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RAY ORDERED HOME UNDER "DIRECTION"

Cablegrams Found in Bell's Effects

ROOSEVELT ORDER HINTED AT

Committee Seeks to Complete Correspondence Chain.

INQUIRY ONCE AVERTED

Message Tells of Satisfactory "Adjustment" and of Prospective Transfer of Officer to Say "Embarrassment."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Some of the documents in the case of Major Beecher B. Ray, which were said to be missing from the War Department files, turned up today and were sent to the Helm committee by Secretary Stimson, who said the papers had been found in some personal effects of J. Franklin Bell, former chief of staff.

The committee already had subpoenaed General Tasker H. Bliss, who was said to have copies of the documents.

Major Ray, who is an Army paymaster, had been under fire before the committee on charges of irregular activities, particularly about the time the Chicago convention of 1908 nominated President Taft.

Order issued "by Direction."

The records show that Major Ray, when under investigation in the Philippines on charges of signing a false certificate, used a character recommendation from Mr. Taft, then President-elect; that on another occasion Ray was ordered to the Philippines at his own expense by President Roosevelt and that later he was ordered back to the United States at his own expense by General Bell, who called that the order was "by direction."

By whose direction is not disclosed in the record and the committee considers calling General Bell.

After Ray had been on leave from the Philippines before the convention of 1908, General Bell ordered him back to the islands and wrote General Funston at San Francisco that President Roosevelt had directed him (General Bell) to authorize Ray to sail on a Pacific liner.

Court-martial is avoided.

The record indicates that something changed the plan and that Ray had applied for an extension of leave.

Soon after Ray returned to the Philippines charges against him resulted in a court-martial. The following interchange of messages is shown in the papers turned over to the committee:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1908.—Bliss, Manila: Will send Monday confidential message. Please decipher personally.—Bell."

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1908.—Bliss, Manila: Personal and confidential. If possible please meet requirements of discipline in Beecher B. Ray case without reference to court or War Department. Will support your action.—Bell."

The following evidently was a reply: "Manila, Jan. 2, 1909.—Staff War, Washington: Referring to your personal and confidential telegram of December 21, I have no doubt matter will be adjusted satisfactorily, as suggested by you. To prevent further embarrassment, I shall in due time recommend transfer from the division of officer concerned.—Bliss."

Receipts is recommended.

On January 15, 1909, General Bliss cabled to General Bell further, saying that Major Ray was under orders and about to sail to Honolulu.

"Paymaster-General charges Beecher B. Ray knowingly signed false vouchers," the cablegram read in part. "Recommend appropriate action. The Judge Advocate-General recommends disciplinary measures as may be deemed best. Beecher B. Ray under orders to proceed to Honolulu. About to sail commercial liner January 16, at his own expense. Orders War Department referred to necessitate another investigation, probable trial, general court-martial. Will retain Beecher B. Ray according."

General Bell answered the cablegram the same day, saying: "Send to me personally all papers relating to three cases mentioned in your telegram. Further investigation unnecessary at present. Beecher B. Ray to proceed to Honolulu, pursuant to orders."

This communication, it appears from its disclosed correspondence, did not reach General Bliss for some days, and on January 29 General Bell, relating the cablegram in which he referred to "direction in the case from some source."

The cablegram follows:

"Washington, January 29, 1909.—Colonel Stephen C. Mills, Manila: If Tasker H. Bliss absent, communicate immediately with him and say my cablegram to him, January 15, relating the investigation and papers, in the case of Beecher B. Ray was not personal, but was sent by direction and if it has not been complied with, it should be done at once.—Bell."

Papers sent to United States.

On February 1, Colonel Mills cabled that General Bliss had not received the

PRINCESS LOUISE AND SPOUSE WAR

EACH WANTS DIVORCE DECREE; COURT WILL DECIDE.

Member of Saxon Royal House Charges Pianist Husband Entertained Other Women at Home.

FLORENCE, Italy, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Princess Louise of Saxony, now known as Countess Montignoso, will shortly be separated from her husband, the pianist, Toselli. The case will be heard before the Florence court March 5.

Toselli has begun legal proceedings against his wife on the plea that she published her memoirs without his consent. He has asked the court to sanction a separation and give him the custody of their only child.

The Countess has petitioned that a separation be granted in her favor for the following reasons: Incompatibility of temper; obtaining from her of money under false pretenses and spending it in indulgences of vice; the granting of permission in her absence by her husband to women to enter her house and wear her dresses; the appearance in the streets of Florence of Toselli in the company of these women until late at night and other insults offered her by her husband.

The Countess also asks the court to give her the custody of the child until the child is 17 years old.

RUEF STICKS TO DEMANDS

Schmitz Trial Cannot Go On Until Indictments Are Quashed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The refusal of Abraham Ruef, former political boss, now serving a sentence of 14 years in San Quentin Penitentiary, to testify until the indictments now pending against him in the Superior Court are quashed halted today's session of the trial of ex-Mayor Schmitz, accused of bribery. After four witnesses had testified, District Attorney Fickert told Judge Lawlor that it would be useless to proceed until Ruef consented to take the stand. The case went over until Monday.

Ruef was brought from San Quentin to testify for the state against his former political associate. Ruef is seeking release on parole, and therefore demanded the dismissal of the indictments pending against him in two departments of the Superior Court. Judge Lawlor dismissed those in his court several days ago, and the attempt to have Judge Dunne do the same was made today.

Judge Dunne took the case under advisement.

RICH WIFE ONE OF TWO

Mrs. Blanche Dean Welsh Finds Husband Already Married.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Blanche Dean Welsh, said to be a daughter of the late John Dean, a millionaire of Chicago, made application in the Supreme Court today for the annulment of her marriage to Oliver J. Welsh, whom she married in New Jersey a year ago last October.

She charges Welsh has another wife, Melvina E. Welsh, from whom he was never divorced. Mrs. Melvina Welsh was in court and confirmed this statement. She said she married Welsh three years before the ceremony in New Jersey had united Miss Dean and Welsh. Justice Gerard reserved decision. Welsh did not contest the action.

ONE BATTLESHIP POSSIBLE

Democrats Wavering in Resolution to Oppose Any Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The building of two first-class battleships to cost \$5,000,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament, with an immediate appropriation of \$10,000,000 toward their completion, was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Foss of Illinois.

The House Democrats in caucus recently voted against any battleship appropriation, but many Democrats are said to have changed their views and one battleship may be provided for.

DOGS TO RUN AT 20 BELOW

Annual Solomon Derby for Canine Teams on Today at Nome.

NOME, Alaska, Feb. 21.—The annual Solomon derby for dog teams, 65 miles, from Nome to the Solomon River and return over the snow trail, will be run tomorrow at 10 o'clock, under conditions and with a large list of entries. The temperature today is 20 degrees below zero. Following is a list of the entrants:

Utough, an Eskimo; Sing, Cowden, Charles E. Darling and Scotty Allen, Oliver Hank, C. Johnson, two teams. The race is for a purse of \$10,000.

'EARTHQUAKE,' SAYS CABLE

Costa Rican Minister Alarmed by Receipt of One Word.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Calvo, the Costa Rican Minister, received a cable message tonight from San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, with the single word, "Earthquake," in it.

He fears another catastrophe has taken place.

HOUSTON SCORCHED IN \$7,000,000 FIRE

Flames Eat Path Mile and One-Half Long.

1000 RENDERED HOMELESS

Fortune in Cotton Devoured by Fiery Avalanche.

BIG INDUSTRIES SUFFER

Firemen Make Their Last Stand on Banks of Bayou, and Stream Prevents Destruction of Entire City—Gale Fans Blaze.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 21.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smoldering wreckage tonight covers an area about one and one-half miles in length and varying in width from 200 yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city.

More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins; 200 or more dwellings and store buildings are in ashes, and approximately 1000 persons are homeless.

An accurate statement of the monetary loss is not yet possible, but the most conservative is that it will reach \$7,000,000, while the insurance carried will not exceed 40 per cent.

No Lives Are Lost.

Except for a few minor burns and bruises, no casualties attended the fire.

Breaking forth in an untenanted rooming-house, known locally as "the madhouse," shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, and at a time when a fierce gale was blowing from the northwest, the flames swept toward the southeast, generally making a clean sweep of its path.

Four hours later the area of destruction had been defined, but the work of the fire-fighters was not then, nor is yet ended, for all over the blackened districts are piles of debris still burning.

Bayou Checks Fire.

Buffalo Bayou, which extends across the city east and west, checked the fire and except for an occasional dip across the stream, the line of destruction ended there.

In the early morning the gale continued and at times hurled clouds of burning shingles great distances.

Two of the plants thus threatened were those of the Texas Oil Company

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"MY HAT'S IN RING" SAYS ROOSEVELT

THIS IS COLONEL'S ANSWER TO CLEVELAND THROG.

Ex-President Tells Friend He Will Reply Monday to Query as to Whether He Will Run.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—"My hat is in the ring." That is what Theodore Roosevelt said here tonight when an admiring Cleveland crowd sought to learn whether he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the President.

In the course of the brief stay of Colonel Roosevelt in Cleveland, W. F. Elrick, well known locally in politics, greeted the ex-President, whom he knows well.

"I want a direct answer, Colonel," said Mr. Elrick. "All your friends want to know and want to know now, whether you are to be a candidate."

"My hat is in the ring," replied Colonel Roosevelt. "You will have my answer Monday."

HEARST BARS CIGARETTES

Ban Put on Smokers in His Buildings Following Equitable Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—An order has gone forth from the New York office of William Randolph Hearst that no cigarettes shall be smoked in any of the Hearst local rooms. Those who pretend to know say that the same rule will be speedily adopted in many business houses where the free and easy system allows the clerks to take an occasional puff.

This war on the cigarette is directly due to the big Equitable fire in New York. That expensive blaze was traced to a cigarette carelessly flicked into a pile of rubbish. The acturaries got busy and calculated the number of fires due to cigarettes.

The immediate result was the ban on cigarettes in countless New York offices. Hearst has promulgated the rule in London, New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Atlanta, where he owns papers. In consequence, the cigarette smokers of the Examiner are having a hard time, but they are heroically trying to accustom themselves to pipes or cigars.

TUNNEL STILL BURNING

Intense Heat of Hoosac Bore Warps Rails Outside of Portal.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Feb. 21.—The intense heat, smoke and gas from the burning freighters in the Hoosac Tunnel tonight still prevented inspection of the scene of last night's train collision.

A special train carrying railroad officials and newspaper men, which went into the tunnel late today, was forced to turn back without approaching the wreck, and it is probable that no train can be run through before the end of the week.

So intense was the heat that track rails were warped for 200 feet outside the portal, while inside they were bent and twisted.

MIDDLE WEST LIES UNDER DEEP SNOW

40-Mile Gale Sweeps Over Three States.

TRAINS STALLED IN DRIFTS

Rush of Water Down Missouri Threatens River Shipping.

THAW TODAY IS PREDICTED

Three Feet of Snow Falls in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado. Traffic on Railroads Is Demoralized.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Sixteen inches of snow, driven by a 40-mile wind, with a minimum temperature of 24 degrees, were features of a storm which swept Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky today.

The wind drifted the snow to a depth of several feet, hampering traffic on all transportation lines. Streetcar and railroad traffic at Taylorville, Ill., are at a standstill.

Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 125, which left there at 9:30 P. M., has been stalled in a drift since 1 A. M., five miles west of the city. The passengers have no food, but are making themselves as comfortable as possible and are keeping warm, as the train carries plenty of coal.

Train and Rescuer Stalled. Passenger train No. 1, on the Chicago & Illinois Midland, has been snowbound all day at Kincaid, six miles west of Taylorville. A relief train sent out from Taylorville failed to reach the passenger train and it, too, is snowbound.

There was a break in the ice gorge in the Missouri River at Kansas City, causing a rush of heavy flows down the Missouri River, striking the tug Omaha and caving in the sides of a large barge. Three river men narrowly escaped death when the tug was sunk. Colder weather north of Kansas City is believed to have lessened the danger to boats moored in the river.

Higher Water Expected. Unless there is a further rise in the river there, sending more ice against the piers of the James-street bridge, closed to traffic two days ago, it is believed the structure will stand. The weather bureau predicts warmer weather for Kansas tomorrow, and if a thaw comes higher water is certain.

Men were stationed at the bridge with long poles and dynamite to protect the

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INDIAN STUDENTS TO RULE SELVES

CHEMAWA SCHOOL HAS PLAN LIKE JUNIOR REPUBLIC.

Government Supervisor Seeks to Interest State in Scheme—Redskins to Make Own Laws.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Self government to a certain extent among the student body at the Chemawa Indian School, plans something along the line of a junior republic, but possibly not so generally radical, is a scheme which will be perfected at the Indian school and an effort will be made to inculcate the same principle throughout the state schools.

Wilson G. Gill, Supervisor-at-Large for the Indian Department and president of the Patriotic League of America, arrived at Chemawa today to inaugurate the work. He will remain there for several days.

He held a conference with Governor West today to interest the executive in the plan for the state schools.

It is probable the general scheme outlined will be to establish a system of laws for the student body. In addition a health department will probably be formed for promotion of general cleanliness; a court will be established and a system of policing, largely carried on by the students themselves.

Virtually every important branch of civic government will be adopted and put into practical use.

Mr. Gill, under General Wood, established a similar plan throughout Cuba. He also organized a colony of Russian Jew children in the slums of New York. He says that the plan almost instantaneously brought forth remarkable results and that Commissioner Valentine had adopted the plan for a permanent policy among the Indian schools.

HERMIT ENDS HIS LIFE

Man Grieving for Dead Wife Shoots Self After Four Years.

After four years' voluntary hermit life in a house at 1905 East Mill street, where he went following the death of his wife, Bertha, John C. Hansen, aged 65 years, Tuesday night shot himself fatally. Neighbors who heard the shot did not notify the police until last night, when investigation showed the body in the deserted house.

A lamp, which was upon a bureau beside the body, burned all day yesterday, and the sight of this caused inquiry. City Physician Ziegler and Patrolman Cooper found the body of Hansen.

According to Mrs. Carl Schrum, of Independence, a relative, grief over his wife's death caused him to buy the little plot of ground in the woods where he could live alone. Hansen, who is said to have been an officer in the Danish army, had worked as a car cleaner at the terminal yards.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Talks. John A. Goodell, industrial secretary of the International Young Men's Christian Association, spoke on "The Pacific Coast Immigration Problem in the Light of Atlantic Coast Experience."

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JAPS HINDRANCE, SAYS PAULHAMUS

Immigrant Problem Is Big for Northwest.

CANAL MEANS INFLUX GREAT

Plea Made to Raise Foreigner-Farmer to Standard Here.

TACOMA IS CONGRESS HOST

First Pacific Northwest Immigration Meeting Opens With 188 Delegates From Three States and British Columbia.

TACOMA, Feb. 21.—The problem of making American citizens out of the great influx of immigrants expected to follow the opening of the Panama Canal was touched upon in more than a dozen addresses at the first day's session of the Pacific Northwest Immigration Congress here today.

Delegates from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia were in attendance, with several speakers from California, to the total of 188, representing 41 cities. Six Mayors were among the delegates. Governor Hay, of Washington, will attend tomorrow. Committees were named and a resolution introduced indorsing "A domestic immigration policy which will give aliens authentic information about unoccupied lands and assist them in getting homes."

Assemblage Most Important. The address of welcome by Mayor Seymour was responded to by delegates who declared the assemblage the most important ever called in the Northwest.

Speaking on "The Immigrant Wanted and What We Want Him to Do," State Senator Paulhamus advocated the clearing of the logged-off lands by the state and giving the immigrant 25 years or more to pay for it.

Under present conditions, he said, Japanese farmers are a hindrance to proper development of farming in the Northwest. He said the Japanese must be raised to the standard of the American farmer.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Talks. John A. Goodell, industrial secretary of the International Young Men's Christian Association, spoke on "The Pacific Coast Immigration Problem in the Light of Atlantic Coast Experience."

Both the immigrants and the public at large will benefit if as much influence as possible is brought to induce our immigrants to settle on farms, declared H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., in an address before the conference in the afternoon. Mr. Stone spoke on the subject, "How the Y. M. C. A.'s Commercial Clubs and Other Organizations Can Help the Immigrant to Engage in Agriculture."

"The process of assimilating immigrants is much more easily carried on in the country than in the city, said Mr. Stone. He then explained the work of the Y. M. C. A. along this line. He said the organization keeps secretaries at leading ports of debarkation, who, by giving immigrants letters of introduction to secretaries in America, help to give them a start in the new land.

Work is Most Complete. Other secretaries are kept on some of the big ocean liners to advise the immigrants in the steerage. On this side of the ocean the association's system for keeping in touch with the recent arrivals is complete.

The special part that commercial bodies may take, Mr. Stone suggested, is to see that tillable land is made available to the immigrant on terms that he can meet. Some system of lending money needed by the immigrant to meet his initial expenses might be worked out, he said. Above all, he concluded, the immigrant should be protected from men and firms who would rob him of his savings.

Among the prominent leaders in the new immigration movement are Dana Bartlett of Los Angeles; J. A. Goodell, industrial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., international committee; M. F. Hayward, speaker of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly; Waldo G. Payne, of Spokane, and Governor M. E. Hay, of Washington.

'FORCED OUT,' SAYS CARTER

Diplomatic Service Man Denies That He Resigned From Post.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21.—John Ridgely Carter, of this city, who for 19 years was a member of the diplomatic service but was reported to have resigned last October, after declining an appointment as Minister to Argentina, in an interview today said he was forced out of the service. Mr. Carter said: "It has been given out in Washington that I resigned. Nothing was a greater surprise to me than when I received news that I was no longer in the service. I was forced out; I was not given a fair show."

Mr. Carter explained that he was forced to decline the Argentina post because he could not meet the expenses with the money allowed him by the Government.

