

WHITELAW REID IS IN PARIS

Enthusiastic Reception of the New Minister to France.

MINISTER, YET A JOURNALIST.

To Honor the Memory of Thiers—Some Reflections Suggested by the Nature of the Subscribers to the Fund.

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Mr. Vigneau delivered a letter from Mr. McLane, the contents of which were an expression of regret that illness prevented him from coming in person to meet him at the station and offering his private carriage to convey the minister and family to the Hotel Marceau.

Leaving the station by the private entrance, Mrs. Reid, accompanied by Mrs. Mills, was driven to the hotel in an open victoria, followed by a closed landau, containing the minister, his two children, and Mr. Ogden Mills.

The interview was brief and cordial. When asked about the voyage, he said he could not have had a more delightful trip; the weather was lovely and the sea calm.

"Is it your intention to remain here during the summer months?" "I am looking also for a residence. My brother-in-law, Mr. London, to look into the matter for me and I shall go to-morrow morning to see what he has selected. It shall be decided as soon as possible. When we get home I will take a country house accessible to Paris, where my family can enjoy the country and I can attend to my official duties."

Mrs. Reid was attired in mourning costume of black cloth, with tulle fitting jacket trimmed with ermine. Her blonde hair was almost concealed by a black bonnet, rimmed with the same material.

The committee constituted at the suggestion of the party national, for the purpose of the erection at Paris of a statue to commemorate M. Thiers, has already received support from a number of politicians. The motives of these gentlemen do not, however, call for comment from the same source.

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MORE NEWS FROM APHA.

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"It appears that Nebraska farmers are becoming extensive money loaners. You had better print that it will be the first intimation to them of that financial condition, but why start such a story!"

"Representative Dorsey says he knows many farmers who, years ago, paid 2 per cent a month, who are now loaning money in the western part of that state at 8 and 9 per cent a year."

"Yes, that may exist in Dodge county, the home of Mr. Dorsey, where he has probably inspired the people with some of his energy, tact and financial ability, but I doubt if any other portion of the state is so fortunate."

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"Possibly not in money. They are generally and cheerfully renewed. The loaners don't want them paid. They know the mortgages are on the basis of a third of the value of the land, and if they owned the land they would not care to be troubled with them."

"The most important political event which has occurred here by the issuance of Admiral Kimberly's report on the condition of the natives to put an end to the war. The admiral's report is a masterpiece of tact and states that the people reunite for the good of their country. He stated that he had prepared a paper that could be signed by both parties to the war, and that he would establish order. He had the proclamation translated into the Samoan language and had it read to the natives by the interpreter, Mr. Farquhar, of the Trenton, who was sent to lay the matter before Tamaeso and to request him to distribute the circular among his people. Tamaeso, after reading it, replied very courteously and replied that he, too, desired to see the war closed, and promised to sign the circular. He said he would reply to Admiral Kimberly in writing later. Admiral Kimberly stated to the Associated press correspondent that he had issued the circular to the natives, and that he had agreed upon a temporary truce, and promised Admiral Kimberly that they would do nothing to alter the peaceable state of affairs until the Berlin conference adjourned. Notwithstanding the precautions against the sale of liquor, the naval officers had been able to procure a quantity of wine which had been in some way to secure liquor. On various occasions several of them have been severely punished.

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SPLENDID GRAIN AND FRUIT PROSPECTS. EDGAR, Neb., May 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The prospect for this year is very bright. The result of so much rain is giving crops and fruit a remarkable impetus. Wheat, oats and barley never looked so promising. Corn is all planted and many fields are looking fine. All trees look well. The prospect for this year is very bright. The result of so much rain is giving crops and fruit a remarkable impetus.

BURNED AND NEGLECTED. UNDALE, Neb., May 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last Tuesday the house of T. Fitch, a farmer six miles southwest of here, was burned. While the fire was raging at its height Mrs. Rebecca Fitch, mother of Mr. Fitch, aged sixty-three, braved the flames to save an infant child, whose life was at her mercy. In performing this heroic deed she was severely burned about the head, shoulders and arms. Little was done for the poor old woman until to-day, when a physician was called. Her sufferings have been terrible and the doctor pronounces her injuries fatal.

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