

MRS. VON CLAUSSEN LEAVES IN A RAGE



Unable to See President at White House She Says He Must Take the Consequences

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WASHINGTON, April 9.—In a towering rage because she was not allowed to see the President nor even Secretary Loeb, Mrs. Ida M. Von Claussen, who is seeking redress for the refusal of United States Minister Graves to present her at the Swedish Court, flounced out of the White House this morning, vowing the President would have to take the consequences.

"The President has refused to see me and right my wrongs, and he will have to take the consequences," was the parting shot she fired in the White House direction.

Mrs. Von Claussen left a letter to the President asking to be examined by a commission as to her sanity. It is as follows:

"To the Right Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States:

"Mrs. Von Claussen is in receipt of President Roosevelt's refusal to see her and redress the insults offered her by his representatives in Sweden, Mr. and Mrs. Graves. She cannot appeal again to the State Department, as she received its final decision before she left Boston. Mrs. Von Claussen begs President Roosevelt to at once appoint a commission of experts to make sure she is of sound mind before she proceeds further in this case, for she knows well from previous report that when President Roosevelt is 'cornered' he has a habit of appointing such commissions to help him out of his difficulties. Therefore, not caring to lay herself open to further criticism, Mrs. Von Claussen demands that such a commission be appointed at once; otherwise she will call the experts herself."

Her wishes will not be gratified.

Dramatic Entrance

Her visit was dramatic. At the appointed hour, 10.30 o'clock, her carriage drove up to the White House. She swept in regal fashion through the door, her train nearly tripping a clumsy policeman who was not accustomed to court gowns. The messengers fairly gasped with surprise.

Advancing to the trembling messenger who guards the secretary's door, Mrs. von Claussen looked down upon him while she delivered her card and asked to see Mr. Loeb. Mr. Forster, the assistant secretary, appeared instead. Then there was a short discussion.

Wishes Not Granted

Mrs. von Claussen told why she had come, insisted she had a legitimate grievance, and ought to be allowed to see Mr. Loeb and the President.

"We have referred you to the State Department. There is nothing more we can do for you, madam," was the polite but firm reply of Mr. Forster to all her representations.

After leaving the White House Mrs. von Claussen announced that she probably would ask for an appointment with the Secretary of State, inasmuch as the President had referred her to him.