

GREY'S COMMENT VERY DISTASTEFUL TO WHITE HOUSE

British Interference in U. S. Domestic Affairs Is Strongly Resented by President Wilson

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Washington, Feb. 6.—President Wilson resents British interference in the domestic affairs of the United States, and while in the interest of good relations and the passage of the treaty no formal incident has as yet been made of Lord Grey's letter, there is no question of the displeasure of the incumbent of the White House.

In these columns Wednesday it was pointed out that while the letter of Lord Grey had pleased the Republican leaders, it had offended the true friends of President Wilson and strengthened the hand of the irreconcilables of the senate, who were thankful for the phrase, "a plunge into the unknown," contributed by the distinguished British envoy as a comment on the League of Nations.

WILSON NOT CONVICTED
But it was not evident until two days more passed that the suspicion of White House resentment against the Grey letter was well founded. The confirmation came in one of those subtle ways which President Wilson has of expressing his thoughts by implication.

The president's secretary permitted the correspondents to quote his answer to a question they had asked him concerning a report that the president had been consulted by Lord Grey before publishing his famous letter in the London Times commenting on the conflict between the executive and legislative branches of our government.

The answer was an emphatic statement that the president had not been consulted.
To the criticism that President Wilson was inaccessible and could not be seen by Lord Grey, it was, moreover, officially stated that matters of this kind could be put in writing and that it was customary for diplomats to communicate by writing rather than by oral correspondence.

In fact, ambassadors or ministers rarely see the president and do most of their business by informal note or memorandum. There were plenty of ways by which Lord Grey might have reached the president, and moreover the secretary was ready at all times to talk with the British envoy and in fact receive him and communicate in writing to President Wilson exactly what Lord Grey said on each occasion.

GREY AVOIDED WILSON
But the point of the White House pronouncement seems to be that a British ambassador to the United States, who still holds that rank as far as the United States is officially advised but who is absent from his post, has expressed himself quite fully on American domestic affairs at a moment of intense feeling between rival political branches of the American government.

Lord Grey is at home and probably

has not intended to return to the United States anyway, so there is no question that he felt himself about to be relieved of official duties and free to speak, but it was being recalled today what President Cleveland said in December, 1888, in referring to the dismissal of Lord Sackville, the British minister to the United States. "The correspondence in relation to this incident will in due course be laid before you and you will discern the unpardonable conduct of the official referred to in his interference by advice and counsel with the suffrages of American citizens in the very crisis of the presidential election, then near at hand, and also in his subsequent public declaration to justify his actions superadding impugnement of the executive and the senate of the United States in reflection with the important question now pending between the two governments."

BREACH OF PRIVILEGE

"The offense thus committed was most grave, involving disastrous possibilities to the good relations of the United States and Great Britain, constituting a gross breach of diplomatic privilege and an invasion of purely domestic affairs and essential sovereignty of the government to which the envoy was accredited."

Mr. Cleveland said he had instructed the secretary of state to decline "to further recognize the diplomatic character of the person," and had felt it his imperative duty to obtain with as little delay as possible a new personal channel of diplomatic intercourse in his country with the government of Great Britain.

The incident arose over the election of an American citizen of British ancestry in a letter asking the British ambassador's advice as to which party to support in the presidential election and which candidate would help the "motherland" most. The British ambassador answered the letter and while it was apparently favorable to Mr. Cleveland's candidate, it was disapproved by anti-British elements to show that Cleveland and the British government were working too closely together; anyway the notion was promptly dissipated when Mr. Cleveland sent Lord Sackville home.

INCIDENT NOT CLOSED
The political circumstances in connection with the Lord Grey incident are not altogether dissimilar. The Irish in America have been accusing the president of fostering a British Wilson League of Nations in the United States. They have been appealing to Senator Lodge to nullify Article X because they alleged it might some day interfere with a revolutionary movement by Ireland against Great Britain. To the extent that Lord Grey's letter strengthened the hands of Republicans and made them bestir themselves when an American president couldn't move the treaty out of its deadlock, there were Democrats of Irish proclivities getting ready to taunt the Republicans with the cry that Lord Grey's leadership seemed more preferable to them than that of President Wilson.

We have not heard the end of the Lord Grey incident. Great Britain will know both through the press and probably through the American ambassador in London just how the United States government feels about the untimely comment of Lord Grey.

It would not be surprising to find Prime Minister Lloyd George explaining informally that Lord Grey wrote as a private citizen and not as an official of the British government and to ask the United States to take that into consideration, which would be a polite and diplomatic way of trying to save the British government from any ill effects of Mr. Wilson's displeasure.

If the president's ardor for Europe should be cooled, there are many people who believe it would not take much to swing the United States back to a policy

of isolation as the end of his term approaches and another president, less interested in European affairs, takes hold of the American ship of state. England will be watchful not to offend President Wilson, and it will be interesting to watch the effect in Great Britain and Europe generally of the cablegrams going abroad today telling of the way the White House received the Grey letter.

Foreigner Slashes Throat With Knife; Dies in Graveyard

Lying in an old deserted house at East Stark and Twenty-fourth streets, the body of an unidentified man with his throat cut was found Thursday afternoon by Motorcycle Officer Schad.

The body was in the woodshed behind the house formerly occupied by the sexton of St. Marys cemetery. A coat found in the house, lying on a couch, is thought by the police to have belonged to the man.

Cards in the pocket of the coat bear the name "Pete" and the address of the Clayton hotel, 52 North Sixth street. The man had cut his throat with a pocket knife, according to Chief Deputy Coroner Leo Goetsch, who pronounced it a case of suicide.

The man was about 40 years old and dressed in overalls, according to the coroner, who thinks he was either a Mexican or an Italian. H. Tennant, sexton of the Lane Fir cemetery, just across the street, stated that he had seen the man sitting in the cemetery last Monday. He inquired if the man was ill, but only received the answer, "No."

France's Attitude Toward Treaty Is Similar to Grey's

Paris, Feb. 6.—(U. P.)—J. J. Jusserand, the French ambassador to the United States, already has carried out prudently instructions given him to advise the American government that France's attitude toward the American senate's position on the peace treaty is similar to that expressed in Viscount Grey's letter to the London Times, according to the Echo de Paris.

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U. S. APPREHENSIVE
This is the explanation of E. G. Crawford, first vice president of the United States National bank. The rapid decline of the German mark, the French franc and the English pound he regards only as proof that the American people are more and more concerned about Europe's ability to repay any money that may further be loaned it. "The present situation in foreign exchange is simply a case of supply and

demand," declares Crawford. "Europe owes to America, I want to say some billions already. If I loan you some more what premium will you give me?" "The American people are not anxious to loan any more money, so they demand more pounds, marks or francs for their dollar. They are getting on getting their money back because as Europe more and more piles up her debt, it lessens its ability to repay." MONEY TO GO UP

And in the rapid decline of foreign money now while it is at very low levels should help the European countries. It gives them some American credit to buy needed goods and start building anew. Then as their countries grow and increase in prosperity, the value of their money will go up, because by gradually paying off their debts, their credit will become better. Their credit once at higher level, they will have to pay such a high premium for the American dollar—the kingpin of all money.

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Theatre Likely to Lose Location With Lease of Building

A new development reported along film row, due for early consummation, will probably see the passing of the

Sunset theatre, at the corner of Washington and Broadway, with entrances on both streets.
A deal for a lease on this building occupying a quarter block is now pending, with the Metropolitan 5 and 10-cent store corporation on the lessor's end of the proposition, which is understood to involve a monthly rental of \$3000, to be paid to J. J. Jennings, who holds the original lease from the McGinn estate, and who operates the Sunset theatre. Remodeling of the building will mean the elimination of the theatre, and will necessitate the removal of several of the shops in the ground floor of the building. The Metropolitan company operates a chain of 10-cent stores in the Middle

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