

February 24th, 1903.

M. Jussier

Ambassador of the French Republic,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I sent you this afternoon the following telegram:

"Mr. Hyde is here. He consents to change of date of New York meeting to Thursday, March nineteenth provided Your Excellency approves. This puts matters in excellent shape. Please wire me and I will communicate with him in New Orleans."

Greatly to my delight, I learned that Mr. Hyde was in Chicago and I called upon him. After going over the case, he expressed himself as entirely willing to postpone the meeting of the Federation from Tuesday March 17th to Thursday March 19th. This was at the same time a great accommodation to me because otherwise I could not have been present at the dinner. He has requested me to consent to serve as the President of the Federation for the next year, and this I have consented to do. He was very courteous in the matter and we are all greatly obliged to him. At his request I sent you the telegram, and upon receipt of your reply I am to telegraph him to his address in New Orleans. This removes all

difficulties.

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AMBASSADE
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
AUX ÉTATS-UNIS

Washington, le 14 Mai 1903

May 23rd, 1903.

Answered MAY 21 1903

Francis W. Shepardson,

Secretary to the President.

M. J. Jusserand,

Ambassador from France,

Washington, D. C.

Monsieur le Président.

Dear Sir:-

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Les listes des Officiers et soldats des armées françaises de terre et de mer qui ont pris part à la guerre de l'Indépendance Américaine ayant été retrouvées naguère dans les archives de l'Etat, le Gouvernement de la République a décidé, conformément aux suggestions de Son Excellence le Général Porter, de faire imprimer ces documents.

J'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer un exemplaire de cette publication que mon Gouvernement désire offrir à la bibliothèque de votre Université, et qui fait connaître, pour chaque Officier et soldat, les date et lieu de sa naissance ainsi que divers autres renseignements. Je m'estime particulièrement heureux d'être appelé à transmettre à l'Institution que vous dirigez ce témoignage des sentiments dont demeure entourée en France la mémoire de ceux qui, avec n'importe quel grade et dans n'importe quel rang, ont cimenté, il y a plus d'un siècle, l'amitié durable de nos deux Pays./.

Agréez, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma haute considération, et de mes sentiments affectueux

*Monsieur
le Docteur Harper
Président de l'Université
Chicago*

*Jusserand
Ambassadeur de France*

P. S. L'exemplaire des

l'université lui sera remis par le
Maison, Consul de France et Chicago

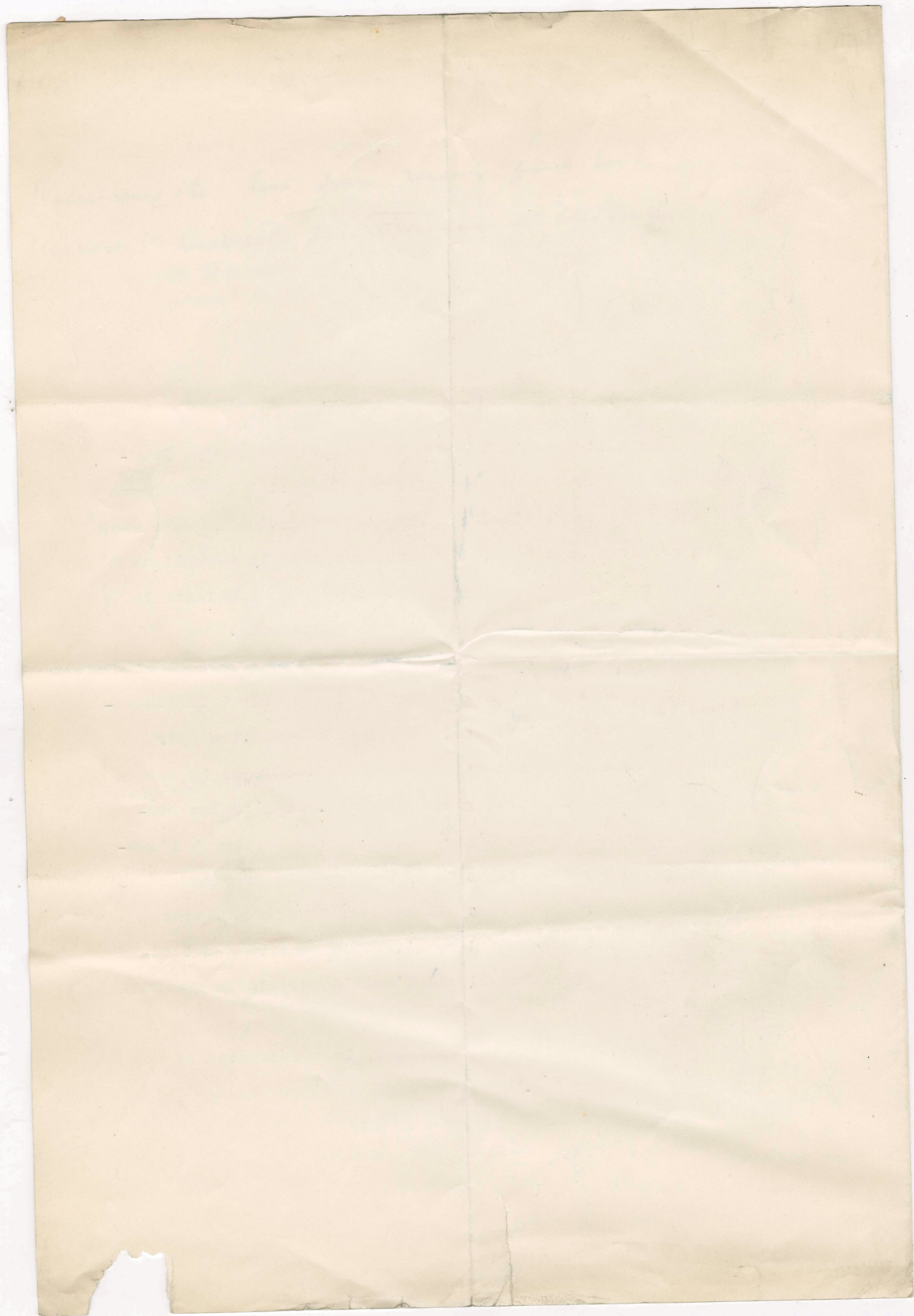


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AMBASSADE
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
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Washington, le 20 février 1903

(1)

Mr. President

I cannot easily find adequate words to express my gratitude for the honor your university intends to confer upon me.

I shall always consider as one of the most pleasant and flattering souvenirs of my stay among your great nation the offer you so kindly make of the valued

degree of hon. Dr. of Laws.

Nothing would have been more in accordance with my feelings than to be able to go to Chicago at the early date you mention. But, as I explained to Dean Judson (whose courteous visit I highly appreciated), I had already accepted to be in New York on the same day, to preside a meeting of the federation of the Alliance Francaise. I could not therefore but leave the matter in the hands of the President who had arranged all that concerns the meeting.

Mr. Hyde has just informed me by telegraph that some of the Delegates came from great distances and must have already ^{made} arrangements for the 17th march; and that it would therefore be rather difficult to choose another day.

Given such reasons, and as I had already promised to attend at that date, I did not think that I could properly insist. I hope you will consider that it was indeed difficult to do otherwise.

I trust the visit to your city, which I anticipate with the greatest pleasure, will not be long delayed.

and that I shall soon be enabled to
thank you viva voce for your great
kindness, as well as to express my
heartfelt wishes for this young Uni-
versity of yours, whose fame is
growing year by year, and where
France, I know, is happy in
numbering many friends.

I am, Mr. President,

Very Sincerely yours

Jusserand

I shall be present with pleasure
at anything I am asked.

Only one word more. Would you
cause your secretary to send me
some details: 1st ^{concerning} the occasion
when I shall have to speak on the
Saturday; what will it be, and
when shall I address? 2d - Then
must be some printed account
of last year's convocation. I sh^d
like very much to receive that
acc^t.

We rejoice greatly at the better
news of your health, and the
glorious news of the University.
With best compliments to Mrs.
Harper I am most sincerely yrs
J. Russell

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
A
WASHINGTON

Nov. 7. 1905

Dear President Harper

Your charming letter was
received by us with extreme
pleasure; we thank you heartily
for it, and hope nothing will
interfere and prevent our going
to Chicago.

So far as I can pretend to
be my own master, I certainly

1. He does not
seem doubtful
as to coming.
2. Does this affect the
function which
Ingres has
done? H.P.

decide to answer your friendly
call. we both greatly desire
to see you again, as well as
your family and our common
friends in that grand city which
has left on us such a deep impres-
sion.

My wife, who has never been
quite well for the last three years,
is still under treatment. She greatly
wishes to accompany me and
will surely, if the physician permits.
She begs me to thank you and Mrs.
Harper for your proffered hospitality.

As for me, I shall make an
appeal to your christian feelings,
so that no overburdened program
be arranged for me. I have not
been very well of late and had
to be, I too, under treatment
during my holidays. To go for
one speech, and a few words
besides on the other occasion you
mention is all right. But I
hope no other society, great and
sympathetic as, I am sure, it
is, will feel hurt if I decline
making any more speeches. If
the question is only to be present

Saturday evening and at the Convocation, and it is understood that at the Convocation the address need not exceed twenty-five minutes.

Your many friends here are looking forward with great anticipation to your coming. October 27th, 1905.
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I am hoping that nothing has occurred to change your minds in this matter. We are very anxious to have Madam, I remain

you reach Chicago by Saturday noon, December 16th,
Yours very truly,

and we will not be willing to have you arrange your departure before Wednesday. The Convocation itself will come Tuesday afternoon.

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Copied from Memoir of
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I went again to Chicago in December 1905, and delivered the Convocation Address, taking for my subject "Some Maxims for Life", and I saw then for the last time President Harper, who, afflicted with an inexorable disease, knowing full well that there was no escape, remained the same as in his happier days, as brave, as smiling, — his mind busy thinking of others, of his University, of what was going on in the world, not of his own fate. In his suffering, almost unable

We both send you our heartiest Christmas wishes, my dear president, for your health above all so valuable to thousands of your compatriots and others who are only your friends, and then for your family, in which I include that giant daughter of yours the Chicago University.

Ever yours faithfully,

JUSSERAND

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE

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WASHINGTON

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My Dear President

"A l'impossible nul n'est tenu"
is an old proverb generally
unknown here, and heartily
despised, I doubt not, by the
few who have heard of it. I
belong however to an old
country, the very country of that
old proverb, and I have had
to acknowledge sometimes that
certain things at certain times

are not feasible. of the number
is what you ask; just now
& for a good while, I have far
more occupations and engage-
ments than I can honestly
fulfill; and all my sympathy
for you, for Chicago and for
the whole of Christendom makes
me only too more sensible of
my deficiency.

I shall perhaps be able at some
future time to show otherwise than
in words my feelings for this
new born child of yours (never

however by writing about any
contemporary question; that is
forbidden us). But, for the present,
really & truly I cannot.

And so being the case I enclose
the paper dipped into "the Fairies
fatal Green" which I found with
your kind & flattering note, ad-
ding my best compliments and
sincerely to you and to your fami-
ly

Very sincerely yours

Jusserand

The University of Chicago

December 13, 1902.

President W. R. Harper,
The University,
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Dear Sir:

I return the clipping which you were kind enough to send me today. I thank you for it, but I was aware of all the facts contained in it.

Yours very truly,

John M. Manly

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Form No. 260.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

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SEND the following message subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Madame Jusserand,
the French Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Telephoned Her

Your husband in his address has covered himself
with glory. Many have greatly appreciated his visit. We
much regret your absence and trust that your health is
continuing to improve. I send this with highest esteem
in the name of a great number of the Ambassador's friends
and yours. William R. Harper.

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the following message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any REPEATED message, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of a message to any point on the lines of this Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon, at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz, one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance, a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

Design Pat. Dec. 20, 1897.



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JOHN W. MACKAY, President.
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TELEGRAM



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NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
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Dated Washington Dc Feb 27th '03			Received at 8:48 am
To President Wm R Harper,			(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)
University of Chicago, City			190

Very greatful for invitation my wife will accompany me but impossible to be so long absent from my post The utmost I can do is to spend sixteenth and seventeenth at Chicago, extremely sorry unable to remain longer sincere compliments
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This is an UNREPEATED Message and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison.

No employee of this Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

WILLIAM H. BAKER,
V. P. and Gen'l Manager.

JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

JOHN W. MACKAY,
President.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

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ALBERT BECK, Sec'y. GEO. G. WARD, V. P. & G. M.



TELEGRAM

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

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Dated Washington DC Mch 12-03			Received at 9 05
To President-Harper			(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)
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Very sorry for misunderstanding. I thought I had clearly explained the great difficulty I experience in leaving Washington at present. My desire however not to disappoint in any way your University is such that at the risk of being discourteous to others I shall take the train you name. I shall be grateful if in drawing plans it be kindly remembered that I am unfortunately at present in an indifferent state of health.

Jusserand.



FORM 15.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers the within message subject to the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the message written on the face hereof and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of messages to any point on the lines of the Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon, at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

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AMBASSADE
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
AUX ÉTATS-UNIS

Washington, le 28 fevr. 1903

Mr. President,

I see that, after all, and however strong may be my wishes to the contrary, Fate wanted me to disappoint, in some way, the University of Chicago. As I told Dean Judson, when he did me the honour of calling, being new in my post, it is much more difficult for me to leave it, in the midst of all the duties and obligations of the first months than it would have been at a later date. For this cause, and as my intention was to make, if possible,

same stay in your beautiful city and take time to become acquainted with its institutions, I expressed an earnest wish that my visit might be deferred till June.

This, as I saw from your telegr. would not be conveniently done, and I did not hesitate therefore to heartily accept your kind invitation for March 17, cancelling more than one previous engagement. I cannot well say how sorry I am not to see means of freeing myself to a larger extent and of reaching Chicago ~~in~~ time for the 14th of March banquet. I hope you will hold me excused and trust you feel sure that if I had had any possibility of meeting more fully your flattering wish, I should have seized it with alacrity. I am confident also, you will

not be surprised that such be the case, when you think of all I have to do in those first weeks of my stay here.

My wife is deeply touched at being included in your invitation, and though, I am sorry to say, she feels rather weak on account of the fatigue attending upon removing from Denmark, and settling here, she will be very pleased indeed to move west with me and to become acquainted with you, Mr. President, and with those friends of France and of literary art for which your University is noted among us.

I am very glad to think that the federation will be presided over by you next year, and feel confident that it cannot fail to prosper under

your guidance.

I remain

most sincerely yours

Jessie

Pres. Harper invites
Ambassador Jusserand
to Chicago to receive
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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

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SEND the following message subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

March 16th 1903.

Mr. James H. Hyde,

9 East 40th St., New York City.

Many thanks. We accept with great pleasure. We intend staying at
the Waldorf.

Jusserand.

Prepay and charge to President's Office.

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.