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July 13 Back to Paris per Amsterdam train, very crowded as all trains are. Weather is sunny and pleasant but train is very slow and has frequent stops. Left 11:45 A arrived in Paris towards seven. Everything closed in Paris on account of National Fête to tomorrow

July 14 Everything closed. Went out ~~to see review of~~ Army Champs Elysees. Wind has gone East and fine weather Temperature now 78°F. Saw President Doumergue in his carriage (3rd time). The President here has a pleasant job and limited responsibilities, compared to our Presidents. Thick set rather undersized

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man, bowing and smiling and saluting from his carriage. Heavy black ~~mous~~ moustached Painlevé does not bow nor smile nor salute and looks ~~preoccupied~~ ^{^ [worried]}, sitting in same carriage with Doumergue. France seems to begin to realize - rather late that she cannot go on forever with an unbalanced budget and maintain her credit. Yet I see no signs of want, everybody seems to be spending money freely restaurants, hotels and theatres are all filled altho' one sees the usual street singers and beggars of Paris. Bois de Boulogne very restful, even on a day like this. Redman left



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