

JOFFRE DECORATES GEN. GRANT'S TOMB

French Hero Is Greatly Affected at Ceremony in New York City.

DRAMATIC DAY IS SPENT

Reception to Fellow-Countrymen and Viviani's Declaration That Lost Provinces Will Be Won Are Epochal Incidents.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Three dramatic events which will become historic in the annals of New York marked the activities of the French war mission here today.

In their chronological order they were: "The address of Rene Viviani, vice-president of the Council of Ministers and head of the mission, at a luncheon of the Merchants' Association, when he declared France never would cease fighting until Alsace and Lorraine were restored to her, and when he proclaimed that the Stars and Stripes never would attain their full significance until they floated from the trenches of Europe.

The placing by Marshal Joffre of a wreath upon the sarcophagus of General Grant.

The reception to the French residents of the city at the Public Library tonight, when Joffre, Viviani and their colleagues greeted their compatriots, including several hundred bluejackets from French warships.

Joffre's Eyes Tearful. The spectacle which appealed most to the popular imagination was that enacted at Grant's tomb. The memorable words of the man whose ashes have long reposed within, carved in the granite above the tomb a grateful Nation gave him, seemed once again to echo their solemn admonition: "Let us have peace!" That this thought, although possibly remote of achievement, was in the mind of the gallant French soldier whose fullness of heart had so endeared him to his own men that they revere him as a father, was evidenced by the tears that glistened in his kind eyes.

The thousands who had paused in their daily duties to honor the victor of the Marston and his comrades, apparently realized the significance of the moment. Where there had been a veritable canopy of small flags fluttering above them, now were bare heads. Where there had been a remarkable manifestation of a great city's joy in welcoming the living, now there was honor for the dead.

Tri-Color Entwines Wreath. Passing into the dimly-lighted rounds of the tomb, Marshal Joffre doffed his cap and advanced earnestly toward the stairway leading to the sarcophagus. He clambered over the stone balustrade, mounted a stepladder and, with one hand resting on the huge coffin of General Grant, placed there with his other hand the evergreen wreath, with the tri-color entwining it, then standing erect he saluted, while the hundred or more others who had been permitted to enter the tomb, looked on, heads uncovered, from the balcony above.

Then followed a review of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, in front of the tomb, after which the visitors were taken through Riverside Drive to the Joan of Arc statue, where a brief stop was made. All along the route, extending several miles, were great throngs of men and children, cheering the city's guests.

At the Joan of Arc statue, a delegation of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Marshal Joffre with a check for 25,000 francs to be used at his discretion for charitable purposes.

A wreath of white laurel was handed to Marshal Joffre and he placed it reverently at the base of the statue while the crowd stood silent.

Lost Provinces Are Goal. Representative business men greeted Marshal Joffre, Rene Viviani and others of the French commission with wild enthusiasm at a luncheon of the Merchants' Association this afternoon. They heard the ex-premier of France proclaim in a notable speech that France never would make peace until Alsace and Lorraine had been restored to her.

"It is not enough that the French flag shall float from the decorations of your streets," M. Viviani said. "It is not enough that the American flag shall float in Paris. I want to you the joy of the people of France when they cheered the American flag with their joy at the promise which it stood for. It is necessary that the American flag shall be carried to the firing line; shall float where German shells are falling; there in the trenches where French and English soldiers are now fighting together shoulder to shoulder to the extreme limit of human endurance.

Waving of War Toll Given. "I say to you that the American flag, which already flies alongside the French flag on the flying machines of the Lafayette Escadrille, will soon, we hope, be flying in the trenches where the British and French flags fly. And when your flag there, it will not be like the flag you see around you that hangs spotless in regular folds, but I warn you that alongside of the stars it will have holes, and among its red stripes the white will be stained

BRITISH WILL RELAY WORK Mission to Leave Today for New York for Joint Reception. WASHINGTON, May 10.—The British war mission, its conference here about concluded, will leave tomorrow for New York to join the French mission for the joint reception to be given them by America's financial capital.

The distinguished visitors are looking forward to the remainder of their stay in the United States largely as a period of relaxation. They will return to Washington Sunday night and later will take a short trip into the Middle West and Canada. Most of their work here is done, although there remain several questions on which the American officials desire information. It is expected now that some of the British officials will remain in this country after Foreign Secretary Balfour and other leaders have returned to England.

Final action on many questions involved in the war conferences is dependent on congressional action. Diplomatic and financial questions are understood to have been pretty well threshed out while naval subjects are mostly under negotiation in London. Military and trade problems predominate among those still to be finally determined.

The mission held a joint meeting with the Council of National Defense today, Mr. Balfour and J. H. Thomas, a British labor leader, explaining particularly the relationship between union labor and the government in England during the war. Mr. Balfour talked this afternoon to

FRENCH HERO ACCLAIMED IN NEW YORK.



MARSHAL JOSEPH JOFFRE. Copyright by Underwood.

with the blood of your children. "We will not make peace; we will never make peace until we have given back to us that which is ours—Alsace and Lorraine," was another sentence M. Viviani delivered with characteristic Gallic conviction. He reviewed the diplomatic efforts to avert war, asserting the "brutality of Germany forced us away from the sphere of discussion."

A thunderous ovation greeted Marshal Joffre when he got up to speak a few simple words. "You know that I am not accustomed to speaking in public," he said slowly, his fists doubled and raised to his chest, "and you will understand the emotion with which my heart is filled. I could not possibly find words worthy of being uttered after so magnificent a speech as the one to which you have just listened. I want to say to you, thank you, thank you, France."

While the uproar was going on M. Viviani stepped over to the hero of the Army, embracing him and kissing him on both cheeks. "What was perhaps the greatest ovation of the day was that accorded Marshal Joffre and M. Viviani, Lord Curzon, governor of the Bank of England, and the British Consul-General, Charles Clive Bayley, representative of Arthur James Balfour, British Foreign Secretary and head of the British high commission now in this country, when honorary degrees were conferred upon them at Columbia University, and later at Grant's tomb.

Members Visit Library. The visitors, escorted by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the university, were shown through the library of the university, after which the doors were held open. "President Butler, in an address, declared that since, in 1861, Columbia received Abraham Lincoln with its highest honors, 'it had known no such day as this.'"

M. Viviani made a brief address, thanking the officials of the university for the honors they had conferred upon him and his fellow commissioners.

Opera Audience Cheers Joffre. The public library was surrounded by a tremendous crowd while the reception was in progress. Inside were 3000 French men and women. The guests were introduced in groups. Marshal Joffre made one of his characteristic brief speeches.

The reception lasted until nearly 11 o'clock. Then Marshal Joffre accompanied Governor Whitman to the Metropolitan Opera House. M. Viviani, worn out by a day filled with action, returned to the Fisk mansion.

When the Marshal appeared in a box at the opera-house the audience cheered him for seven minutes while he stood at salute.

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Justice Brandeis, of the Supreme Court, who is interested in the movement to establish a "Zionist" colony in Palestine. Mr. Balfour also received Winston Churchill, the author, and went over the financial situation with Sir Hardman Lever, British financial expert.

GERMANS DRAFT BELGIANS War Department Representative Makes Admission in Reichstag.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 10.—A representative of the War Department has admitted in the Reichstag that a number of Belgian subjects resident in Cologne were drafted into the German army, in spite of their protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army.

The admission was made in answer to an interpellation by a Radical Socialist Deputy. The War Department official promised that the question of citizenship in these cases would be reviewed.

HANS HALLE IS INTERNED German Held to Be "Menace to Safety of Nation."

CHICAGO, May 10.—Hans Halle has been interned in obedience to an order from Washington. It was announced tonight. The charge is that he is "a menace to the safety of the Nation."

Halle was first arrested in New Orleans in December, 1914, on charges of plotting to blow up a French vessel by means of a clockwork bomb, but escaped on a technicality when tried.

SHIP CONTRACTS TO BE LET THIS MONTH

Revised Plans Will Be Ready for Northwest Builders Next Monday.

3500 TONS IS STANDARD

Vessels Will Be Constructed for Permanent Use and Each Will Require 1,700,000 Feet of Timber, Besides Steel.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 10.—By the last week in May the Federal Shipping Board expects to let contracts to Pacific Coast shipyards for the construction of standard 3500-ton wooden ships.

Revised plans and specifications will be ready for distribution Monday and completion of the approved plans which wish to compete on these contracts will be furnished plans by Captain John F. Blaine, at the Grand Trunk docks in Seattle.

All wood ship construction on the Pacific Coast will be directed by Captain A. L. Pillsbury at San Francisco, and working under him, Captain Blaine will act as the North Pacific Coast representative of the Shipping Board.

Permanent Use Contemplated. These plans show that the board is contemplating the construction of standard ships, complete in detail, and designed for permanent use, rather than makeshift vessels which were originally contemplated. It is estimated that each ship will require the use of 1,700,000 feet of timber.

The construction is unusually heavy, and to insure stability the vessels are to be "steel stripped." The Board announced today that it prefers to let contracts to yards which will turn out completed ships, but if forced to do so it will accept separate bids on hull and on machinery.

Because of delay in getting Diesel engines, the Board has prepared plans calling for 1400 horsepower steam engines, water-tube boilers and coal fuel is provided for. The ships will be single-screw two-deckers.

Large quantities of plans and specifications will be forwarded Monday to these two supervisors and all intending bidders on the North Coast are instructed to apply to Captain Blaine.

Bidding according to Captain Pillsbury, will be the same as on all other Government contracts, and no attempt will be made to fix a standard price.

The Board reserves the right to reject all bids that are regarded as excessive. This decision and the decision to contract with prospective shipyards is a reversal of a former decision of the Shipping Board.

The Shipping Board now has at its disposal ample money to cover all contracts that can be let on the Pacific Coast at this time.

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