

Cossacks, Indians and Buffalo Bill

Chapter Three (cont.)

1905 Buffalo Bill in Paris

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“Mr. Clemenceau, yet not a gullible fool, comes to let himself be carried off by political passion, to one of these errors, quite comical, which remain legendary. In his article yesterday morning, the leader of L’Aurore (The Dawn) instituted legal proceedings against Russia and accumulated the arguments intending to demonstrate the permanent confusion which reigns in the Army ‘Friends and Allies.’ And, in a beautiful piece he wrote:

“It’s not too significant that one did see arrive, yesterday, at the North train station, twelve Cossacks in uniform who deserted and crossed all of Germany in order to come to enter into our foreign legion rather than to let themselves be led to useless slaughter.”

Unfortunately, one could read several hours later in the evening paper this note:

“Someone said that several Cossacks, deserters of the Russian Army, after having crossed Germany in order to come into France to enter into an enlistment in the foreign legion, had left Friday from the North train station. To be more precise: It’s about the foreign legion of Buffalo Bill riders, whose exploits have remained peaceful until now.