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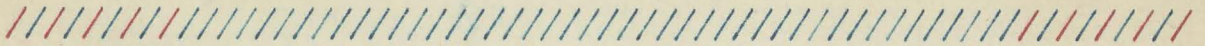
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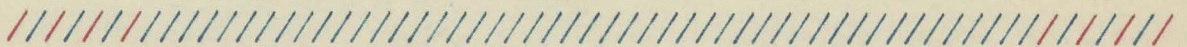
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Some general rules of precedence abroad.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. (According to Ceremony of the Court):

Members of reigning house or visiting royalty.

Cardinals (who are given royal rank)

Master of the household of the Emperor.

Ambassadors

Heads of house of Mediatized Princely families.

Privy Councillors: (among whom is Minister for For. Affrs.)

Heads of families having title of Count, designated Ertlaucht.

Ministers of Foreign Countries.

Remaining Privy Councillors.

Under Secretaries (Section Chiefs) of Ministries; Speakers of the Two Houses of Parliament and Procurator-General of the Supreme Law Courts; Governors of Provinces, etc.

The rank of **Chargé** is after the last accredited Minister. No distinction is recognized between a **Chargé d'Affaires ad int.** and a **Chargé d'Affaires en titre**. **Chargés** are ranked according to date of accreditation of their Chiefs. **Chargés of Embassy** precede **Chargés of Legation**.

Under Secretaries in the different Ministries have no special rank beyond that of the 4th class of rank, unless they are Privy Councillors. There is no distinction made between the Ministries.

Military Attachés - Their position officially and socially is better than that of the Councillor or First Secretary of the Mission, although in matter of mere precedence latter has first place.

FRANCE: The French Government being a triology, composed of the President of the Republic, the President of the Senate and Chamber, is one of difficulty as regards precedence of **Ambassadors**. At official functions the President appears with President of Senate on his right and President of Deputies on his left. The Ambassadors claim they should come after the President of the Republic, therefore are rarely invited together to avoid friction.

Entertaining among themselves however they give precedence to The Presidents of the Senate and Chamber, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Ministers Plenipotentiary - rank with Cabinet Ministers when the host is a French official: usually the two are placed alternately right and left, left and right of the host.

Chargés of Embassy ad int. pass after the **Chargés en titre** (permanent) and before **Chargés of Legation** (temporarily acting) ad int. When the **Chargé ad int.** has the grade of Minister Plenipotentiary, he follows after the regularly accredited E. E. and M.P.s.

Military and Naval attachés - At general functions the attaché ranks immediately after the diplomatic official next to the head of the Embassy or Legation, and who is designated to act for him in absence.

Under secretaries of State are members of the Government, form a part of the Cabinet, and as such rank immediately after the Ministers (Members of the Cabinet). They outrank all diplomatic officers except Ambassadors.

Official precedence at Paris is as follows:

1. President of the Senate.
2. Chamber of Deputies.
3. Ministers (of Departments).
4. Under-Secretaries of State.
5. The Senate.
6. The Chamber.
7. Council of State.
8. Certain Orders (Legion of Honor, etc.)
9. Court of Cassation.
- etc. etc. etc.

(From Paris, July 27, 1908, and Aug. 10, 1908, No. 439))

GERMANY: (From Berlin, June 21, 1909, File No. 14319/112)

Ambassadors rank after members of the Royal family, Royal Princes and Princes having privileges of Royalty. Rank of **Ministers Plenipotentiary** is not given.

Chargés en titre rank after Ministers resident in the Diplomatic Corps, and are followed by **Chargés ad int.**, precedence being given to Embassies. Among themselves **Chargés en titre** rank according to priority in taking charge.

In diplomatic houses the **Secretary for Foreign Affairs** ranks first in the absence of the Imperial Chancellor; whenever the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is present in his place, he ranks any diplomatic officer belonging to the same category of rank.

Military and Naval attachés come after Counselor of Emb.

GREAT BRITAIN - (No. 665, July 23, 1908, from London)

Royalty

Ambassadors

Archbishops.

Lord High Chancellor.

Prime Minister, etc. down to eldest Dukes' sons, of
Ministers. bleed Royal.

Marqueses, Dukes eldest sons, Earls, Younger sons
of Dukes, down to Viscounts.

Chargés.

Earls' eldest sons, Marqueses' younger sons, Bishops.

Secretaries of State and Chief Secretary to the Ld.

Lt. of Ireland.

Barons.

Speaker of the House of Commons.

Commissioner of the Great Seal.

Earls' younger sons, etc.

Chancellor of the Exchequer,

The Lord Chief Justice, other Justices and Judges.

Other younger sons, of Barons, etc.

Knights.

The Secretaries of State rank among themselves, -
Foreign coming second. If the host is a foreign
diplomat, by courtesy, the Minister for Foreign
Affairs takes precedence over all except the Royal
family, including other Ambassadors. Under Sec-
retaries have no special rank unless titled.

At the capital diplomatic officers of any rank
take precedence over Consular officers who are
simply classed with visiting foreigners of distinc-
tion.

Naval and Military attachés above Post-Captain or
Colonel have precedence after the head of the mis-
sion, if on special duty. Below Post Captain or
Colonel, or of such rank, they come next after
the Secretary of Embassy or Legation. Upon ar-
rival are received by the King; int'd by Ambassador.
Chargés rank among themselves according to the
date from which they begin to serve. So that
permanent Chargés come before Chargés ad int., and
a Chargé pf Embassy does not necessarily take
precedence over a chargé d'Affaires.

Women take the same rank as their husbands or
eldest brothers.

ITALY - (No. 577, April 1, 1909, from Rome).

Precedence is established by Royal Decree.

Ambassadors yield only to Royal family.

Presidents of Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Knights of Annunciata.

Foreign Ministers.

Minister of the Crown.

Ministers of State and under Secretaries of State.

Chargés

Generals - Admirals.

(then follows a long list of Italian officers)

Chargés en titre or permanent charges, as well as other chargés, rank according to time of accreditation. No distinction between Charges of Legation and Embassy.

In diplomatic houses Under Secretaries are given precedence over Ministers Plenipotentiary (but it is custom to apologize to the M.P.)

JAPAN - (No. 446 Of Sept. 21, 1908, from Tokyo.)

The highest rank in Japan are the Shinnin officials, who receive personal appointment from the Emperor, at a special audience. They are:

The Premier.

The Board of Gensui (Supreme Military and Naval council*
Cabinet Ministers, President of the Privy Council, Resident General of Korea, Generals, Admirals and Ambassadors.
Vice-President of the Privy Council. The Privy Council.

Other officers are accorded the treatment of Shinnin grade.

At Japanese houses, the precedence is:

Foreign Ambassadors.

Supreme Order of Chrysanthemum.

The Prime Minister.

Foreign Ministers Plenipotentiary and the Gensui and are placed alternately commencing with the foreign Minister.

At the foreign house:

The prime Minister.

Foreign Ambassadors.

Order of Chrysanthemum.

Gensui and Ministers of State with the Foreign Ministers, placed alternately commencing with Gensui.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs is first among the Minister of State, and takes place of Prime Minister in latter's absence.

Chargés en titre precede Chargés ad int. always. Chargés of Emb. ad int. precede Chargés of Legation ad int.

Under Secretaries: It is customary for the members of the staff of a foreign Mission to give place to every Japanese at an entertainment where either their chief or any one of themselves is the host.

R U S S I A: (No. - of Aug. 24, 1908, from St. Petersburg).

Chancellor of the Empire.

Ambassadors come after the Chancellor of the Empire.

Actual Privy Councillor; General; Admirals; Court officer
Foreign Ministers.

Privy Councillors; Lt. Colonels; Vice-Admirals; Court of-
Ministers Resident and Chargés. ficers.

Actual State Councillors, Majors, General, Rear Admirals.
Counselor of Embassy.

Members of Duma.

State Counselors.

First Secretaries.

Collegiate Councillors., Colonels, Captains of first
rank, Chamberlains, and other court officers.

Second Secretaries.

etc etc etc etc.

Chargés en titre rank according to accreditation. **Chargés ad int.** by rank of absent chiefs. Diplomatic Agents and **Chargés** of Diplomatic agents follow other **Chargés**.

S P A I N: (No. 649, Nov. 28, 1908, from Madrid).

When the host is Spanish:

Ambassadors take precedence over all except royalty; The Papal nuncio being ex officio dean of the Diplomatic Corps precedes all other Ambassadors, whose precedence among themselves is regulated by date of accreditation.

Foreign Ministers take precedence over all Spanish officials except the President of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of State, the Presidents of the Senate and Congress, the High Chief of the Palace, Field Marshals and Knights of the Golden Fleece. (At times also the President of the Council of State, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Chief of the General Staff precede **Foreign Ministers**.)

When the host is a foreign diplomat:

Ambassadors yield to The Prime Minister, the Minister of State, and Presidents of Senate and Congress. (The last two officers being given precedence as an act of courtesy).

Foreign Ministers yield precedence to Spaniards, in accordance with the rule of it being a diplomatic family.

Chargés in a Spanish house come after **Ministers Plenip.** **Chargés en titre** rank **Chargés ad int.** Precedence of the latter among themselves depends upon date of assuming charge

Sub-Secretaries: When a Spaniard is host, below Minister and **Chargés**; in diplomatic houses, after Ambassadors, and



above Ministers.

S W I T Z E R L A N D: (From Barne, July 27, 1908)

There are no established rules of precedence. At the annual dinner of the President to the Diplomatic Corps the following precedence is observed, the Diplomatic corps being placed right and left of the President and his vis-a-vis the Vice-President, and each diplomat being seated between two Swiss officers:

President of the Confederation.

Vice-President.

Remaining Five Federal Councillors.

The Federal Judges (Supreme Court)

The Presidents of the two Chambers.

The Representatives of the Executive Council of Berne.

High officials of Berne.

Under Secretaries for Foreign Affairs.

Minor Federal officials.

Minor town officials.

Secretaries of the chanceries for Foreign Affairs and other Departments.

In a diplomatic house, except for the Ambassador, the visiting Swiss are given precedence as a rule.

M E X I C O: From Mexican Herald, September 3, 1910.

President of the Republic.

Vice President,

President of the Chamber of Deputies.

Head of Supreme Court.

Vice-President of the Senate.

Secretary of Foreign Relations.

(Secretaries of other Departments).

Governors of States in Alphabetical order.

Under-Secretaries in the order of their Chiefs.

Attorney General.

Governor of Federal District.

President of the Ayuntamiento, and

Presidents of courts of justice.

Certain Generals.

Postmaster General.

etc. etc. etc.

Relative placing of **Diplomats** not shown.

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A R G E N T I N A: (from No. 777 Aug. 3, 1908).

The following are general rules of precedence:

Ambassadors or Nuncios, after the President.

Ministers for Foreign Relations.

Ministers of the Interior.

Foreign Ministers.

Other Ministers of various Departments.

the President of the Senate.

President of Deputies.

Federal Supreme Court.

Attorney General.

Supreme Council of War and Navy.

Lieutenant Generals.

Vice Admirals. etc. etc. etc.

Chargés en titre always rank Chargés ad int.