

Baron Eugene De Rothschild Arrives by Clipper; Nurse Tells of Nazi Brutality in Paris

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Baron Eugene de Rothschild, former Viennese banker, arrived here today aboard the Yankee Clipper from Lisbon to rejoin his wife, the former Kitty Wolff of Philadelphia, who sailed from the Portuguese port a month ago. Baron de Rothschild was to have sailed from Lisbon with his wife, but was held up when the United States Government invalidated all American visitors' visas issued after June 6.

The Baron, who was host to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at his Enzesfeld Castle after Edward had abdicated the English throne, was unaware that the Clipper, making the two-hundredth flight in the trans-Atlantic service, exchanged greetings with the Duke and Duchess when it passed over the American Export Liner Excalibur which is taking them to Bermuda.

Expressing pleasure at arriving in America, the Baron said he planned to remain in New York, at the Htel St. Regis, for at least three weeks. His plans after that are indefinite, possibly including returning to London at that time.

A story of food shortages and inhumane German actions during and after the taking of Paris was told by Miss Carolyn R. Nash of Washington D.C., who returned from several months service with the American Ambulance Corps in Paris.

When she left Paris July 12, Miss Nash said, she had already seen French prisoners in "bad want of food," and had felt the pinch of the German occupation, which left "no eggs, no butter and very little milk for the French population." Not only did the Nazi troops seize food supplies for their own use, but all gasoline was also commandeered, making food deliveries virtually impossible, she declared.

Miss Nash reported that before she left Paris, the Germans had destroyed the statue erected to the memory of Edith Cavell, World War nurse who was executed by the German army as a spy.

Recounting the difficulties she had had getting permits to travel in and out of Paris, and getting gasoline for her ambulance, Miss Nash said that everything she received was accompanied by a request to "tell the Americans how nice we've been when you go back." The Germans were very anxious to spread favorable propaganda in America, she continued, and added that the German soldiers in Paris were both "arrogant and correct" in their bearing towards the people of the captured French capital.

"They poured out Nazi propaganda at every chance," she said.

Although they worked in cooperation with the Ambulance Service and the American Red Cross in returning child refugees to Paris, the Germans completely ignored the plight of the older people, Miss Nash declared. And shortly after the work of rehabilitation began, the "Germans refused to let us help bring back the children."

Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi, founder and president of the Paneuropean Union, and his wife also arrived

on the Clipper. The Count hinted at hopes of creating a democratic Europe out of the ruins that will remain after the peace is signed.

“I am here to study the federal government of the United states and the Pan-American Union, with the idea of applying it to Europe after the peace is made,” he said. The count first came to America in 1925 as a lecturer for the Foreign Policy Association of New York.

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