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necessitated by the application for an armistice, that their army was beaten, that they went to pieces morally and started a revolt. Mr. Wilson's repeated statements that he could not make peace with the old government made the people think they would get better terms as a republic.

Now the internal affairs in Germany are very obscure. There seems to be some sort of counter revolution, and no one can say what the end will be. I think a German Republic.

On Dec. 13, Mr. Wilson arrived in France to consult with the leaders of the allies and to attend the Peace Conference. The world is in a turmoil and it is hoped that the Conference may settle matters.

Dec.13 Said and 32 Egyptians left Left for Kareima.
I have had no word but hope all is well.

Dec. 15 Sending in 3 horses and 8 boxes to take fast freight (perishable) for Shellal. Arranged very kindly by Mr. E. Parsa, Goods Manager, E. S. R.⁴

Monday Went in to Cairo to make purchases and to see

Dec. 16 Mr. Gary by appointment at 12 noon.

Was with Mr. Gary from 12 to 1:20 p.m. Explained to him the unlucky effect of his dinner to Sultan on part of the British officials and on the political situation. Told him this was due to unforeseen events after dinner was arranged, and that the only source of danger was in the doubt as to his loyalty excited in the minds of some British officials. He told me of his intercourse with Wingate⁵, Cheetham, Brunyate,⁶ and Gregg, and of their friendly and intimate attitude. I tried to make him understand the ease with which an inexperienced American might be misled by the English habits of shyness, self control and outward courtesy, and suggested that he use Knabenstone[?] and the other secretaries for obtaining insight into true situation. I ascertained that he had made no use of the two reports I wrote for him on the internal conditions

⁴ Egyptian State Railroads

⁵ British High Commissioner in Egypt

⁶ Judicial Advisor