

FAREWELL BANQUET TO GEN. PORTER.

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Of the Kind Held in Paris
Exceeded It.

HENRY WATTERSON'S SPEECH.

Buried Back the British Taunt that
Paul Jones Was a Pirate—Great
Enthusiasm.

Paris, May 17.—Gen. Porter, the retiring American ambassador, was given a notable farewell banquet tonight, which for sumptuousness of appointments and the distinguished character of the guests present has not been exceeded by anything of the kind held in recent years in Paris.

Practically the entire diplomatic corps was represented. The American guests, who numbered several hundred, included Henry Watterson, J. Pierpont Morgan and President Dallieu, of the American Chamber of commerce, the acting as secretary affairs, he had paid a tribute to Gen. Porter's brilliant career, was read.

In presenting the guest of the evening, Chairman Dallieu summed up Gen. Porter's public services in saying:

"A congressional medal of honor crowned his military career; the degree of L.L.D. marked his literary career; the grand cross of the Legion of Honor rendered tribute to his diplomatic career; the building of the tomb of Gen. Grant and the recovery of the remains of John Paul Jones signalized his patriotic career."

Gen. Porter, speaking in English, said:

"Eight years ago I was sent abroad; I do not know exactly why, unless it was in consequence of the proverbial ambition of our government to increase its exports. Thinking that I could make myself acceptable and useful by making it eternal, I became a pirate. In this last year that this year I should go home to find for the first time in my life a period of repose after 25 years of public service, and surrounded by my children and the friends of my youth, try to grow old gracefully. I am at this moment in the zenith of my career. I have no title or rank, no place of office and have now no rank but that of fellowship, no title but that of comrade."

"Upon coming from America to France I conceived it to be the highest duty of a diplomat to make known the two countries acceptable to each other, and I knew of no better way in which an ambassador can accomplish that end than by making himself acceptable to the country to which he is accredited. I have been permitted to bear a humble part in the work of two nations and their associations."

"I have seen my country enter upon her proud career as a world power, prepared to secure her just portions of the general prosperity and at the same time to do her full part in sharing of the burdens of humanity and in helping the rest of the world by trying to prevent those wars which waste a nation's substance and displace the arts of civilization by the science of destruction."

"My term here embraced the period of the war with Spain and the assembling of the powers concerned which signed a peace treaty of Paris on the 27th ult., while Franklin and his colleagues of the revolution signed the first treaty of Paris. Here assembled the bimetallic commission, the Venezuelan arbitration, the international commission of inquiry regarding the Hull incident in the North sea. Here were the negotiations between our country and France regarding our co-operation in the campaign of the forces of the great powers to relieve our representatives besieged in Pekin. Here was my agreeable duty to participate in the marvelous international exposition which marked the close of the last century and to be in the field to honor with her superb exhibit at our St. Louis exhibition which celebrated the most celebrated negotiations that ever took place between these two countries."

"What never measure of success that has been attained is largely attributed to the able direction and effective policy of our home administration and full support and confidence it has invariably given its representatives. It is some satisfaction to feel that all the affairs entrusted to the embassy have been conducted and left there remains no unfinished business."

Gen. Porter then turned to the French officials present and the diplomatic corps and speaking in French, said in part:

"During eight years we have traveled

ITCHING SCALP HUMOR

Lady Suffered Tortures Until
Cured by Cuticura.

SCRATCHED DAY AND NIGHT

"My scalp was covered with little pimples and I suffered tortures from the itching. I was scratching all day and night, and I could get no rest. I washed my head with hot water and Cuticura Soap and then applied the Cuticura Ointment as a dressing. One box of the ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap cured me. Now my head is entirely clear and my hair is growing splendidly. I have used Cuticura Soap ever since, and shall never be without it. (Signed) Ada C. Smith, 309 Grand St., Jersey City, N.J."

The same road together hand in hand, Now we have arrived at the cross-roads where our routes separate. One of my pleasant duties during my sojourn in Paris has been to convey the expression of good will and friendship which the citizens of America always take pleasure in sending to the citizens of France. The traditional friendship is entirely natural for we Americans fought in the same ranks and shed their blood for the same cause, and a common heritage of former glory can never be divided."

After referring in eulogistic terms to the minister of foreign affairs, Gen. Porter said:

"When the diplomatic history of this epoch shall be written, two names will shine forth more brilliantly than all those who have contributed to make it, those of Theophile Delcasse and of John Hay."

"In this parting hour I wish to express how deeply I have been touched by the innumerable evidences of good will which I have received and the commendations of the diplomatic corps, a few of whom have been repeatedly shown to me by my French friends, official and unofficial, from the president of the republic to the lowest subaltern of the government. In leaving France I shall carry with me the innumerable proofs of your friendship and the most precious recollection of my entire career."

Mr. Bryan does not believe this

Government will substitute the sword for the Bible.

Winona Lake, Ind., May 17.—Special trains brought to Winona today several hundred commissioners from eastern states who will attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, which will convene tomorrow morning. About 400 commissioners, with many laymen, attended a general missionary meeting tonight at which William J. Bryan was the principal speaker.

Two questions which are of particular interest to southern Presbyterians will be the consolidation of the general assembly with the Cumberland branch and that of separate presbyteries for colored people. It is understood the consolidation will take place, but it will not be brought about at once. There are other minor questions to be discussed of interest.

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