

COURTESY TO KAISER

French Commander Invites German Emperor on Board Iphigeneis.

ACTION BETOKENS AMITY OF THE POWERS

Visit is Equivalent to William Setting Foot on Soil of France.

MAY MARK TURNING POINT IN HISTORY

Press of Europe Views Ceremony as Highly Auspicious Occurrence.

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SENDS FIVE HUNDRED WORDS A MINUTE

Inventor is a Young Workman in an English Tin Plate Factory Who is Enthusiastic Over His Apparatus.

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"I noticed in Ambassador Choate's speech he said you may be Americans or Englishmen, but cannot be both at the same time. You responded by applause. Consider the effect of a short residence here. I find the ambassador rises first to speak to a toast followed by a senator and I come third. What a subtle tribute to the monarchical influences of the country when you place rank above respectability."

"I do not see why one cannot continue to speak to an 'honorable,' an 'historical fact,' an 'honorable,' and it seems to me the congress of women now in session should look to it. I think 'an' is having a little too much with it. It comes of a habit which accounts for many things."

"Yesterday, for example, I was at a luncheon party. At the end of that party a great dignitary of the English established church went away half an hour before anybody else and carried off my hat. Now that has innocently taken anybody's hat. The result of a course had his choice of hats. As a rule I try to get out first myself, but I hold that it was an innocent and unconscious act due perhaps to heredity. He was thinking about ecclesiastical matters and when a man is in that condition of mind he takes anybody's hat."

"The whole afternoon I was under the influence of his clerical hat and could not tell a lie. Of course he was hard at it. It is a compliment to both of us. His hat fitted me exactly; my hat, for its high dignity in the church somewhat or other, but I don't know what he was born for. That is an illustration of the influence of habit and is perceptible here when they say 'an' 'honorable,' an 'European,' an 'historical.'"

"The business aspect of the Fourth of July is not perfect as it stands. See what it costs us every year in loss of life, crippling thousands with its fireworks and burning down property. It is not only sacred to patriotism and universal freedom, but it is a national day of mourning for the thousands who die in its name."

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