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LOOKED INTO BY ATTORNEYS BONAPARTE AND CONRAD.

WHAT THE LATTER AFFIRMS

Investigation by the Lawyers Made at the Personal Request of President Roosevelt and Independent of the Postoffice Department.

WASHINGTON—By direction of President Roosevelt a thorough investigation has been made into the charges preferred by Seymour W. Tulloch against the management of affairs of the Washington, D. C., postoffice. This investigation has been made by Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte and Hon. Holmes Conrad, special counsel of the government in the prosecution of the postoffice cases, and it is independent and supplementary to the report made by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow.

Mr. Bristow's report, Mr. Conrad says, was simply a collection of facts in the case reported by postoffice inspectors and contained no opinion as to the merit of the charge. The investigation made by Messrs. Bonaparte and Conrad will go into the merits of the charge and will express an opinion as to whether or not the accused persons are vindicated or are guilty of the offenses charged against them. The conclusions drawn from their inquiry will be embodied in a report which will be submitted to the attorney general the latter part of the week. Whether or not this report will be made public Mr. Conrad could not say tonight, as that matter rests with the officials of the administration. No prosecution will arise from any results of the investigation, as the offenses, if any have been made, are barred by the statute of limitations.

Mr. Conrad said he and Mr. Bonaparte had been engaged for five weeks in the inquiry. They had examined thoroughly the matters themselves, with all charges on the subject made by the Treasury and Postoffice departments. The president, said Mr. Conrad, was very anxious that the whole matter should be gone over carefully so that if persons named in the charges of Mr. Tulloch were not guilty they should be vindicated and if they were that this fact might go on record. Their duty had been to act in the capacity of a master in chancery and report on the facts as they found them. It was not a party affair with the president, Mr. Conrad declared, but an honest desire to get at the facts in the case, both democrats and republicans being involved in the charges. The president was anxious to have the matter thoroughly sifted and any criticism, credit or blame arising from the inquiry would be borne by him.

Postoffice Investigation to End.
WASHINGTON.—Postmaster General Payne said that when the federal grand jury in this city disposes of the postoffice cases now before it the investigation in Washington will be practically complete, leaving matters in New York still to be closed.

Wants Booker to Train Waiters.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The International Stewards' association in session here adopted a resolution urging Booker T. Washington to establish at the Tuskegee institute, a training school for kitchen and dining room employees.

DEATH OF A CHURCH PATRIARCH.

Right Rev. Thomas Clark Dead at the Age of 91.

NEWPORT, R. I.—The Right Rev. Thomas March Clark, bishop of Rhode Island, and by virtue of his seniority presiding elder of the Episcopal church in this country, as well as the oldest bishop in the Anglican communion, if not in the world, died suddenly Monday at his home in Middletown.

Bishop Clark was born in Newburyport, Mass., on July 4, 1812. He was once deacon of Grace church in Boston in 1836, and advanced to the priesthood in November of that year. He officiated at Grace church until 1843, when he left for Philadelphia, where he was rector of St. Andrew's church until 1847. He then returned to Boston as assistant rector in Trinity church, and finally became rector in the Church of Christ at Hartford, Conn. He remained there from 1850 until 1854, when he was consecrated bishop of Rhode Island. In 1898 he gave up the active duties of his diocese.

BLOODY DEEDS AT HAND.

Macedonians Threaten Violence of a Revolting Character.

LONDON—Special dispatches from the near east published here Tuesday morning furnished little news regarding the situation in the Balkans. All the correspondents at Constantinople emphasize the apparent danger of war with Bulgaria, while the Sofia correspondents are equally insistent as to the prudent and correct attitude of Prince Ferdinand and his government.

Accounts from both Turkish and insurgent sources of the operations in Macedonia show that the work of extermination is proceeding unchecked, and although apparently realizing the danger of a conflagration, the powers are making some attempt to interfere, it is believed that nothing of a serious nature will be done until after the meeting of the czar and Emperor Francis Joseph at Vienna, when it may be too late. The insurgents are now said to number 26,000 well armed and efficiently commanded men.

MISFORTUNE PURSUES HIM.

Prof. Langley's Airship is Once More Disabled.

WIDE WATER, Va.—Prof. Langley's airship was disabled again Wednesday by the wreck of the starboard propeller, which broke under pressure of its own velocity about the middle, one of the blades dashing against the frame work and doing considerable damage. The blade whirled through the air at a fast rate, barely missing several men on the deck of a tug boat. Prof. Manley, who was in the car, at once had the machine placed inside.

The structural weakness which this second accident indicates may require much work before a launching is attempted. Prof. Langley was not here, but a test would have been made if all had gone well.

Dipping Order is Modified.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—After listening to protests of sheep owners against the recent order compelling the dipping of all sheep on account of the prevalence of scab, the board of sheep commissioners Tuesday modified the order so as to allow flocks not affected by scab to have clean bills of health, inspection to begin at once.

AS TO BULGARIA

WILL WAIT TWO DAYS AND THEN TAKE ACTION.

A CONFLICT SEEMS AT HAND

Little Nation, at Whatever Cost, Will Cast Lot with Persecuted Christians of Macedonia—Will Protect the Women and Children.

LONDON—Disquieting rumors come from Vienna and elsewhere regarding the Balkan crisis and whilst it is impossible to confirm the more sensational statements, here is accumulation of evidence that some violent solution cannot long be delayed.

The Sofia correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends, under Saturday's date, another long dispatch warmly defending Bulgaria's patient and quixotic attitude of loyalty toward the porte and the powers denouncing Europe's indifference to the wiping out of a large Christian community.

He says: "Bulgaria has displayed unexampled moderation. Her last urgent request to the powers was that they should compel Turkey to suppress the uprising by legitimate methods of warfare, but to spare women and children from indignities and massacres. But even this, Christian Europe has refused and Prince Ferdinand's government, having fully considered the question and aware of the disastrous consequences with which the powers threaten Bulgaria if she intervenes, has decided that she cannot longer neglect her sacred duty to prevent the Christian population being done to death. In a couple of days more the die will be cast and Bulgaria will do her duty. An official communication will be made to the powers in the above indicated time, and forthwith the necessary measures will be taken and only countermanded if the powers immediately intervene. This is Bulgaria's last word. The moral responsibility will fall upon Christian Europe, even if the material consequences have to be endured by Bulgaria."

A dispatch from Constantinople to the Standard says large forces are being collected to the north and northwest of Constantinople, where, in the event of war, the first fighting is expected to occur, and, though allusions to any plan of campaign is strictly censured, it may be assumed that German advice during recent years had not left Turkey unprepared this time.

From Vienna comes the semi-official statement that Austria has again proposed to the powers to admonish Bulgaria, but that so far nothing has come of the proposition.

LEAK FROM THE GRAND JURY.

Indictments in the Pastal Cases Were Tipped Off.

WASHINGTON.—Information has come to light which seems to indicate that Isaac S. McGiehan and Joseph S. Huntington, members of the Columbia Supply company, were given advance information of the indictments returned against them by the federal grand jury here last Tuesday, and have temporarily gotten out of the way.

It was said that word was received here early Friday morning, six hours before the indictments were made public, that these men were wanted in this city to answer charges of bribery. It is said that both these men disappeared from New York before the warrants could be served on them.

Tornado Strikes Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—A tornado struck the vicinity of Bloomington, in southwestern Oklahoma, Sunday, doing extensive damage. The residence of Mrs. Sarah Carter was destroyed, the woman and her eldest daughter being injured. Two children were blown across a barb wire fence into a pasture. Buildings on the farms of Frank Allen, John Push and William Herndon were also completely destroyed.

Heavy Snow in Yellowstone Park.
YELLOWSTONE PARK.—Six inches of snow on the level have fallen throughout Yellowstone Park during the last forty-eight hours.

Well Known German Dead.

MILWAUKEE.—Dr. Ernest Nantke, aged 40 years, professor of chemistry and conductor of a brewers' school in this city, died suddenly of pneumonia.

ATROCITIES BEYOND BELIEF.

Turks Dig Flesh from Living Woman with Pocket Knives.

LONDON—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Monastir, in a dispatch dated September 6, claims that himself, the British vice consul, MacGregor, and an American missionary named Bond, are the intended victims of Turkish revenge because they reported the Turkish atrocities. If their murder could be compassed, it would be fathered upon the Bulgarians.

The correspondent describes further atrocities by soldiers. In one case they flayed a little girl's head, while in another they dug the flesh from under a woman's arms with pocket knives in order to see the working of her lungs.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated September 10, says the porte telegraphed to Washington asking to have the American squadron recalled from Beirut, but the request was refused. Minister Leishman declared that it would remain until the departure of the late vail, Reshid Pasha.

ST. LOUIS FAIR THREATENED.

Westinghouse Strike May Tie Up Important Work.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—The strike at the East Pittsburg plant of the Westinghouse Machine company threatens to tie up important work on the St. Louis fair buildings.

President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists has taken the matter up with President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. It is claimed that the support of that body has been assured and that a meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor has been called to meet at Washington on September 21, when the question of calling out all union men employed on Westinghouse contracts on the fair grounds will receive consideration, providing an appeal to be made to the Westinghouse people in the meantime by President Gompers is not satisfactorily answered.

FIRST DOCUMENT OF PIUS X.

Addresses Letter to Certain Cardinals Confirming Appointments.

ROME—It has been announced that Pius X would announce Tuesday his first encyclical addressed to the Catholic hierarchy and people throughout the world, but this was incorrect.

The pontiff published his first official document, consisting of a letter addressed to Cardinals Vannutelli, Rampolla, Ferrata and Yves y Tuto, confirming their appointment by Pope Leo, as a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The letter, which is brief, is followed by a prayer to the Virgin Mary, which will acquire importance as being the first to bear the signature of Pius X.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO GRAIN.

Wheat and Hay Badly Injured in Washington.

PORTLAND, Ore.—A special to the Oregonian from Spokane says: Reports of damage to the grain and hay crops are coming in from all sections of eastern Washington except in the Big Bend. Few districts have not materially suffered from rains. For the past two weeks rain has fallen in heavy showers nearly all day, the drenched expanse extending from Walla Walla county north to the international boundary and into north Idaho. A fair estimate of the wheat harvest is that two-thirds has been cut. Much of this is stacked in the fields and is swelling from the heavy downpour.

Plague Condition is Serious.

MARSEILLES.—The unofficial reports make the plague situation serious. The dead, it appears, includes four women and one man whose bodies were covered with bubos, leaving little doubt as to the nature of the disease.

Drop Hints of Abdication.

LONDON—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail declares that the Hungarian political crisis has become so acute that the abdication of Emperor Francis Joseph as king of Hungary is freely discussed in the latter country, and although no party leader is willing to openly discuss the probability, there is a strong feeling in favor of Hungary's right to choose its own king, the candidate favored being the German emperor's second son, Prince Eitel.

ACTS ON DEMAND

TURKEY REMOVE THE GOVERNOR WHO WAS OBJECTIONABLE.

LEISHMAN'S PRESTIGE LARGER

Cheik Bey Says that Peace Has Been Established at Beyroot—City is Now Quiet and the People Are Resuming Business.

WASHINGTON—The following bulletin was posted at the Navy department Friday:

"Admiral Cotton telegraphs from Beyroot, September 10, that the governor general of Damascus has been appointed acting governor general at Beyroot and has expressed a desire to settle the case of the American vice consul satisfactory to the United States government. Beyroot quiet, business improving, confidence increasing."

The State department had authentic advices that Governor General Nazim Pasha of Damascus, who has been appointed acting governor of Beyroot, is a trustworthy and broad-minded man, and Minister Leishman has been instructed to advise the sublime porte that the Washington government is greatly pleased at the immediate granting of its request for the removal of the governor of Beyroot and the appointment in his stead of a responsible person and one favorable to foreigners.

A long cablegram reached the State department from Minister Leishman on the general Turkish situation, which has not yet been made public. The prestige of Minister Leishman at Constantinople has greatly increased since the appearance of the European squadron off Beyroot, and the scope of his representations to the porte has also increased in the last few days. It is understood our government will push to an early conclusion all its pending claims against Turkey.

Cheik Bey, the Turkish minister, was a caller at the State department Friday, bringing further reassuring advices that a "condition of absolute peace has been established at Beyroot."

CONSTANTINOPLE—The American consul at Beyroot reports that the situation there is improving, thanks to the confidence inspired by Nazim Pasha, who has succeeded Reshid Pasha. Rumors of fresh outrages continue to reach Constantinople, but these reports are deliberately spread, with the object of creating the impression that the present situation at Beyroot was caused by the arrival there of the United States warships.

As a matter of fact the general state of affairs is chronic at Beyroot. Insecurity has prevailed there for months.

CHARGES NOW PUBLIC.

United States Attorney Gives Names of Men Indicted.

WASHINGTON—United States District Attorney Beach on Friday announced that the six persons named in the seven indictments returned by the grand jury last Tuesday are:

George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances, postoffice department; August Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery system postoffice department; James W. Erwin, former postoffice inspector, with headquarters in San Francisco; George H. Huntington and Isaac A. McGiehan, both of New York City, owners of the Columbia Supply company of that city, and Eugene D. Scheble of Toledo, O., a dentist and interested in the firm of Maybury & Ellis of Detroit, Mich., letter box manufacturers.

Nebraska at St. Louis.

LINCOLN, Neb.—At a meeting of the Nebraska commission for the St. Louis exposition arrangements were discussed with prominent exhibitors to have entries ready for the Nebraska exhibit at the exposition. October 18 will be Nebraska day at the fair, that being the anniversary of the day the first territorial governor of Nebraska took the oath of office.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON—Tuesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$235,284,092; gold, \$106,738,142.

PENSION LIST GROWING LESS.

Beneficiaries Drop Below the Million Mark.

WASHINGTON—The annual report of Commissioner of Pensions Ware places the total number of pensioners now on the rolls at 996,545, of which 725,356 are soldiers and 267,185 are widows and dependents. Mr. Ware announces that it is not probable that the pension roll will again cross the million line, the high water mark having been reached a year ago.

Five of the pensions are on the roll on account of the war of the revolution; 1,116 of the war of 1812; 4,734 on account of Indian wars, and 13,874 on account of the Mexican war. The average annual value of each pension is now \$133. The total annual value of the Spanish war pension roll has reached \$1,765,310.

Commissioner Ware makes the following recommendations: Laws forbidding the pension or right to pension of any man convicted in court of an infamous crime; prohibiting the giving of pensions to women who marry soldiers after the soldiers become old pensioners; a different method of examining applicants for pensions, Mr. Ware stamping the present system as uncertain, unsatisfactory and of an enormous amount of political friction.

Mr. Ware says the bureau has gained on the current work 100,000 cases during the last two years.

MONEY TO RECLAIM LAND.

Commissioner of General Land Office Makes Report of Cash on Hand.

WASHINGTON—W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office, has made public a statement showing the amounts to the credit of the reclamation fund from sales of public lands in the several states and territories during the fiscal years of 1901, 1902 and 1903 under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 17, 1902. It is shown that during the present year there has been covered into the treasury from the proceeds of the sale of public lands in sixteen states and territories the sum of \$8,461,493, making an aggregate of \$16,191,836 as the total thus far received and on deposit in the United States treasury to the credit of the reclamation fund. Of this amount Nebraska contributed during the present year \$118,838, and a total since 1901 of \$354,036. During the year 1903 South Dakota sold lands credited to the reclamation fund valued at \$239,420, making the total received from that state \$546,982. In Wyoming lands were sold which brought \$272,923, during the current year, making an aggregate of \$658,686 during the last three years.

TO ENFORCE PURE FOOD LAW.

Some Foreign Goods Are to Be Shut Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The agricultural department is making strong efforts to keep out of the country all imported goods, the entry of which is prohibited under the pure food act. Since August 1, when the act went into effect, approximately 600 shipments of meats, wine, olive oil, etc., have been held up pending an examination as to the determination of the question whether their use is prohibited in the country whence they are imported into the United States. Up to this time only one shipment, consisting of white wine, has been refused entry.

The special agents and consuls abroad keep the department advised by cable of all shipments of goods which may come within the prohibitions of the law, and instructions are sent at once to the collectors at the ports where they are to arrive to hold them in warehouses and send samples to Washington for analysis.

PAUL MORTON AT OYSTER BAY.

President Also Hears Report on Alleged Indian Frauds.

OYSTER BAY, L. I.—The president entertained at luncheon Paul Morton of Chicago, vice president of the Santa Fe railroad system; Francis E. Leupp of Washington, and Lieutenant Gordon Johnston of the army, who was a member of the president's regiment of Rough Riders.

Mr. Leupp, who is a Washington newspaper correspondent, was appointed by the president several months ago as a commissioner to make an investigation of alleged Indian frauds in the Oklahoma territory. He has completed his work and made his report to the president.