

WALLACE ATTACKS TAFT Accuses Him of Renewed Assault on Truth and Integrity.

CHARGE AGAINST MAGOON Says Governor Advised Course and Then Secretly Warned Taft. Quotes Taft's Statement to Show Contradiction.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Ex-Chief Engineer John F. Wallace, of the Isthmian Canal, today addressed a letter to Senator Millard, chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canals, in reply to Secretary Taft's recent testimony before that committee, in which he charges Mr. Taft with having abused his official position in order to make a second assault upon him and to place in a public record statements calculated and apparently intended to affect his reputation for veracity, such as he would not make to me as one man to another, face to face.

He also imputes to Governor Magoon a breach of confidence in having advised him to take a certain course of action and then anticipating it by secretly writing to Mr. Taft. While expressly stating that he bears no ill-will toward William Nelson Cromwell, Mr. Wallace speaks of the bias of Mr. Taft in favor of that gentleman and says that he was aware that Mr. Cromwell, among other things, was trying to secure the payment by the United States of an improper claim, which, however, was afterward disallowed by the President.

Stenographer Behind Scenes. Mr. Wallace refers to the Manhattan Hotel interview with Mr. Taft, which was given out to the press with a statement by Mr. Taft at the time that it "was not the result of a hasty outburst of anger, but a deliberate opinion formed after reflection, following Mr. Taft's letter and telegram," and expresses the opinion that Mr. Taft prejudged his motive and that the Secretary's actions and remarks were prearranged. The presence of Mr. Cromwell at that interview, Mr. Wallace says, prevented a free presentation of his views, because he had hoped to talk with the Secretary alone, and he adds that he believed a stenographer was concealed in the room where the interview was held or the adjoining one thereto in order to take notes of the conversation.

Says Magoon Played Double. Mr. Wallace next refers to a conversation on the isthmus with Mr. Magoon, in which he says that Mr. Magoon himself "suggested to me that I should request Mr. Taft to appoint me chairman of the Commission." He continued: "I replied that I would make no demands upon Mr. Taft; that I would accept my personal friend and that I much preferred, as Mr. Magoon admits, going to Mr. Shonts and putting it to him straight. I also requested Governor Magoon to make no suggestions to Secretary Taft, but I note from his conduct that he did not do so. Under the impression that I desired him to recommend my retention as an engineer member of the Commission, and the fact that Governor Magoon assured me he would regard the subject as confidential and give me an opportunity at first to present the matter to Secretary Taft in a personal interview, he permitted my absence on the part of Governor Magoon in advising me to take a certain line of action and then, knowing that he had been followed, secretly writing to Secretary Taft as to what he thought I would probably do, speak for him."

Taft's Charge of Untruth. Secretary Taft in his testimony before your committee charged me with an untruthful statement made by me in my letter addressed to him under date of June 8, 1905, and in my interview given at New York on June 30 in reply to his unfounded attacks upon me in the public press and again referred to in his testimony before your committee, that at no other time during the year would the work on the isthmus be in a better condition than at present. This was my judgment on each and every occasion specified and still is my firm conviction. This is the substance of the statement made by me that the only work which could be performed in the isthmus at this time would be the gradual increase in the organization and the addition of personnel to the existing well-defined plan, which Mr. Dauchy thoroughly understands. This statement the Secretary also charges me with an untruthful statement, although it is confirmed by my own testimony when he states: "I am advised in the testimony before your committee that he has so far progressed that he will soon be in a position where he must delay all work on the isthmus until the fall of 1906."

His Words Distorted. Continuing, the letter says: Secretary Taft, while publishing in his appendix my letter of March 15, 1905, in full, in his statement before your committee, in the letter of March 15, which Mr. Wallace wrote and which I have already referred to, he uses the expression "I prefer to remain on the firing line," indicating that at that time he had not thought of leaving the isthmus, but that of importance was for the chief engineer."

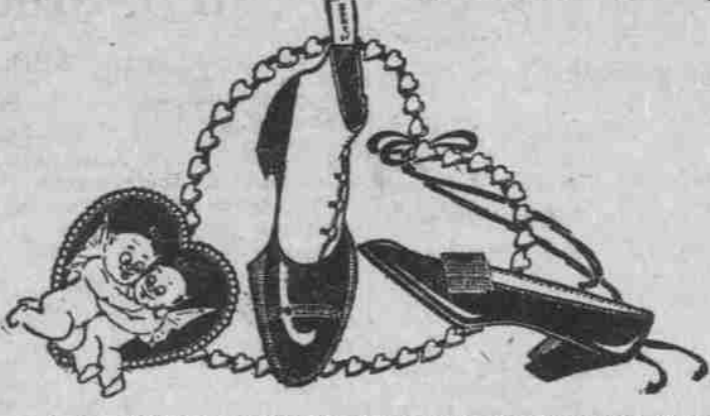
Secretary Taft does me a gross injustice in extracting from my statement a phrase which with a vital modifying clause and omitting the context, I desire to call the attention of the committee to the important words he omits: "I prefer to be on the firing line, provided the situation is not created in Washington." This letter was written prior to any thought on my part of leaving the service and prior to the reorganization of the Commission. The fundamental reasons for my desire for a personal interview with Secretary Taft are stated in that letter as with a permission of coming events, for I was not given proper support and an impossible situation was certainly created in Washington, for Mr. Cromwell, allied to many opposing interests in those States, was apparently permitted full control behind the scenes of the United States in all Panama Canal affairs.

Sur Upon His Work. Secretary Taft in his testimony also states that he is "sorry he was misled into the incorrect statements of Mr. Stevens' views, which Mr. Wallace regards as a slur upon his work." It is to be noted that Mr. Taft in casting reflections upon my work never suggests that he was misled by my proof of the hostility toward me which Mr. Cromwell succeeded in instilling in his mind. Even when at this time and he is forced to withdraw this unwarranted attack upon my capacity as an engineer, he chooses to quote me as saying that "I am upon my work, when he must have known perfectly well that Mr. Stevens was the author of that expression."

After reiterating his former statements that financial reasons were not the cause of his request to be relieved, and that his desire for proper authority and non-interference with the conduct of the work was not due to personal ambition, Mr. Wallace makes the statement that "at no time did I thought ever occur to me to hold up Secretary Taft or anyone for additional authority or compensation." Mr. Wallace continues:

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A canceled order of Stylish Shoes for a San Francisco House comes to us at a full third less their worth. Supposing all the leading big stores of Portland were suddenly destroyed, thousands of dollars' worth of goods on order would be canceled—naturally. Exactly what happened at Frisco, and our buyer has secured some of the best of them at discounts that will be turned over to you today in a great bargain sale. These shoes are from leading Eastern factories, the same as make much of this store's footwear—and some special lots from our own stocks are combined with them in this GREAT SHOE SALE.

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WOMEN'S FINE PATENT LEATHER FOUR-BUTTON OXFORDS, with mat kid top; made with a Summer-weight sole, close edge. A great favorite. All sizes and widths. A big \$3.50 value. Special at, pair, \$1.98
WOMEN'S ALL-PATENT LEATHER GARDEN TIES, with hand-turned soles, neat Cuban heel; flat silk bow with elastic to prevent slipping at the heel; our \$3.50 value. Special at, the pair, \$1.98
WOMEN'S FINE BLACK KID OXFORDS, Blucher cut, patent tip, military heel, London last, mat top quarter. Good wear, wide sole. A very neat and pretty Oxford; any size; our \$3.50 value. Special at, the pair, \$1.98
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WOMEN'S BLACK KID OXFORDS, Blucher cut, turned soles, large eyelets, wide lace, patent leather lace stays. A very dainty Oxford. A special value at \$2.50. Sale price, the pair, \$1.98
WOMEN'S PATENT LEATHER BLUCHER LACE SHOES, college cut, mat top, neat extension flexible sole; made over a very pretty last; all sizes. A \$2.50 value. Sale price, the pair, \$1.98
Same style Shoes as above, made of plain kid stock. Sale price, the pair, \$1.98
Same style Shoes as above, in patent leather, in button style. It's hard to find a more stylish Shoe than this same button college cut boot in patent leather. Sale Price, the pair, \$1.98

Oregon's Greatest Store Olds, Wortman & King's. Surpassing, Sensational Sale Today of White Summer Shirtwaists Grand Salons—Second Floor. "Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm off to the 'Made-in-Oregon' Fair, kind sir," she said. "You're the fairest I've seen, my pretty maid." "Yes, I'm a 'maid of Oregon,' sir," she said.

For Critical Women Who've Underwear or Hosiery To Buy: Knitwear Aisles—First Floor. Women's Knit Underwear. Women's \$2.00 Vests \$1.35—Extra size White Silk Vests, low neck, sleeveless, fine gauze weight; regular value \$2.00, special, \$1.35

Hosiery. Women's \$1.25 Hose 88c—Extra size black brilliant lino Lisle Hose, all lace, full shaped; regular value \$1.25, special, pair, \$88c

'Kerchief Specials: First Floor. Women's 35c and 45c Handkerchiefs 25c—Richardson's pure linen, initialed Handkerchiefs, in white, 1/2-inch hem; regular values 35c and 45c, special, each, \$25c

VETERANS IN COLLISION Indiana State Encampment Spoiled by Breaking of Bonds. LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 23.—One person was killed and 35 injured in a collision on the battleground on the Urban line near this city today. Of the injured 17 are in the city hospital. With the exception of Rev. Peter H. Owens, of Medaville, Ind., all are expected to recover, most of them being only slightly injured. The victims nearly all are veterans attending the state G. A. R. encampment here.

SAY JOSEPHINE IS INSANE Experts and Relatives Defend Girl Who Killed Uncle. NEW YORK, May 23.—Mrs. Adelaide V. is the first witness in the trial of Josephine Terranova, on a charge of murdering her aunt, Mrs. Concetta Reggio, testified today that when she visited the accused girl in the Tombs prison last February the girl told her she had seen

Midweek Specials in Beautiful Laces Wonderful Values First Floor. 45c Lace 9c—Lace Venice Bands, suitable for trimming linen suits; values to 45c; special, yard 9c

Gowning Accessories in a Remarkable Sale Today Ribbons—Dress Trim'mings First Floor. Handsome Ribbons—Fine soft quality, all silk satin Taffeta Ribbons, 6 inches wide; worth 60c, also pure silk Messaline Ribbons, 5 1/2 inches wide; a great assortment of colors; worth 40c, special at, yard, \$25c

Chantilly Edges and Bands—A lot of Chantilly Edges and Bands, Venice bands and galloons, Venice edges, some with net top fancy cotton wash lace, divided into three lots— Lot 1—Special at, \$38c

ADMIT THEY GOT REBATES FAVORED MERCHANTS TESTIFY AGAINST BURLINGTON. Thomas Arranged Deal and Money Went to New York From Mysterious Fairy Named Jackson. KANSAS CITY, May 23.—Testimony of unusual interest was brought out this afternoon in the United States Court in the trial of George H. Crosby, traffic manager of the Burlington Railway; George L. Thomas of New York, a freight broker, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, on a charge of conspiracy in rebating railroad rates.

SPIER COMMITTED SUICIDE Jury Finds Story About Burglar Was Piece of Fiction. NEW YORK, May 23.—A verdict of suicide was rendered tonight by the jury in the inquest into the death by a pistol shot, wound of Charles L. Spier at his home at St. George's, Staten Island, on the morning of Monday, May 7. Spier, who was the representative of H. H. Rogers in the Standard Oil Company, was found by his wife shot through the heart in the hall of his house, a few minutes after he had roused her from sleep to tell her that a burglar was in the house, and taking his pistol, had gone down stairs. One chamber of his pistol, which was found beside the body, had been discharged. In the dining-room opening into the hall a quantity of silverware was scattered over the floor, and little doubt was entertained at the time that he had met death at the hands of a burglar.

WESTON CAN STILL WALK At 65 Aged Pedestrian Beats His Own Record. NEW YORK, May 23.—Edward Payson Weston, the old pedestrian, now 65 years of age, reached the City Hall in this city at 11:25 tonight, having walked from the City Hall of Philadelphia in 23 hours and 30 minutes, a distance of 92 miles, thus beating his own record made a quarter of a century ago.

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WILL BE TRULY MUTUAL EQUITABLE WILL ADOPT CHARTER FOR PURPOSE. Morton Announces Plan for Election of Directors Under Law, Giving Policy-Holders Control. NEW YORK, May 23.—The following statement was issued today by Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society:

Police Officer Accused of Perjury Fights Like Maniac. NEW YORK, May 23.—(Special.)—While waiting in the ante-room at police headquarters to be arrested for perjury in the case of Bertha Calache, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in killing Emil Gordon, who held her in captivity, Police Officer Harry Morton made two attempts to commit suicide, once with his revolver and again by swallowing glass.

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English national lawn tennis championship, may cause the offering of an international challenge cup for women similar to that offered in 1900 by D. E. Davis, of St. Louis, for men. She will endeavor, to induce some of the foremost women players of England to visit the United States and participate in the tournament.

Using Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder twice daily will remove tartar, whiten and brighten the teeth, harden the gums and make brown teeth white. Most people use it twice-a-day. Ask a dentist why. It handy metal cans or bottles, 25c. Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder Co.

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