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THE FRENCH DEPUTATION IN IRELAND.

We find in the Dublin *Freeman's Journal* and other Irish papers, full reports of the cordial and enthusiastic reception given by the people of that city to the deputation of French citizens who visited Dublin last month for the purpose of expressing the thanks of the French nation to the Irish people for their money contributions and the personal services of the Irish Ambulance Corps to the sick and wounded of the French army during the late war, and also for words of sympathy uttered by Irishmen in France's hour of mortal peril.

The deputation was composed of the following gentlemen: Count de Flavigny, President of the French Sick and Wounded Relief Association; the Duke de Feltre, grand-son of the celebrated Irish soldier of fortune, Marshal Clerk; Viscount Cochin, standard-bearer to Gen. Bourbaki; Dr. Cheuri, Dr. Kniffo, M. de Larmon, M. Gaichon, Count Casseu, Viscount Ferdinand de Lesseps, Engineer of the Suez Canal, and the Viscount O'Neil da Tyrone, a French nobleman of Irish descent.

The party was warmly welcomed on landing at Kingstown, on August 16, by the authorities of that place, and the popular enthusiasm ran high. A similar ovation awaited the deputation at Dublin, and all the way to that city the procession was a triumphal one. "The best idea," says the Dublin *Freeman's Journal*) that can be given of the character of the demonstration is that it took three hours to drive from Kingston to Dublin a distance of 7 miles. A pageant more imposing, a spectacle more wonderful, a popular demonstration more hearty than this great march from Kingston to Dublin has never been seen in Ireland."

For want of room we can only make partial extracts from the lengthy report of what seems to have been really a National welcome.

The formal reception of the deputation took place in the Round Room, Rotunda of Dublin, on the 17th of August, in which an immense number of people had assembled, mainly for the purpose of witnessing the presentation of an address from the Irish Ambulance Committee to the nobleman and gentlemen of the French deputation. At half-past two o'clock the Lord Mayor of Dublin, accompanied by several members of the corporation and of the Irish Ambulance Committee, took his place on the platform. A silk flag belonging to the Irish Ambulance Corps, and which had accompanied the Corps during its period of service in France, was at the same moment unfurled amid applause. Ten minutes later the French noblemen and gentlemen—the Count de Flavigny, the Duke de Feltre, the Comte O'Neill de Tyrone—arrived and were received amidst enthusiastic cheers, again and again repeated, the audience, rising en masse and according a welcome to them that was gratifying to the distinguished gentlemen who visited this country to thank the Irish people for the generosity which this nation extended to France during the late war.

The chair having been taken by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Lentaigne read the following address to Count de Flavigny, President of the French Society of Succor for the Sick and Wounded in War.

"Honored Sir—The Irish Committee in Aid of the Sick and Wounded Defenders of France bid you and your companions a hearty welcome to Ireland.

"You come at once as the interpreter of a generous emotion. We accept your visit as an assurance that France has deemed worthy of remembrance such peaceful services as our country was permitted to offer her in an hour of bitter trial and misfortune.

"Those services were given in the mere spirit of general sympathy or of universal philanthropy. No doubt most of them availed for all sufferers—friend and foe. Amidst the victims on the battle-field or in the hospital, we pause not to discriminate between the wounded *invader* and the wounded *defender* of the country we have loved. But assuredly it was to mark their devotion to France, the ancient ally and benefactress of Ireland, and to strongly to disassociate themselves from the selfish apathy of ungrateful Europe, that the Irish people hastened with their humble offerings of aid, such as they were. It was all that was permitted them to do. Their hearts were with France, and with France alone. The darker were the misfortunes throughout that chapter of disasters, the more freely would Ireland have bled by her side.

"When you return tell France that, landing upon our shores, you found yourself amidst a kindred people. Tell her that her benefactions in past times, and in our own day, to suffering Ireland have not been forgotten by the humblest cottier of Mac Mahon. Ireland's faith is unshaken in the speedy resuscitation of your gallant nation in the future of power and glory. The sun of victory shall once more blaze upon her banners, and Europe shall do homage to France as the champion and defender of religion, civilization, order and true liberty."

Count de Flavigny, who on presenting himself was received with the most enthusiastic applause, said: "My Lord Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, after the enthusiastic demonstrations made yesterday in honor of France by the population of your splendid capital, we are happy to express to you, with earnest votes, our profound gratitude. You have done much to mitigate the miseries of war—you have done it in a manner the most delicate and generous. You would like to do more—to do still more if the laws of neutrality did not oppose your desires; but we regard those last words which you addressed to us as if they had been actually rendered, and our gratitude rises to the level of the services intended as if they had been actually performed. Other nations have done as similar services, but Ireland alone has rendered them with affectionate particularity—you alone have inscribed on the banner of your ambulances the inscription, 'Legion—France-Irish Ambulance, Chosen.' Assuredly it is not necessary for me to tell you that the French have never neglected to care for the wounded Irishmen and for the wounded French; and may long years permit us to suggest that if the actual organization of your committee was devised owing to the circumstances of the hour, it is most desirable that it should now be transformed into a permanent society. This organized charity is the noblest conquest of modern times. The triumph of humanity and civilization, the most perfect protest against war. [Applause.] The red cross conceived by M. Dunant, and sanctioned by the convention of Geneva, has become the recognized emblem of charity in the military world. If, my lord, we have here to search for the special basis of our society, we must tell you also that our Government is prepared to confer on you public testimonies of its well earned gratitude. It will not be long before you receive the decorations which it is proposed to offer to those amongst you who have originated and directed your services, he also to those who on the field of battle itself have secured the most effectual aid for the wounded. Unhappily the brevets for conferring the decorations of the Legion of Honor have not yet been prepared, for until its offices have been recently burned, and this has naturally caused some delay in making out the official documents; but you can be assured that you will receive very soon, and in the most friendly manner, the proofs of our Government's gratitude. Count Flavigny resumed his seat amid repeated cheering, again renewed.

Mr. A. M. Sullivan, holding an exquisitely bound volume in his hand, came forward. Addressing Count O'Neill de Tyrone, the latter gentleman, he said, "Count O'Neill de Tyrone, the sons of our great Irish race, the [illegible] Duke de Feltre, have requested me to present to you this splendid volume which records the flight of your illustrious ancestor, the O'Neills, from their native land in the days of Queen Elizabeth. [Great cheering.] This volume contains a record of your forefathers, which the noblest royal family in Europe might envy you. [Renewed cheering.] I have told from the most authentic records how your princely ancestors, the chiefs of this country, sustained and life for faith and freedom. [Tremendous applause.] The last descendant of the ancient princes of this country, you are the first to tread the soil of Ireland, which your illustrious progenitors left 150 years ago. [Cheers and cries of 'Welcome.'] Mr. Sullivan concluded by making a formal presentation of the volume.

Count O'Neill de Tyrone, on coming forward, was most warmly received. He replied in French. His reply was interpreted by

The Rev. Mr. Lavelle, P. P., who was also loudly applauded. He said—My Lord Mayor, gentlemen of the French deputation, ladies and gentlemen of the French, I have been requested to give you an idea of the [illegible] document which has been delivered by the descendant of the old and historic family of the O'Neills. [illegible] It is to this effect, that the part taken by Ireland during the present disastrous Franco-German war will never be forgotten; that the French people of all classes will feel it a point of honor as well as of gratitude to hand down to their children as a heritage the memory of the part taken by Ireland during the past twelve months—[renewed cheers]—that, as regards his own feelings, he is proud to inherit the great name—the greatest in the history of Ireland—(applause)—that of being descended from the great clan of the O'Neills, who, in the words of Mr. Sullivan, were obliged to take flight from their native land [illegible] to find a home in more hospitable [illegible] by Father Lavelle, the document was then handed to the Count O'Neill de Tyrone, and the latter, with his children and his family in his arms, and the love of faith and fatherland, [illegible] replied. Among the words which Count O'Neill de Tyrone has expressed in far more eloquent language than I can command, I remember [illegible] that he would feel that his life would be well spent if, however, I have come forward on this occasion, I have done so because I was requested to interpret the thoughts of the noble friend and descendant of the noblest line of princes in the whole of Europe. I must say, however, that I was the first to put my name to a document appealing to Ireland, in the name of the present and in the name of the future, to stretch out its hands to France. [Great cheering.]

The Lord Mayor, amidst loud cheers, announced the receipt of a letter from the Duke of Orleans.

Mr. R. Lonsge then read the letter, of which the following is a translation:

AUGUST 13, 1871.

"GENTLEMEN.—I have received only lately, and far, indeed, from Orleans, the gracious invitation which you have done me the honor to address to me for the 17th of August, at the banquet of the Ambulance Committee. I have been extremely touched by that invitation, and I regret still more the impossibility of being amongst you, at my gratitude impels me to be present almost as a duty, and at that banquet I would have had a fitting opportunity not only to thank you for your friendship, so marked, so active, so personal, but to thank all Ireland for her admirable conduct towards us. I cannot tell you, gentlemen, how much I have been touched by what Ireland, the Irish nation, and for my diocese in particular, during that disastrous war. I have proclaimed it everywhere with the most loyal voice I could, and I pray you, gentlemen, to believe, while I regret being unable to be present at your banquet, I entertain the most profound gratitude, not only towards your committee, but towards all those in Ireland who have given us so many proofs of the noble, of self-devotion, of a friendship so faithful and staunch. Many ties have already united Catholic Ireland and France, but I believe that the Irish nation and us forever—for life and death—as St. Paul says.—All con viendium vt osculemur.—Receive, gentlemen, with my regrets and excuses, the homage of my grateful and sincere respect.

"FELIX OF ORLEANS."

The Lord Mayor then said—A letter from Marshal MacMahon will now be read. (Prolonged cheers.)

Mr. John Martin, M.P., who was greeted with cheers, said that Marshal MacMahon's letter was written in French, but as he would translate it for them, he would ask them to hear with patience. Mr. Martin then read the letter, which was addressed to the Irish Ambulance Committee. The subjoined is the letter translated:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF VERSAILLES, 7th August, 1871.

Gentlemen—I am exceedingly touched with the compliment which the Irish Ambulance Committee wishes to pay me, and for the invitation to assist at the banquet which will be offered to the Chief of the French Ambulance. I ask you to express my gratitude to the persons who desired to pay me this compliment, but at this moment I cannot quit Versailles. I regret that it is not in my power to go to Ireland and thank the noble gentlemen. Receive the assurance of my high consideration.

F. MAC MAHON.

The report of the Ambulance Committee, setting forth in detail the measures taken for the relief of the French wounded and for the alleviation of the sufferings of the prisoners, was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor.

The people who were in the body of the hall then rushed towards the platform, and contemplated for the honor of shaking hands with the French noblemen. The Comte Flavigny, the Duke de Feltre and the Comte O'Neill de Tyrone complied in the most cordial manner with their wish, and shook hands with several hundreds of the enthusiastic Irishmen who manifested to be thus welcome to this country, the Frenchmen of Chevasse [illegible] and the members of the Ambulance Committee, and were cheered by the people in the street as they left the hotel.

In the evening a banquet was given to the deputation in the Exhibition Palace, but we have no room in this issue for a report of the speeches delivered on that occasion.

A Net for Financiers and Economists to Crack.

Not a month passes that the rate of gold interest, in New York is not so largely in excess of the rate of currency interest, that it is evident the quotations of gold at the Gold Room, which is the gold currency metre of the country, are false. For instance, the rate of currency interest in New York, yesterday, was certainly not over 8 per cent. per annum, but the rate of interest on gold, according to "Belcope's" special telegram in the *Picayune*, was a fraction of one per cent. per day. If a man has credit or collaterals upon which he can borrow gold, he can, upon the same credit or the same collaterals, assuredly borrow currency to buy gold. So a man wanting $160 in gold, if it were purchasable at the Gold Room quotations, could discount a currency note for $119 13-66, payable in six months, the proceeds of which would be $2[illegible] currency, and, with that $114½, he could go into the market and buy $100 of gold. But it is manifest he can do no such thing, or gold would not bring an interest of five-eighths of one per cent. per day, or its equivalent, 226¼ per cent. per annum.

The inference from these figures of the gold quotations are false, what are the true quotations? The formula will always be the same, thus: the interest on gold being so much, and the interest on currency so much, what amount of currency will be equal to a given amount of gold? As to yesterday the question was: the interest on currency being eight per cent. per annum and the interest on gold 226¼ per cent. per annum, what amount of currency was equal, in value, to a given sum, suppose $100 of gold?

The answer is that $100 gold was equal to $[illegible] currency. The result is startling, but it is mathematically accurate. Whoever understands the "why and the wherefore" of this can measure the depth of the abyss into which the people of the United States may be plunged at any moment.

ANNUAL STATEMENT—MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.—On the French side of this issue we lay before our readers the second annual statement of the Mechanics' and Traders' Insurance Company, one of our most popular and most successful institutions. The report shows how prudently and skilfully the affairs of the company have been conducted during the last twelve months. The result, we have no doubt, is largely due to the ability of its worthy and efficient President, Col. H. Coleman, Esq., and his able assistants. The plan on which the company works better a fair one to the insured as well as to the insurers, has also drawn a large amount of business to the Mechanics' and Traders', and we hope that similar good results will attend its future operations.

Collisions.

(From the Washington Patriot.)

The causes which operated upon the recent election in this State [illegible] to be understood, and were likely to be temporarily carried. It is now ascertained that although the Republicans generally followed the usual course of action in dispersing their opposition to enforced combinations, a combination was formed between the Colfax party, the Democrats and the Bank of California—the great financial power of the State—to defeat, against the Democratic [illegible] Haight was particularly directed to the defeat of Haight, and the result has proved his sincerity and success in [illegible] for plundering the State and [illegible] the Colfax party, which [illegible] publicly affecting to [illegible] party policy, secures alliances with [illegible] formed by the Republicans, [illegible] as may seem to promote the re-election of the Senator, and [illegible] the great obstacle to the plans of [illegible] Coleman which [illegible] of by the public discussion of [illegible] Haight, and [illegible] Republicans [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Haight [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Haight [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Haight