HUNTS ARRANGED FOR CLEMENCEAU

Indian Rulers Organize Big Expedition in Jungle for France's Political "Tiger."

WILL NOT BE HOME BEFORE MARCH

Still Thinks America Too Strenuous for Him—Intends Writing About Man's Origin

By WYTHE WILLIAMS.
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Paris, Dec. 10.—Andre Tardieu, the closest personal and political friend of Georges Clemenceau, has today given me an account of the "Tiger's" trip to India.

The former high commissioner to the United States is the only person in France in constant cable communication with the ex-premier. Clemenceau's son has had only one letter from his father in which he discussed many subjects, but said not a word about his return. M. Tardieu said: "Clemenceau has just arrived in Calcutta. Until now he has passed his entire time in the Dutch Indies, Malaysia, Java and Singapore. In Singapore, on account of his excellent English, he was induced to make an address to the British colony, which he did mounted on a box in the principal street. But he kept off politics.

"He tells me he has devoted his entire time studying the vegetation of the East Indies, which he found highly interesting."

In Good Health.
"His doctor, who accompanies him, says Clemenceau, despite contrary rumors, is in good health, that he recently examined him carefully and found his heart, lungs and all vital organs as strong as in a man of thirty. He says he keeps the same regime he followed in Paris, namely forty-five minutes' exercise every morning, beginning at 7.30. He eats very sparingly except when living out of doors, at which time he eats much and that he never touches liquor. One reason Clemenceau is so well is that he was once a physician himself and therefore understands the human body.

"While in India he will be the guest of the Maharajahs of Bikaner, Gwalior and Kapurthala, each of whom has organized a tiger hunt on a magnificent scale. The Maharajah of Kapurthala, who left Paris a few weeks ago to organize his hunt, assured me that our 'tiger' would surely get some Indian tigers—and I am promised the first tiger skin. Most of the time in India will be passed in tiger hunting. The various hunt programs will not be over until the end of February so I do not expect Clemenceau to return to Paris before the third week of March. Then he may do some writing.

"The only thing he has written since his retirement is the preface for my own forthcoming volume of the Treaty of Versailles.

Likely to Write on Origin of Man.
"The book he intends to write will probably be historical and archaic, on the origin of mankind, a subject that always fascinated him, but to which he has never before been able to devote the time.

"I doubt whether he will ever again enter the political arena, despite the recent attacks upon him.

"I wanted him to accompany me to America next spring. He replied he would like nothing better, but that America would be the death of him, inasmuch as he would be forced to make ten speeches daily, which is something he cannot and will not do. He says he has definitely retired, and I believe he means it. He evidently considers some of the rest of us who were with him are able to say everything necessary on his behalf.

"As for the recent controversy I intend to show soon by documentary evidence how many times Clemenceau upbraided Poch, both at the moment Poch was elevated to the supreme command and, later, on the subject of occupation of the left bank of the Rhine. I will not indulge in politics, but will simply give uncontestable proof."

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