

Sunday, December 8, 1918.—Met Lemonnier on his way to reassure me, to tell me not to be disappointed by the Hoover contretemps, as he had heard—and as indeed I was. Francqui and Lambert have both urged me not to feel it. Villalobar says that

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it will be only an amusing story. But the Belgians are rather offended, though they will not show it.