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Dear Dr. Erman.

It is a long time since I received your good letter, and I have had it in mind to reply long before this, but I have been constantly busy so that I did not seem to be able to find the time. Now I am away from the city on my so-called "vacation", but even here I am quite busy with the necessary correspondence of my office. Usually I devote the afternoon to writing letters in reply to inquiries, and some days I spend as much as five hours on the job. It surely gives me something to do, so that I am in no danger of forgetting the Seminary and the things connected with it.

Here we are for the summer, until the middle of September at least. A couple of years ago I bought a place here, in the Northwest corner of the state of Connecticut. We have a house of eleven rooms, with only two of us, Mrs. Gillett and me, to live in it. But there is room for guests, and with seven grandchildren and a good many friends, we manage to occupy a lot of the space nearly all of the time. The house is about 1300 feet above sea level, and it is usually quite cool, particularly at night. Last year and the year before we had only two hot nights. We have about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of ground, but very little garden space. I have an automobile in which I go about town, and particularly to the golf links. That is my recreation, and I try to play some each day. Today I was driven in by the rain, but that does not happen often.

Yes, we have seven grandchildren. Our older son has four children, the second son has two daughters, and our daughter has one boy. Altogether there are four girls and three boys. My older son has a place about a mile from where we live, but the younger does not get away much. The daughter is at present in Paris, after a stay in London. She is married to an artist who is doing some studying in Paris, and has been doing illustrating in England. Both of my sons are engaged in the publishing and advertising business. They are doing very well indeed, and I expect that they will continue to do well and even better.

I wish that you could see the place where we live at the Seminary. We are furnished with an apartment of eleven rooms, on the sixth floor, high enough to escape most of the dust that blows from the streets, and with a floor above us to protect us from the heat in summer to some extent at least. We could remain there during the summer, if it were necessary, but since we bought a place in the country, we run away as soon as we can, and shut the apartment up tight. During the winter Mrs. Gillett's mother lives with us. She is about 95 years old. In the summer she lives with a maid in my son's house

about 15 miles from the city. She thinks that she could not stand the trip up here either by train or by auto.

As you perhaps know, I was the Seminary librarian for twenty-five years, Then I was transferred to the position of registrar, secretary of the faculty and later was made dean of students. This spring I resigned as registrar, but otherwise I continue to do the same things as before. I have to do the corresponding with prospective students, and otherwise carry on a lot of writing to other people. It is now over 47 years since I first went to the Seminary, and a year ago I finished 40 years of official relationship. At that time, and to celebrate my 40th anniversary, the alumni of the Seminary had my portrait painted. I will try to send you a reproduction of the portrait in black and white when I get back to my office. I was very much gratified by their kind remembrance of me, particularly as it was the first time that such a thing had been done in the history of the Seminary.

It would be possible for me to retire at any time now, but I hope to continue at least three years longer, so as to finish 50 years since I first began to work for the institution. That will be a long record, longer than that of anyone who was ever connected with the administrative end of things. Only on the board of directors has that period been exceeded. When I do find time to retire I hope that it will be with a stipend which will enable me to live in the South in the winter, and in the North in summer, so as to avoid the extremes of heat and cold.

For a number of years I have been so busy with other things that I have not found time for any Egyptian studies. There was a time when I lectured rather frequently on various aspects of the study, but even that has had to be discontinued. I have had my hands full with a job that I inherited from my former teacher, Dr. Briggs. It was in connection with a large collection of English books printed before 1700, which was begun by my father and continued by Dr. Briggs, and later by me. In 1914 I was in England, buying additional volumes for the collection, and for more than a dozen years I have spent a good deal of my time making a detailed catalogue of the collection. It is now practically "finished", and I am ready to go to the printer with it. The catalog will fill between 2000 and 2500 pages, octavo in size. A big job, but I hope to finish it by the time I retire.. I shall send you soon a copy of an article that I wrote about the collection as soon as some that I have sent for, come

I am enclosing a clipping from one of our papers. One of the great troubles in arranging matters in this country is that there are so many "fool" Germans here who give utterance to foolish and silly remarks and threats. One such, when he gets into the papers, can make more disturbance than a whole army of ambassadors and consuls ^{can} quiet down. Germany should pray to be delivered from her alleged friends. With my very best regards and the kindest remembrances for your good wife, I am

Yours truly as ever

Chas B Gillett

GERMANS HURTING CHANCES OF LOAN

Bankers Here Annoyed by Their
Clamor Against Unknown
Dawes Plan.

BLAMED ON POLITICIANS

Success of Proposed Financing of
Reich Depends on Confidence
of Investors.

Cable reports from Berlin that Germany would reject the recommendations expected to be made on Monday by the Dawes committee has aligned American bankers more strongly than ever behind the French Government, it was clearly indicated yesterday. In the last week Wall Street institutions which expect to participate in the international loan to Germany have been perplexed as to the source of the scores of dispatches indicating that the German Government had "rejected" the forthcoming report in advance. Much of the optimism that was apparent two weeks ago has given way to skepticism.

The first fear of American bankers was that France would find it difficult to accept the terms. Germany, it was then believed, would readily accept, expressions from German political and industrial leaders having indicated at that time that Germany was near "the end of her rope," needed new money badly in order to save herself from lasting bankruptcy and was prepared to accept any terms reached by an impartial tribunal.

In the last week the picture has been completely changed and there has appeared in Germany a growing clamor against the plan, although the plan itself has been kept a carefully guarded secret.

Evidence that international business men and bankers regard the objections raised thus far in Berlin as being "too previous" in their nature to justify serious concern has been furnished in the foreign exchange markets. In the week just ended, the French franc, the Belgian franc, and, yesterday, the British pound sterling, have moved ahead. Sterling yesterday moved up approximately three cents net, thereby establishing the sharpest rally of the year save for the two-day period following Britain's de jure recognition of Russia early in February.

As a consequence of this display of strength in the extremely sensitive foreign exchange market, there appeared yesterday to be a growing conviction that last week's dispatches from Berlin were intended largely for political consumption. And on the strength of this belief, which implied that Germany would be compelled by world opinion to accept any terms regarded by the international commission as workable, New York bankers continued with their preliminary discussion of a contemplated loan to Germany. This loan, it was said yesterday, would depend for its success entirely upon Germany and her attitude toward the plan. Should she lose a step as in the Wilson flag incident, it was said, the international American houses would feel that the chances for a successful floatation of a loan here had been jeopardized.

American bankers, working in close cooperation with European bankers, anticipate a loan of \$250,000,000, of which nearly \$125,000,000 would be raised in the United States, if Germany's attitude was such as to satisfy the American investment public of her sincerity.

MARGARETTA WOOD WEDS J. H. POTTER

Rear Admiral Spencer Wood
Gives His Daughter in Mar-
riage at Georgetown.

MRS. DURYEY WEDS AGAIN

She Is Married to Robert Halsey
Patchin—Miss Belle Ben-
nett a Bride.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The marriage of Miss Margarett Wood, eldest daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Spencer Shepard Wood to John Howard Nott Potter of New York, took place this afternoon in Christ Church, Georgetown. A distinguished company was present at the ceremony at which the Rev. Dr. Clark of St. James Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. James M. Blake, rector of Christ Church.

Spring flowers in great profusion adorned the altar, with calla lilies and Spring foliage in the chancel. The young bride, who was escorted by her father in full dress uniform, wore a gown of white gold-embossed mousseline de soir made in close silhouette with a court train of chiffon edged in point lace. The wedding veil was also of point lace. The bride's bouquet was of white lilies.

The schoolgirl sister of the bride, Miss Anne Wood, was maid of honor. Miss Ethel Potter, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Natalie Hammond and Miss Catrina Forbes Beal of Washington; Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Bernard F. Rogers Jr. of Chicago, and Mrs. Evan Fisher of San Francisco were the other attendants.

They wore gowns of pale yellow French organdie in 1830 model with close bodice and full round skirt. The silk underslips of these gowns were a vivid yellow for the maid of honor, with the others in pairs of blue, pink and green, all in light shades. The hats were natural-colored crin, trimmed in ribbon to match the respective gowns, with long streamers from the side falling almost to the floor. The bouquets were of Spring flowers and maintained the color scheme.

The ushers who led the bridal procession were J. Ormond Butler, Cyril Butler, Ronald Pearce, Benjamin T. Hoogland, John Dewitt Peltz, R. Sanford Saltus Jr., Ludwig K. Morehead and Earl E. Balch, all of New York; Professor Howard Updyke of Union College, Schenectady, and Mead C. Bruner, of Chicago.

At the reception which followed at the home of the bride's parents in N Street, Mrs. Potter, mother of the bridegroom, received with Miss Wood.

Mr. Potter and his bride will spend the Summer in England and on their return will make their home in New York.

Among the guests who came from other cities were Mr. and Mrs. William Delano, Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins McIlvane, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moran and Miss Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Freyer and Miss Ella Freyer of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potter of Newport and Major and Mrs. Fred Test.

Howell—Carr.

CONCORD, N. C., Apr. 5.—Clark Howell, editor and publisher of The Atlanta Constitution, and Mrs. Julian S. Carr Jr., of Durham, N. C., were married here today at the home of the bride's mother.

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