

Béluçon

LONDON,

20th July, 1931.

I have received your letter and fully appreciate your interest in Mr. Wiley in connection with Gramont's impending visit to America. Mr. Wiley is the Managing Director of the New York Times, and is a very important and influential man and always likes to entertain "foreign lions". I am surprised to hear, however, that Gramont is going to the States at the end of this month when he is bound to experience excessive heat, and I am very much afraid that he will not be able to stand it.

I enclose herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. Wiley and which I should be glad if you would kindly let Gramont see. It is a pity that the former will not be in New York when Gramont arrives there, as no doubt he would have given a dinner in Gramont's honour and invited certain people who would be very interested in the object of his visit to the States. I am writing, however, to Mr. Ochs, the proprietor of the "New York Times", and if he is likely to be in New York when Gramont arrives there I am sure he will invite him to a luncheon when he would be introduced to people of influence. Perhaps it would be advisable for you also to communicate with him regarding Gramont's projected visit in order that he might arrange to be in New York at the time, and not away from there during the great heat. His address is:-

Mr. Adolph S. Ochs,
The New York Times,
Times Square,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

If you write to him you can tell him that you are doing so at my suggestion, as we are great friends.

Will you please tell Gramont that I have just received a cablegram from Dr. Stratton informing me that he

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is leaving Boston on September 13th and arriving in England on September 18th when he will stay here with us.

I myself intend to go to America at the end of September for two months, and hope to accompany Dr. Stratton on his return journey as it would be nice to travel together.

I was so glad, dear friend, to see you and your family in your delightful home. I only regret not being able to return to Paris this month to paint a few portraits, but I am overwhelmed with work here and cannot get away. I have just finished the portraits of the parents of the Duchess of York who is at present staying in Paris with the British Ambassador; the portraits will be presented to her parents by her family and tenants on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on August 10th, and on the Duchess's return from Paris I have to paint her again.

On August 10th I am leaving with my family for a motoring holiday in the Tyrol for three weeks, and on my way back hope to stay a short while in Paris when I shall expect to see you and your family again.

I was so pleased to receive last week a copy of "Life of Marshal Lyautey" by Maurois; it has been published in English in a much richer edition than the one in French, and has as the frontispiece a reproduction of my portrait of Lyautey, with which I am delighted.

Do not forget to make that suggestion to Mauclair; I feel that such a thing has to be done, and he will take it up with pleasure.

I see from the newspapers that the Duke and Duchess of York are being wonderfully entertained in Paris, and I hear they may visit Vallieres.

With our kindest regards,