

MAJOR LIVIUS TEIUȘANU – THE FIRST ROMANIAN MILITARY ATTACHÉ IN UNITES STATES OF AMERICA

Alexandru OȘCA*

Abstract. Convinced that, after the United States joined the war, the peace would be organised according to their will, the Romanian government decided to send to Washington knowledgeable people, with charisma and strength, to inform the American public opinion about the justified wishes of the Romanians in order to create a wave of sympathy and support for them. This was Major Livius Teiușanu.

Key words: The war for Union, hero soldiers, military attaché, the great Union, communist prison, gratitude

The national ideal of the Romanians everywhere was emphasized in many ways by the brilliant minds and pure souls of this nation.

1918 was, no doubt, the graceful moment for all Romanians living between Carpathian Mountains, Danube River, and Black Sea coast. By a happy coincidence, all wishes came true, both of those in the kingdom who were willing to fight alongside the Entente to unite with the Romanians from Ardeal, Banat, Maramures, Bucovina, as well as of those who were willing to fight alongside the Central Powers to unite with Basarabia, again.

There is an unending trail of Romanian patriots who dedicated their energies and their lives to serve the national ideal, whether on the battlefield or – not least important – on the diplomatic field, in the struggle for acknowledgement of the 1918 Union.

It was, no doubt, important – if not vital – for the Romanian nation, that, after the war, its sons, be them from Muntenia, Moldavia, Ardeal, Banat, Bucovina, Basarabia, Dobrudgea decided to build themselves a future together. Remarkable statesmen have worked for the will, spirit and soul of the Romanians. Often, remarkable personalities from these provinces are mentioned together, justifiably. In the spirit of the Union, there fought statesmen from the kingdom, too. I would like to remind King Ferdinand, Queen Mary, I.I.C. Bratianu, Take Ionescu, Nicolae Iorga, Nicolae Titulescu, Constantin Stere and many others.

Army people, too, have felt just as the rest of the Romanian people who wished for the Union; among these some famous generals, officers and simple soldiers, many of whom had arrived from Ardeal or Banat and had joined the Romanian army. Their trail is impressive and some of them have become

* Professor at Craiova University.