

Sunday, August 15, 1920.—After a walk with the dogs in the Parc Léopold, Nell and I drove to Francqui's place in the country near Overyssche, for luncheon. The Wieners, father, son and daughter, were there. We had luncheon al fresco on a wind-swept terrace...

We came home, and at 5:30 the Boy Scouts from America, who have been in London attending the "Jamboree" there and later went to France, came marching by, escorted by Belgian Boy Scouts of both kinds, Catholic and non-Catholic (to my relief!), and halted in the rue Luxembourg. Their officers and leaders had come to serenade us, and I made them a little speech from the balcony of the Embassy. They are a company of fine lads.

This evening —— dined with us.... We had a long and most interesting talk in the drawing-room after dinner; he was full of gossip, and in good form, and told me so much that I can't remember half of it, and am too tired to set it all down even were I able to recall it. I told him of the chagrin that I felt at Lord Grey's

not having been received, and he said that it... began at a dinner given at Washington... Crawford-Stuart was at the dinner, and said something derogatory, either to the President or to Mrs. Wilson, I forget which; (my head is in such a whirl these days, and I am so weary and Mr. ——— told me so much, that I can't remember it all). This statement of Crawford-Stuart was repeated and got to the ears of Mrs. Wilson; orders came from the White House, and the matter was under investigation by Lansing, when he left for Paris. The matter was turned over to Frank Polk, who, ——— said, decided that it wasn't worth making a row over and so dropped it (though Lansing told me that it had been agreed that Crawford-Stuart should remain until the departure of Lord Reading, who was leaving soon). Reading, ——— said, advised Lord Grey to take Crawford-Stuart with him when he went to Washington, without telling him of Crawford-Stuart's scrape, and Lord Grey did so, innocent of giving any offence. On Crawford-Stuart's reappearance there, the demand for his recall was repeated, but this time a new story was told; it was said that Crawford-Stuart had said at the dinner that Mrs. Wilson could not get into society at Washington, and had to go to Paris to achieve that end. Lord Grey said that he would not condemn Crawford-Stuart without a hearing; Lansing sent for the hostess, who refused to testify; then Lord Grey asked Lansing to have Admiral Grayson meet with him and Lansing at the Department; and a fortnight passed before Grayson would come. Then, instead of offering any proof of what Crawford-Stuart had said, Grayson maintained that the mere fact that Crawford-Stuart was *persona non grata* was sufficient, but Lord Grey did not admit this. He... said that as he had not been received, and was not going to be received by the President, he had no standing there, and was about to return to England anyhow, so that he would not send Crawford-Stuart home, but allow him to stop there until he, Grey, went. It was Mrs. Wilson's influence, then..., that kept Lord Grey, the most distinguished statesman in the English-speaking world, cooling his heels in Washington all those months...

Grey had gone with three heads on his programme: (1) he was going to force Lloyd George's hand on the Irish question, and arrange a most liberal settlement of the Irish question; (2) he was to agree that in naval matters England would not build against America; that war between England and America was unthinkable, and that if America were to build a large navy, it would be assumed that it was against Japan or some other country, and that if England

were to increase her navy, it would be assumed that it was against Germany or some other country, and (3) he was to make satisfactory arrangements for America to ratify the treaty, with any reservations desired, and enter the League of Nations. And all this great good impossible because of Mrs. Wilson's caprice!