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WAS USED AS MEDIATOR

Says Roosevelt Said He Finally Disagreed With Railroad Senators and Authorized Agreement With the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Senator Tillman today received from former Senator William E. Chandler a statement of his course as an intermediary in the negotiations between President Roosevelt and Senators Tillman and Bailey on the railroad rate bill. The communication bears upon Senator Lodge's denial for the President of Mr. Chandler's statement quoting the President as saying he had lost confidence in Senators Spooner and Foraker and Knox. It was offered in the Senate by Senator Tillman, and will be printed in the Congressional Record.

"My Dear Mr. Tillman: As the telephone denial by President Roosevelt, sent to the Senate through Senator Lodge, remains in the Congressional Record of May 13, it seems to me that I should take some notice of it, which I do now by reaffirming the essential truth of the statement I made to you, and which you repeated in the Senate. Much as I regret that the hasty action of Senator Lodge and the President has forced me to make a public statement and myself, the extreme language he used makes such issue unavoidable, and I cannot shrink from it, but I will not make any further statement to the Chief Executive of the Nation, and I will not make any further statement to the public. Upon your respective statements I submit the controversy, and I leave it to the judgment of those who know me."

"For those who do not know me, there is fortunately circumstantial evidence in the Congressional Record which the President could not have omitted to make in substance the statement which he denies. Nor could he have then made the whole statement which he now substitutes. His impulsiveness has led him into serious error upon a point of no importance in itself, but only affecting his attack upon me. I give you a further statement, as follows: "Says Roosevelt Sent for Him. "Prior to March 31 I had not seen the President for a long time. I did not go to the White House as a representative of Senator Tillman, but solely because the President had sent for me by the letter from Mr. Loeb, and I waited for him to express his object. It was unmistakably to be a communication to Mr. Tillman and myself, and I was in charge, and other Democrats of the Senate, for the purpose of securing the adoption in the railroad rate bill of a court review which I had introduced to the question whether the committee had exceeded its authority or had violated the Constitutional rights of the carrier. "I knew and he knew that it was impossible for him to open conferences with Mr. Tillman, unless he was fully satisfied that the President had authorized me to give up all intention of coming to an agreement with the Senators, who had been making the contest for an unlimited court review, and in stating his object he said that he expected to arrive from them finally, naming Senators Knox, Foraker and Spooner as the Senators who had made the arguments in the Senate to sustain that view, and he used as nearly as I can recollect the language given in my statement repeated by Mr. Tillman. "The conversation included the understanding which he had that day reached with Senators Long and Allison, the fact that over one hundred of the Republican Senators could be expected to vote for the limited court review, and that it was vital that the support of nearly all the Democrats should be obtained. "Tillman Consents to Confer. "When an hour later I visited Mr. Tillman and told him my mission from the President, I stated to him the facts and the situation. He questioned me closely as to what the President had said, and I related to him as accurately as I could the statement which he had made to me, and I convinced him that the President had ceased to hope for compromise with the Senators named and the other advocates of an unlimited court review. When satisfied that this was the case, he readily consented to co-operate with the President, and said that he would see Senator Bailey and report to me the result, which he did, saying there would be perfect accord upon the limitation of the right of review if carried forward in connection with a limitation of the right to issue experte injunctions. "Agreement Made With Moody. "The conferences thus began were on the 15th, at my suggestion, transferred to Attorney-General Moody, and at once resulted in an understanding that the effort should be made to limit the right of court review, as stated in the Long amendment, and in the paper drawn up on April 18 by Mr. Moody and later perfected by Messrs. Moody, Tillman and Bailey. Was it not natural and essential that the President should have satisfied me that he had finally separated from the question of the court review from the Senators who were the principal opponents of any limitation of that review, which they believed would be unconstitutional, and that I should have repeated his statements to Mr. Tillman? Is it possible that I went directly that night to Senator Tillman and the Columbia Hotel and poured into his ears a deliberate and unqualified falsehood? "Sure Roosevelt Is Mistaken. "Consider next the statement which the President says he thinks he made, instead of the one narrated by me, Senator Foraker, as stated in the statement which he had made to me. He is mistaken, Senators Knox and Spooner, he says, were mentioned, but that all that was said about them was that Senator Knox was the President did not agree with a portion of his proposed amendment, but that he thought he had made a mistake in not ascertaining affirmatively the jurisdiction or authority of the court; and as to Senator Spooner, that his name was only mentioned by reason of his cordial approval of Senator Spooner's amendment. "This Spooner amendment was not offered in the Senate until May 9, but it is certain, that if the President had on that night told me he cordially approved of it and I had so reported to Mr. Tillman, there would have ensued no conferences looking to co-operation; therefore, the President as to that amendment had in mind a conversation at some other time or with some other person. "His Words Quite Harmless. "It should be also borne in mind that the report I made to Mr. Tillman of the President's conversation is com-

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Hopes to Supplant San Francisco, but Drives Away People by Exhortation and Lack of Definite Action.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 16.—(Special.)—Sleepy, conservative Oakland has been rudely awakened from its slumber today by the bustling populace of San Francisco who have taken up their quarters here. It is almost amusing to see the hitherto slow, plodding methods of this town attempt to rise to the occasion and reap the harvest which has been thrust upon them. Oakland now has fully twice the population of San Francisco, and every available room and dwelling-house in the city is occupied and travelers coming in are fortunate to secure a place where they can rest their heads. Prices of everything have been put up extravagantly high, and merchants are simply overwhelmed with business. Broadway street looks for all the world like busy Market street, and one can almost imagine, as one walks down the Oakland thoroughfare, that the well-known landmarks of the old city have been brought across the bay.

HOPE TO SUPPLANT RUINED CITY.

Two opposing sentiments are in the minds of the Oakland people. They want to make the most they can of the present situation and they want to make a new start for the city's future welfare. Many are firmly convinced that San Francisco's downfall must result in Oakland's upbuilding. The local newspapers testify to this. They argue that the Argonauts only builded in San Francisco because the waters on the north shore were too shallow for shipping. Now that the old city is gone and its merchants have located in Oakland, there is no reason why they should not remain here and settle down. They are pointing to the rebuilding on their old locations and furthermore—the native Oaklander can never forget this little thrust—San Francisco, being built on a narrow strip of land, is liable at any time to suffer again from earthquake shocks.

LETTING OPPORTUNITY SLIP.

If Oakland were a live town, it would seize this opportunity and, even if it did not supplant San Francisco, an almost preposterous thought, it could at least get ready to meet the competition. There are thousands of people who are unwilling to return to their old homes, including many merchants, and they are waiting for some one to take their place. They would transfer their energy from boasting of its charms to making straight business propositions. It would certainly secure many jobs for its own residents. But it is plainly evident that Oakland is letting slip the main chance, such as it will never get again. In their anxiety to line their pockets, the people of the San Francisco people who have been forced within their town, the Committees are asking a lot of money for every building. Furthermore, they have adopted a most irritating boastful attitude. They boast of their destined future superiority and on top of that they are pointing to the action to rejuvenate their business practices, which have always been notable behind the times.

REFUGEES MORE DETERMINED.

The whole effect is simply that San Francisco people are more determined than ever to return to their old homes and they are also more firmly convinced than ever that the "Athens of the West" is indeed the "city of opportunity." They are more determined to stay in San Francisco. It does not deserve to, now, when opportunity is knocking at its doors, it is displaying a disgusting provincialism.

CONTRACTORS REFUSE WORK EMPLOYMENT REFUSED TO DESTITUTE.

While Outsiders Are Hired. SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—The following important letter, having reference to the employment of the destitute men of San Francisco, was yesterday held at a meeting of the committee of 40. It is signed W. V. Stafford, State Labor Commissioner, in charge of the Red Cross employment bureau, and addressed to Mayor Schmitt: "I beg to advise you that we have been unable to place about 300 men in employment at the city of San Francisco. The men are in the Hearst Grammar School, Fillmore and Hermann streets. This is out of a registration of about 350. I am not at all satisfied that we have met with proper assistance at the hands of employing contractors and others who believe they are interested in the practical solution of the problem. They have come to Portland, and was met here by Leroy Berry, a friend of Prall's. "We make insistent pleas for orders for men with poor results. Contractors are not alive to the importance of giving the first choice to San Francisco's own people. Indeed, I am led to believe that some large employers are thoughtless to a degree bordering on cruelty. "One instance a firm has given out the statement that men could not be obtained and has had signs printed and posted about the city calling for 2000 men. I made a personal investigation and was advised by the firm that they did not need any men, that the signs were old. Some of these signs were still out two days ago, and men tramped nearby about the city in consequence. This is not honest. "I regret to advise you that some of the contractors in Portland are refusing to replace their pay-day so far ahead as to render their work valueless to men with families, and then discontinue their own paper in a violent and extortionate manner. These things were bad enough in ordinary times; today they are brutal."

WIDOW ALLOWED MAINTENANCE.

Mrs. Nellie L. Daily, whose husband, Luke T. Daily, and two of their sons met their death in the disastrous fire at the East End of the Morrison-street bridge recently, was granted, through her attorney, Charles R. Davis, permission to set aside \$500 of the estate of the decedent for the maintenance of herself and two remaining children.

B. H. FISHER SUED FOR DIVORCE.

Grace Croker Fisher yesterday filed suit in the Circuit Court for an absolute divorce from Benjamin H. Fisher. The complaining party's declaration since June 2, 1904, and asked the custody of their 5-year-old son.

CHAIR COMPANY GETS VERDICT.

In the case of the Columbia Chair Company vs. J. G. McNichols, which came up before Judge A. L. Fraser for a decision yesterday a finding was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs in the sum sued for, \$255.

NON-PARTISAN MEETING FAILS.

Young men's non-partisan political meeting advertised for last evening at the Y. M. C. A., but the speakers who were scheduled for the occasion did not put in an appearance, and the meeting adjourned.

SEeks EMPLOYMENT FOR HAWAII.

HONOLULU, May 17.—(Special Correspondent.)—E. R. Stackable, United States Collector of Customs for the port of Honolulu, has obtained a leave of absence and is now on his way to the Azores Islands to solicit Portuguese immigrants for the Hawaiian plantations. Mr. Stackable has been commissioned for that purpose by the Territorial Board of Immigration, and he will endeavor to secure at least 1000 desirable men, which will represent about 2000 people. There is a law which prevents the planters from sending money to immigrants, and he is now preparing to give up his position, but the local plantation owners have raised \$200,000 and placed in the hands of the Board of Immigration, which has agreed to arrange for the coming of the foreigners.

RESCUED FROM LOW DIVE.

Pretty Cora Seelye Leaves Valley Home to Go on Stage. With the location of Cora Seelye, a pretty girl of 19, last night by Officer Meloney, which brought her to the attention of the police, she was rescued from the hands of the Portland dive keepers to obtain new recruits. Miss Cora Seelye, whose home is at Walderville, near Eugene, was induced by C. A. Prall, a performer in a concert hall on Burnside street, to come with him and join his troupe in Portland, being promised a brilliant career. The unsophisticated girl left with him, but the Eugene authorities got wind of the affair and arrested Prall and are holding him under \$500 bonds. The girl, however, came to Portland, and was met here by Leroy Berry, a friend of Prall's. "Late last evening L. A. Kanoff, of Eugene, accompanied by the girl, who was brought to the station the girl was proclaimed a fugitive. She was immediately investigated into the dive. After a severe questioning by Captain Bruhn she was released in custody of Mr. Kanoff, who took her back to her parents this morning. "The police are awaiting developments in Eugene and if further particulars arrive will investigate the matter more thoroughly.

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The subcommittee of the committee of forty, having under consideration the amendment of the building ordinance, passed this morning to undo all the work it had heretofore done with reference to the height of buildings, and finally disposed of the entire matter by the adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved, That the extreme limits of all buildings shall be two and a half times the width of the streets crossing the same. Buildings of class A, B and C buildings, as defined in the report of the committee on class A, B and C buildings, be limited in height to 103 feet. If provided with fire escapes, buildings of class A, B and C buildings, provided with wooden lath; that frame buildings be limited to 45 feet."

Banks Will Open May 23.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—It has been decided by the clearing-house banks of San Francisco that all San Francisco clearing-house banks will open for business at 10 A. M., May 23. SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—All the savings banks of this city will open for business on May 23. Officials of the various institutions declared their banks to be in excellent condition financially.

Militiamen Held for Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Jacob Steinman, of the National Guard, accused of the murder of Joseph Myers, superintendent of the children's playground in Golden Gate Park, was yesterday held in custody by Judge Graham. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$15,000, and was released when his father, Herman Steinman, San Francisco, and his mother, Mrs. Steinman, Sacramento, were accepted as sureties on his bond.

Relief Fund Feeds 164,000.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Dr. Edward T. Devine, Red Cross representative in San Francisco, reports that requisitions for supplies have been reduced to \$14,000 daily. Restaurants are serving 15-cent meals throughout the city.

RARE CHANCE TO TRAVEL.

Very Low, Long-Time, Round-Trip Tickets East Via O. R. & N. Annual Convention, National Council of Country Clubs, May 23-25, 1906. June 3 to 9; sale dates, May 24, 25, 26; rate from Portland, \$120. Rates—Sale dates, June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; sale dates, May 24, 25, 26; rate from Portland, \$120. Sale dates, June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15; rate from Portland, \$120. Sale dates, June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; rate from Portland, \$120. Sale dates, June 23, 24, 25, 26; rate from Portland, \$120. Sale dates, June 27, 28, 29, 30; rate from Portland, \$120. Sale dates, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; rate from Portland, \$120.

CONGRESS MAY LEGISLATE OUT LAND RECEIVERS.