

**NOTED CATHEDRAL RUINED.**

**Cathedral at Rheims Ruined by Artillery Fire—Greatest Loss From Historical and Artistic Sense of Present War.**

The famous Cathedral of Rheims, France, was destroyed last week and other public buildings either laid in ruins or seriously damaged by German artillery fire. Coupled with this announcement was the statement that the French Government had decided to address all the powers a note of indignant protest against "this act of odious vandalism."

The destruction of the Cathedral of Rheims is considered the greatest loss from an historical and artistic sense of the present war. Begun on the site of an earlier church and continued at intervals down to the Fifteenth Century, it has been described as the "most perfect example in grandeur and grace of Gothic style in existence."

The west front, which was begun about 1241-42, is said to be the most beautiful structure produced during the Middle Ages, with its deeply recessed triple portal and the wonderful rose window that surmounts it. This window, more than 40 feet in diameter, was reported in cable dispatches yesterday as having been destroyed by a shell. It was in the Cathedral of Rheims that the successive Kings of France from Philip II to Charles X were crowned and it was there the Maid of Orleans stood, banner in hand, before the great altar and saw the coronation of Charles VII which marked the fulfillment of her vision.

The elaborate richness of the sculpture, its stined glass and statuary are not surpassed in any existing structure.

The north transept over the sacristy was a clock said to have been the oldest moving piece of horology in existence.

Among the priceless Cathedral treasures were some wonderful church plates of the early centuries, reliques, the skull of St. Remy and countless tapestries some dating from the Fifteenth century.

In a chapel attached to the vestry was a rare collection of sculpture, including the famous Sarcophagus of Jovinus, the Roman prefect of Rheims who was converted into Christianity in 336. The archbishop's palace, also reported as destroyed is a double-chapel, dating from about 1230. There the monarchs of France were housed at their coronations and there Joan of Arc lodged when she came to Rheims to crown Charles VII. The palace adjoins the Cathedral and about a quarter of a mile to the southwest is the church of St. Jacques, also reported destroyed or seriously damaged in the bombardment. Another church of great antiquity and interest is that of St. Remy, but no mention of its fate is made.

The Hotel de Ville, also said to be ruined or badly damaged by shell fire, was commenced in 1627 but not completed until the present century. It contained a magnificent library, several hundred volumes of manuscripts, some antiquities and a good collection of paintings.

**AMBASSADOR TURK TO LEAVE.**

**Does Not Care to Alter His Views and Will Leave Country—Wilson Displeased Over Recent Utterances of Some Diplomats.**

Washington Dispatch, 24th.

President Wilson today manifested to callers his displeasure over recent utterances of some of the diplomats accredited to the United States from belligerent Governments. He mentioned no names and told newspaper men he would make no comment, preferring that the discussion be conducted through the regular channels of the State Department.

Three published interviews in particular have given the United States Government offense, one by the Turkish Ambassador, A. Rustem Bey, another by Sir Lionel Carden, British Minister to Mexico, and a third attributed to Baron von Schoen, formerly secretary of the German Embassy at Tokio, which has been formally repudiated by him.

Whether other interviews have been taken up officially has not been divulged. The Turkish Ambassador given an opportunity to withdraw his remarks, informed the President he did not care to change his views and would leave the United States soon on leave of absence.

An explanation of the remarks of Sir Lionel Carden, who criticized President Wilson's policy is expected to be forwarded by the British Foreign Office.

Baron von Schoen called on Acting Secretary Lansing of the State Department and personally repudiated an interview in which he was represented as saying that war between the United States and Japan was inevitable. The German Secretary's explanation was accepted by Mr. Lansing.

The Ambassador refused to discuss his action further than to say he had asked his government for leave of absence, which he was certain would be granted, and would leave for Constantinople within 10 days.

The announcement of the Ambassador's withdrawal, though not unexpected, caused a profound sensation in diplomatic circles.

Coming close on another diplomatic interview yesterday of which the Administration at once took cognizance—that of Baron von Schoen of the German Embassy on the possibility of war between the United States and Japan, it was interpreted as an indication of President Wilson's determination to silence comment by foreign diplomats, considered dangerous to the neutrality of this country. It was understood the President would decline to receive diplomatists, who make comments which he considers obnoxious. Although Count von Bernstorff and Baron Schoen have repudiated the Baron's interview, the State department, at the direction of the President, today was still looking into it.

The Turkish Ambassador, in his interview considered particularly objectionable by the Administration, said the sending of American warships to Turkey in connection with the report of uprisings against Christians would lead to a serious situation. At the same time he said, while massacres had previously occurred in Turkey they were the same acts as many people might commit under provocation. By the way of illustration he reminded the American people of the lynchings of negroes and the "water cures" in the Philippines.

The Ambassador later explained to Administration officials personally and by letter. The President directed Mr. Bryan to say in answer that the statements made by the Ambassador were objectionable to the American Government and but for the fact that a tense situation exists in Turkey which he did not desire to aggravate, the diplomatic impropriety committed by the Ambassador might be a subject for discussion with the Ottoman Government.

The President asked whether the Ambassador cared to make any expression and today's announcement that he did not wish to alter his view in any way and would leave in a fortnight was the envoy's reply.

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Mrs. Ed. Smith and children visited her mother last Sunday.—Misses Bell Bullard, Nola Everette and Maggie Bullard visited at Mr. Geo. Davis' on last Sunday, and also attended Sunday school at Roslin and report a grand time.

Some few around here started to school last Monday as the graded school opened at that time, with a full attendance.

There was a singing at Mr. Bill Edwards' last Saturday night, also an entertainment at Mr. George McDonald's which was greatly enjoyed.

There will be preaching at Ray's Grove the first Sunday evening in October at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited. Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of Parkton Baptist church will preach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bullard and daughter Miss Margie, of Fairfield, Ala., who have been on an extended visit to Mr. W. J. Everette, left Tuesday for Roseboro, where they will visit Mr. Bullard's father before returning to Alabama.—Mr. and Mrs. Rose Carter are visiting friends and relatives of this neighborhood.—Sorry to report Mrs. W. J. Everette sick, but hope she will be out again before long.

I hear that the school will soon open up here. Miss Gertrude Fisher of Hope Mills will teach. Miss Fisher has taught here before.

Mr. John Brisson visited at Racford last week.

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