

# NAPOLEON, As Seen by His Associates

## NAPOLEON AND THE WOMEN

On a hot day at St. Helena with the English bred physician who attended him in exile, Dr. O'Meara, Napoleon spoke of the custom among Englishmen of allowing the ladies to go away from the table and remaining for hours to drink and intoxicate themselves. O'Meara protested that the men remained more for the sake of conversation than for wine. Napoleon confessed to doubt this.

"It appears to me," said he, "that you do not pay regard enough to the ladies. If your object is to converse instead of

word which could wound my feelings. And the great emperor would stoop to conquer when one of the fair sex was coy and yet attracted him. Says Mme. de Metternich, wife of the Austrian minister, in a letter to her husband:

"At the last reception I played cards with the emperor. He began by praising my diamonds and my everlasting gold gown."

Giardin, the soldier and statesman, tells in his "Journal" that he had been present at a supper after which "the emperor said something pretty to each of the women present. Under such circumstances his smile is charming."

Bearing upon this phase of Napoleon's demeanor, Mme. de Remusat, who was near him in the suit of Josephine, tells of an episode which came under her observation. She says:

"During the emperor's stay at Munich he took it into his head, by way of recreation after his labors of the past months, to indulge in a fancy, partly political, partly social, for the queen of Bavaria. That princess, who was the king's second wife, without being very beautiful, was of an elegant figure and pleasing though dignified manners. I think the emperor pretended to be in love with her. The lookers on said it was amusing to watch the struggle between his imperious temper and rude manners and the desire to please a princess accustomed to that kind of etiquette which is never relaxed in Germany on any occasion whatever. The queen of Bavaria contrived to exact respect from her strange admirer and yet seemed to be amused with his devotion."

Yet at times Napoleon was the reverse of gallant, according to this same authority, from whose memoirs the above extract and the one following are taken:

"The emperor, who was convinced that the influence of women had harmed the kings of France, was irrevocably resolved that they should never be more than an ornament to his court, and he kept his resolution. He had persuaded himself, I know not how, that in France women are cleverer than men, or at any rate he often said so, and that the education they receive develops a certain kind of ability against which one must be on one's guard. He felt, therefore, a slight fear of them and kept them at a distance on this account."

In his official relations Napoleon betrayed his general antipathy to women's influence in public affairs. In a bulletin of 1806 he wrote:

"The papers discovered at Charlottenburg would prove, were it not necessary, how unhappy are princesses who allow women any influence in political matters."

The ink was barely dry upon this when he wrote Josephine in praise of "good, naive and gentle women."

And yet, both as a tyrant and as an adept in governing, he called to his aid the influence of women. In 1814 it happened that Marshal Angereau showed some weakness in his command. The emperor wrote to King Joseph:

"I have written to the Duke of Castiglione (Angereau). I have told the empress to speak to his wife. I think you had better speak to him also and make the ladies in waiting speak to him. He must do as I do and maintain his reputation."

At the height of his splendor, in 1805, the year of Austerlitz, he condescended to ask for the intervention of the wife of an officer in the interests of the service.

"I believe," he wrote to the minister of marine, "that Mme. Missessy is a sensible woman, with some ambition. Ask her to start for Rochefort. It is right that Admiral Missessy should see his wife, and let her make him understand that it is his duty to go through the campaign."

Count Las Cases, another chronicler of the exile at St. Helena, states that one day Napoleon spoke of the caprices of women in the presence of the ladies of his little court.

"Nothing," said he, "more clearly indicates rank, education and good breeding among them than evenness of temper and the constant desire to please. He added that they were bound by circumstances to show themselves and to be always attending to their part on the stage."

GEORGE L. KILMER.

(Napoleon's personal appearance will be the subject of next week's letter.)

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"Fresh picked vegetables in the low part of the city on the 23rd inst."

"The California mail arrived on the 24th inst. It brought but few letters and only a small number of papers and packages. May Lady's books and papers from J. W. Sullivan, but no Harper's or Graham's magazines."

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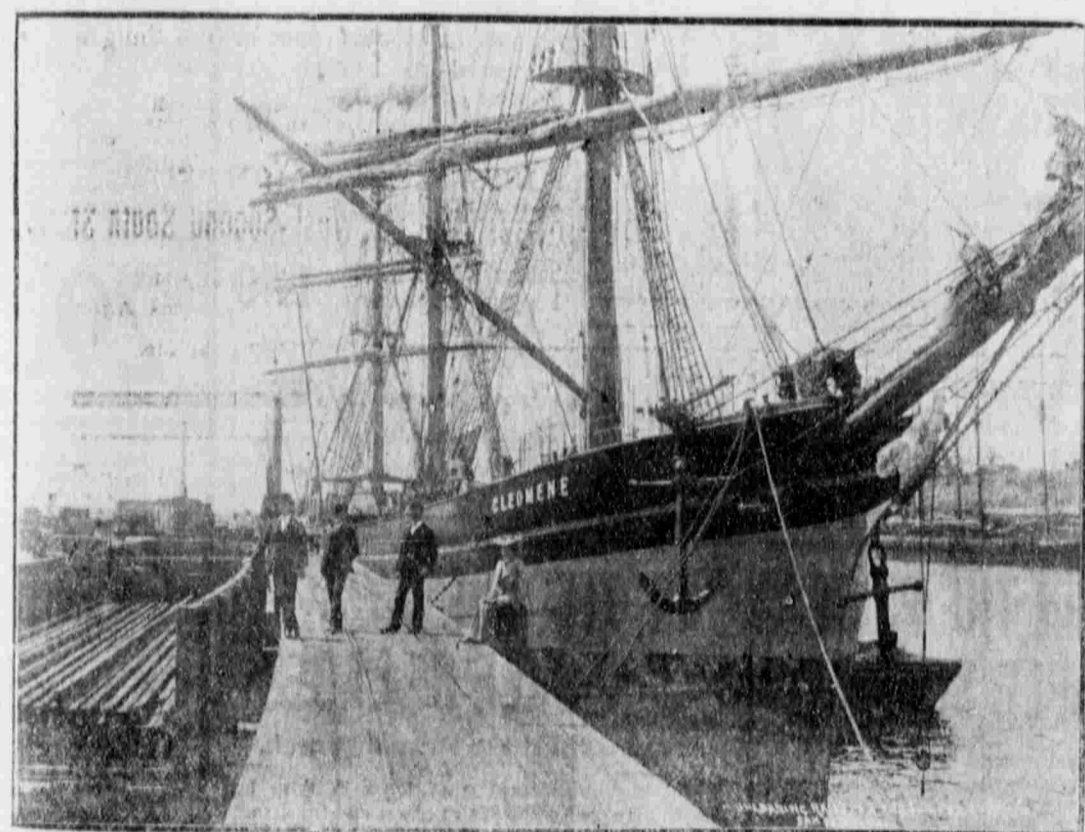
to drink, why not allow them to be present? Surely conversation is never so lively or so witty as when ladies take a part in it. If I were an Englishman I should feel very discontented at being turned out by the men to wait for two or three hours while they were quizzing their wine. Now, in France society is nothing unless ladies are present. They are the life of conversation."

Another view of Napoleon's as to woman's proper sphere is reported by Reader, who served the empire as administrator: "Women had far better work with their needles than with their tongues, especially if they are going to mix in politics. A state is lost when a woman manages its public affairs. France perished through a queen. Look at Spain—the queen gov-

have spoiled me. It is your fault. And, besides, you will see that I have acted very kindly toward one who showed herself sensible and good. You see that I am fond of good, naive and gentle women. But it is true that these are the only women who are like you."

The Duchesse d'Angoulême, who knew Napoleon intimately all his life, gives testimony as to the manner of women who pleased him offhand. She says:

"I have known women, and I have a right to place myself among the number who preserved in his presence a dignity of manner which pleased him better than silly fear or base flattery. When he made an unpleasant speech to a lady and it was received with respect and spirit, he never returned to the charge. For myself, when I have offended him, he has often passed me at two or three successive court circles without speaking, but he never said a



GERMAN RAILS FOR OTAH-CALIFORNIA ROAD.

Unloading of European iron for the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad.

The accompanying picture is prima facie evidence that the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake is receiving steel rails by the shipload. The photograph was taken recently by C. R. Savage, the official photographer for the Oregon Short Line, and shows a big British steel ship unloading rails into flat cars of the Salt Lake Route, which are switched on to the dock in San Pedro harbor. This vessel was the first of five, all flying the British flag, which arrived from Europe loaded down to the board of trade water mark with steel rails which are to form the metal wedding band between the City of the Saints and the City of the Angels. Incidentally it may be noted that the rails are of German manufacture and were ordered from Europe on account of the press of orders in the American rolling mills eighteen months ago.

## Otah News Items of Half a Century Ago.

Subscriptions Paid by Working on the Big Cottonwood Canal—Pony Express Rider And Mail Got Wet in the Weber—Interesting Nauvoo Legion Order—Shamship County and Other Matters.

(Excerpts from the Files of the Deseret News of June, 1856.)

"Laborers have now an excellent opportunity for paying their dues to the News office, by working on the Big Cottonwood canal and presenting Judge Smith with a certificate of the amount done, for which they will be credited. This is an opportunity which should be cheerfully approved, as it enables a person to pay up while at work on a

job that will benefit him as much as it does us, and opens a way for those to subscribe who have not done so because they were short of cash, provisions, etc."

"The mail from Independence, we learn from Elder L. I. Smith, left that place on the first of May and arrived at Weber river, 44 miles east of this city,

at 1 p. m. of May 20, since which time we have heard nothing of it. In crossing the river on horseback, Mr. Smith had to swim his horse for a rod, which circumstance makes it strange, to say the least, that the mail had not arrived by noon of the 21st ult., and very singular indeed that it had not reached here long before the News."

"We perceive that Hon. J. C. Little,

## JAPAN AND RUSSIA

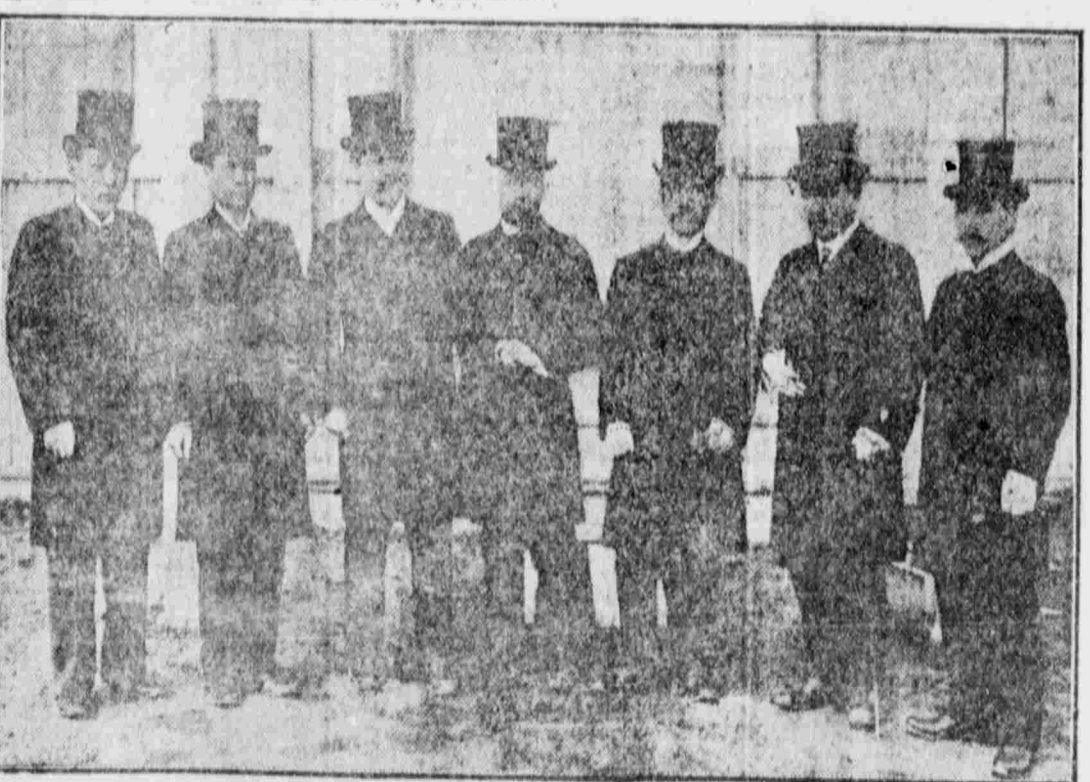
Are fighting each other in the Far East; at St. Louis they vie with each other in the Arts of Peace. Each of these mighty nations is represented at the Great World's Fair; also England, France, Germany, China, Ceylon, Belgium, Brazil, Nicaragua, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, and many others. Some of these spend more than \$500,000 on elaborate exhibits. Add to this the regular exhibit buildings, the state buildings, the concessions buildings, where is shown about everything from the "Creation" to the "Galveston Flood," and we have the most complex and comprehensive array of impressive, interesting, inspiring, strange, curious and striking features that mortal eye has ever looked upon. Yet all this wonderful and magnificent display is epitomized, pictured and told about in that

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