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## TRANSCRIPTION

## WOMEN OBJECT TO AMBASSADOR PAGE

## CLAIM THAT HIS ADDRESSES ARE TOO PRO-ENGLISH.

## Claim British Papers Merely Make Fun OF Him—Sherman Gets Letter Prom One of Them.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 23. [1913]—Senator Sherman of Illinois, last week received an interesting letter from an American woman, residing in London, ; protesting against the strongly pro-English utterances of Ambassador Page.

His Excellency, as the ambassador is called in England, recently; delivered an address at Southampton on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument on the spot where the Pilgrim Fathers offered their last prayer before embarking for America. During the course of his remarks he stated that America is still "English led and English ruled" and pointed out the fact that with the exception of Colonel Roosevelt, every president of this country was predominantly English: in descent.

The writer, Mrs. [sic, Miss] Lillian Scott Troy, enclosed several clippings from the English press to illustrate the attitude of the English toward Mr. Page. One of them, from the Daily Express, said:

"The Mayflower must have been the direct progenitor of the Imperator [commander or emperor]. This was clearly no little ship such as credulous history believes in but a mammoth liner. But mathematical accuracy compels the assertion that on counting up the numbers of persons in America whose families was: 'common over mit der Mayflower' the good ship clearly had state room accommodation for five thousand souls on each journey, even when allowance is made for those originators of the present aristocracy in the States who took passage as stewards and cabin boys."

Such comments as these have so riled the Americans in London that more than one senator is hearing protests. In commenting on Mr. Page's address, Mrs. Troy said:

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