AccueilRevenir à l'accueilCollectionDe la guerre de 1870 à la Commune de Paris: lettres à sa familleItemLettre d'Eugène Lee-Hamilton à Matilda Paget - 22 Mai 1871

Lettre d'Eugène Lee-Hamilton à Matilda Paget -22 Mai 1871

Auteurs: Lee-Hamilton, Eugene

Information générales

LangueAnglais
CoteVernon Lee Archive, Miller Library, Colby College, ME
Nature du documentLettre manuscrite autographe
Collationpapier; 6 pages
SupportPapier
Etat général du documentBon
Localisation du documentVernon Lee Archive, Miller Library, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, USA

Les folios

En passant la souris sur une vignette, le titre de l'image apparaît.

6 Fichier(s)

Les mots clés

Commune de Paris

Dossier génétique

Ce document n'a pas de relation indiquée avec un autre document du projet. []

Citer cette page

Lee-Hamilton, Eugene, Lettre d'Eugène Lee-Hamilton à Matilda Paget - 22 Mai 1871, 1871-05-22. Holographical-Lee, Sophie Geoffroy, Université de La Réunion; projet EMAN (Thalim, ENS-CNRS-Sorbonne nouvelle). Consulté le 25/10/2025 sur la plate-forme EMAN : https://eman-archives.org/HoL/items/show/1937

Texte & Analyse

Analyse22 Mai 1871 MeWC

Ambassade d'Angleterre 17 rue des Réservoirs Versailles May 22. 71 (monday, noon) ^E.L.H.'s return to France after leave at Rome VP. 1919^ My little darling,

I hope thou hast safely received my telegram telling thee of my arrival and good health?

My journey was a very fatiguing one and difficult one. I have nothing of interest to tell thee respecting it however, except that yesterday morning, on arriving at Melun, I had to get out of the railway and take the diligence to Versailles right across the country. It took me nearly the whole day. At Dijon I first came upon the Prussians. Nothing can be more saisissant than their 'thus' suddenly coming upon them. The first I saw were two sentries in full campaigning dress with their pointed helmets on the railway line, looking like ghosts in the grey morning light. On the Platform at Dijon there were a large number, all perfectly silent and guiet, and the contrast between them, --so soldier like, so rigid--, and the French soldiers who were hurrying about beside them was very curious. At Lonjumeau where I stop we stopped to rest the horses, and where I got some dinner yesterday, a balloon containing proclamations etc which had been let off at Paris by the Communists fell in the yard in front of the house I was eating in. There was great excitement of course and the ballon, --a small one—was carried off by the gendarmes. As one approaches Paris the military movement becomes very marked, Cavalry galloping along, estafettes etc etc -but I did not pass near enough to Paris to see any of the active operations. On arrival here I was given a small room in Lord L's apartment (a very small one something like our Rue du Luxembourg apartment & on the second floor) The room is very small, but has is clean & has plenty of air. I fear it is quite out of the question finding even a bedroom to let here except at a fabulous price. 200 a month is asked for an inferior bedroom. So I suppose I must stay with Lord L. though I dread the long meals and the I should far prefer a more independent mode

Lord L. is very cordial, as he always is. The other people staying with him are Wodehouse Sheffield and a new military attaché, Colonel Conolly, whom I have scarcely had time to judge of. West, the Secretary of Embassy, is also here. I have arrived just in time for the great dénouement, it seems. As I telegraphed thee, the Army forced its way in to (sic) Paris yesterday, and a great battle is raging there today. Sheffield was has been at Meudon all the morning, whence there is a splendid view of the contest. He says the Versailles army has reached the Arc de Triomphe on the right bank of the Seine and the Champ de Mars on the other. The Insurgents are apparently bombarding Paris from Versa Montmartre, and we are very anxious for the safety of the Embassy & its inmates.

A great fire can also be distinctly seen to be raging in the neighbourhood of the Tuileries. I am going to Meudon in half an hour, and shall write thee this evening what I see. Here at Versailles there is of course tremendous excitement. Cavalry,

artillery galloping about, great crowds in the streets. Large numbers of unfortunate prisoners are bro continually being brought into Versailles and are jee cruelly jeered at by the mob. I saw a great body of them this morning escorted down the Avenue de Paris by cavalry. They look like brigands rather than like soldiers. They are horribly dirty and squalid, most of them in a sort of garde mobile uniform. Most of them are either very young or very old, few of them middle aged. I saw among them many deserters from the regular army, who walked along doggedly, apparently quite prepared for their fate. Close by to this house is the Place du Château with the fine statue of Louis XIV and the inscription "à toutes les gloires de la France". It was at the foot of this statue that the Crown Prince of Prussia distributed medals to his soldiers.

I have been studying the timetables between for thee between Verona & Salzburg. I find thou wilt have to make two days journey of it, and thou must absolutely sleep at Innsbruck. The best arrangement I can make for thee is to leave Verona at Auteur(s) de la transcriptionGeoffroy, Sophie Auteur transcriptionGeoffroy, Sophie

Présentation

Date 1871-05-22 Genre Correspondance Mentions légales

- Document : Courtesy of Special Collections and Archives, Colby College Libraries, Waterville, Maine
- Fiche: Holographical-Lee, Sophie Geoffroy, Université de La Réunion; projet EMAN (Thalim, ENS-CNRS-Sorbonne nouvelle). Licence Creative Commons Attribution - Partage à l'Identique 3.0 (CC BY-SA 3.0 FR)

Editeur de la ficheHolographical-Lee, Sophie Geoffroy, Université de La Réunion ; projet EMAN (Thalim, ENS-CNRS-Sorbonne nouvelle) PublicationInédit

Informations éditoriales

DestinatairePaget, Matilda
Contexte géographiqueVersailles
CouvertureVersailles, France
Notice créée par Sophie Geoffroy Notice créée le 08/07/2021 Dernière modification le 10/10/2021

MeWC Amba ssade d'augleterre Versailles (monday, noon) may 22. 71 mylittle darling, return 4 France I hope thou has tafely re telegram telling the ofmy arrival and food health? My fourney was a very fatiguing and difficult one. Thave nothing of interest to tell thee respecting it however, except that yesterday morning, on arriving a melun, I had to get out of the Chailway and take the diligence he to Versailles right across the Country. It took me nearly the whole day. at Dijon I fire, Came upon the Orussians. nothing on Cambre more saisissant than their Suddenly Coming upon them

The first I say were two sentries in helmets on the railway line , looking like 00 Shorts in the grey morning light. On the Platform at Dijon there were a large number, all perfectly silent and quiet, and the contrast between them , so soldier like, so rigid and the French Soldiers who were hurrying about beside them was verg carious. At Lonjumeau where detop we stopped to rest the horses and where I got some dinner yesterday, a balloon Containing proclamations &c which had been let off at barit by the Communist fell in the yeard in front of the house I was eating in . There was freat excitement of course and the Calloon, - a small one was carried off by the fendamies. as one approaches Varis the military movement becomes very marked, Lavalry fallopping

along, esta feltes te ve - but I did not pass near enoughto Caris to see any of the active e operation. marrival here Lwaspiven a Imall room in Lord L's apartment (a very Small one something like our e Que du Luxembourg apartment & on the second floor) The room ere is very small, but hast is clean es that plenty of air. I fear it is quite out of the question finding even a bedroom to let here except at a pabulous price is Loo a month is acked for an inferior bedroom. So Luppose Imust Stay with e Lord L. though I dread the Confineals and the I should far prefer amore in dependent more of life. North is very Cordial, a he always is. The other people Staying with him are Wortchouse

Sheffield and a new miletary littache', Colone & Conolly, whom Thave searcely had time to judge of. West, the Secretary of combuse Kalso here. I have arrived just in time for the freat denouement, it seems as I belegraphed thee, the dring forced its way in to taris yesterday, and a great battle is raging there today. Theffield tout has been at Theudon all the morning whence there is a Splendid view of the Contest. He says the Versailles army has reached the are de Hiomph on the right bank of the Seine and the Champ de mars on the other. The Insurgents are Terror montmartre, and we are very auxious for the Lafety

The Embassy Kits in mates MOWC afreat fire Can also be dirinch Seen to be raging in the neighbourt of the Tuileries, am foing to mendo in half an hour, and shall write thee this evening what I see. Here at versailles there is of Cours fremendous excitement. Cavalry. artillery falloping about freat Crowds in the streets. Large numbers of unfortunate prisoners are bear Continually being broug into Versailles and are for cruelle feered at by the mob. I saw of great body of them this morning Escorted down the avenue de Varis by cavalry. They look like brigand rather than like Soldiers. They are hortibly rirty and squalid, most of them in a sort of farde mobile Uniform. most of them are either very young or very old, few of them middle aged. I saw

among them many deserters from the regular army, who walked along doffedly, apparently faite prepared for their fate . - Close by to this house is the place du Chateau with the fine statue of Louis XIV and the inscript à toutes les ploires de la France It was at the foot of this Italue that the Crown trince of brussia distributed medale to his soldie I have been stardying the time Tables between for the between Verona & Salzburg. I find thou wilt have to make two days fourney of it, and thou must absolutely sleep at Innsbruck The best arrangement I can make for thee is to Leave Verona at