

WHITE HOUSE PARTY DISTINGUISHED ONE

Hardings Entertain for Conference Delegates.

MORE THAN 80 PRESENT

Dinner First of Its Kind Given on This Occasion—Many Other Functions Promised.

BY BETTY BAXTER. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—President and Mrs. Harding gathered together this evening in the state dining room at the White House as notable a group as was ever collected in one place, when they entertained at dinner in compliment to the delegates to the conference on limitation of armaments.

The name of almost everyone around that festal board is familiar to practically everyone in the civilized world. I could not help thinking how the whole world would have been shaken to its very foundations if anything had happened to that one little dinner party. And so the conference has been, the conference which has been on every tongue, almost all over the earth and which the delegates for weeks has talked of and prepared for.

More than 80 guests were at the dinner this evening. Among them were the chief delegates and ambassadors, a notable company of American officials were invited, including Vice-President and Mrs. Harding, Chief Justice and Mrs. Taft, members of the cabinet and their wives, Speaker Gillette of the house and Mrs. Gillette, Senator Lodge, Senator and Mrs. Underwood, E. L. Root, Senator and Mrs. Hitchcock, General John J. Pershing, Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz, chief of naval operations, and Mrs. Coontz, Representative Porter and Mrs. Marshall Field, with whom the admirals of the British fleet, Earl Beatty, and Countess Beatty are staying while in Washington.

Reception Follows Dinner.

A string orchestra from the marine band played during the dinner and for the reception which followed. The White House conservators have been stripped for the floral decorations were most elaborate and beautiful, and the best silver and china were used. The secretary of the occasion. A select company indeed was asked for the reception, including members of the diplomatic corps and the advisory staff accompanying the different delegations, the assistant secretaries of state, justices of the supreme court, members of the foreign affairs committee of the senate and house, chairmen of the naval affairs committees and the aides of the various generals and admirals present at the dinner.

Other Functions Coming.

Tonight's dinner was the first entertainment of the kind which has been given for the delegates to the conference. They will probably give another function on November 17, the first state party for them was a luncheon which Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes gave today shortly after the conference opened. The state department's plans for the entertainment of the foreign visitors are about in definite shape now. The most interesting event, of course, from the viewpoint of the general public, will be the reception which Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes will give to the delegates at the Pan-American Union building. This will be in honor of all the foreign missions and officials and social Washington and probably many of the visitors in the city will be among the guests.

Week One of Parties.

There were parties of all sizes and descriptions this week and most of them were connected in some way with the conference, you see. Perhaps the most dined were Admiral and Countess Beatty. Their hosts, Mrs. Field, herself gave several dinners, and one tea party in their honor. The British ambassador and Lady Goddard entertained practically every day this week. They plan to take a very active part in society this winter and surely are getting a good start. The French ambassador, J. Jusserand, gave a luncheon for the chief members of France's delegation and M. Viviani was host at a luncheon for M. Jusserand.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ON ARMS

WASHINGTON, D., Nov. 12.—The text of President Harding's address at the opening of the conference on limitation of armaments follows: Mr. Secretary and members of the conference, ladies and gentlemen—It is a great and happy privilege to bid the delegates to this conference a cordial welcome to the capital of the United States of America. It is not only a satisfaction to greet you because we were lately participants in a common cause, in which shared sacrifices and sorrows and triumphs brought our nations more closely together, but it is gratifying to address you as the spokesmen for nations whose convictions and attending actions have so much to do with the weal or woe of all mankind. It is not possible to over-appraise the importance of such a conference. It is no unambitious boast, no disparagement of other nations, which, though not represented, are held in the highest respect, to declare that the conclusions of this body will have a signal influence on all human progress—the fortunes of the world.

Call Declared From World.

Here is a meeting, I can well believe, which is an earnest of the awakened conscience of 20th century civilization. It is not a convention of remorse, nor a session of sorrow. It is not the conference of victors to determine the terms of settlement. Nor is it a contest of nations seeking to remake humankind. It is rather a coming together, from all parts of the earth, to apply better attributes of mankind to the restoration of the world to its original state in their attempted denial. The world today is infringing their enjoyment by arming to defend or deny, when simple sanity calls for their recognition through common understanding.

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Let anyone into the secret of their ignorance. Long, slow translations by an interpreter almost as difficult to understand in his attempt at English as the original French, proved considerable of a handicap to President Miller and his colleagues. It was easy to tell how many French scholars were in the audience by the number who applauded M. Briand, perhaps 50, this scattering approval causing some one to remark, "Well, he must have a 'good line' judging from the enthusiasm of those who comprehend him." The Japanese were the most restless of the whole lot, notwithstanding those immobile countenances sometimes referred to, not approvingly, as "poker faces." But, after all, it may have been due to physical unfitness caused by having to sit on standard height American chairs fully three inches too high for the little saved-off orientals. To sit squarely on their chairs and have their feet on the floor at the same time, it just could not be done.

China's Impression Gone.

All of the foreign delegates with the exception of M. Briand spoke in English and it must be said for Dr. See, Chinese representative, that his English was indistinguishable from the tongue of any foreigner heard today.

The gathering was a study of faces.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, as a member of the American advisory committee, sitting beneath the balcony, greeted by Mrs. Harding, Vice-President and Mrs. Taft, might have been taken for one of the top-notch leaders of the conference. That big, square head, great shock of hair and the firmly set jaw, caused many a person to nudge someone else and inquire as to Mr. Lewis' identity. Sitting near him were Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird and Mrs. Eleanor Franklin Egan, also of the advisory committee.

Mrs. Harding probably received the first genuine ovation of the session.

When she entered she stood and bowed her gracious acknowledgment to applause that lasted for more than a minute.

HARDING'S SPEECH WINS

(Continued From First Page.) Underwood, appear just a little like the bridegroom at a wedding as if they expected to be smiled at a little for all this fuss and ceremony.

There is the next applause. It is for Harding that the audience rises for the first time. Now Hughes announces the prayer. His voice is strong and full throated. It has a reassuring quality. It inspires confidence. Everything is on schedule time. It is all extremely well managed. The prayer is over. Now Hughes rises and says the words, "The president of the United States."

Harding rises, bows formally and deeply and begins. This speech of Harding, as well as his speech at the unknown soldier ceremony yesterday, will bear a lot of study and analysis. There is time for that later. Warren Harding has put his mind on the subject of war. And the end of his reflections is that he hates and loathes war. He will go as far as he safely can toward ending it. Now, as always, the characteristics of Harding's countenance are simplicity and sincerity. In a different way, Lord Lee, sitting near Harding, has the same qualities. Harding will like Lord Lee and Lord Lee will like Harding.

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address, the first man to grasp his hand was Secretary Hughes, then came Sir Arthur Balfour of the British delegation, but the president tarried only long enough to shake hands with Prime Minister Briand and M. Viviani of the French delegation and the French ambassador, M. Jusserand. Those who had been at Paris and Versailles were obviously impressed with the president's fine spirit of self-abnegation. He came, spoke briefly, touching only on the general aspects of the proposed conference and saying nothing of the details of his plan that would spoil Mr. Hughes' stuff. He departed, leaving all to the other conference which the allied and associated powers with Germany were quick to contrast Mr. Harding's bearing with what they saw at Paris and Versailles where the secretary of state, Mr. Lansing, and his fellow delegates were only so many lay figures without as much voice as the minority stockholders in a corporation.

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America Wants Less Arms.

It is not to be denied that the world has swung along throughout the ages without heeding this call from the kinder hearts of men. But the same world never before was so tragically brought to realization of the utter futility of passion's way toward the world with the same good intent. So I welcome you, not alone in good will and high purpose, but with high faith.

I am met for a service to mankind, in all simplicity, in all honesty and all honor, there may be written here the avowals of a world consumed by the fires of war and made more sensitive by the anxious aftermath. I hope for that understanding which will bring to a halt the consuming fires of war and for commitments to less burdens and a better order which will tranquillize the world.

Balfour Ranks Near Hughes.

Aside from Secretary Hughes, Sir Arthur Balfour was clearly the outstanding figure of the conference. He was the only speaker with the exception of President Harding who smiled while facing his audience and those who listen to great men speak on solemn occasions are inclined to think best of the orator who can light up his countenance now and then. Sir Arthur's suavity was so well remembered that when the conference was about to adjourn cries came from all directions for him to speak again.

Tail, 'nposing with a model physique, and gray hair that inspires veneration, he stood forth a notable figure as he went promptly to the business of the gathering by nominating Secretary Hughes for chairman of the conference, both hands alternately grasping the lapsels of his coat, then resting on the table.

Briand Uses Native Tongue Only.

Prime Minister Briand failed to electrify his house, to use a theatrical term, doubtless because of his failure to speak a single word of English. Neither he nor his predecessor, M. Viviani, have a syllable of English in their vocabularies, and it is a well-known fact that audiences never cheer a foreign tongue, except at grand opera where those who do not understand are unwilling to

And the effect was as if to produce a great explosion among his hearers when he declared:

"I can speak officially for the United States. Our hundred millions frankly want less of armament and none of war."

General Pershing, who led America's armies against the Germans in France and saw all of the blood, carnage and the cruelties of modern warfare, was the first man to his feet. He was sitting directly behind the president. The applause which he started was taken up by Mr. Bryan, and was echoed back by senators and representatives from a balcony at the other end of the auditorium, everybody again standing. As Mr. Harding completed his



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