

yards; to the department of commerce and labor, principally for the investigation of immigration; to the department of justice, to prepare evidence against crooked national bank officials and assist in the preparation of cases, generally in the hands of district attorneys.

Moran's official statement showed that for the year ending June 30, 1907, these details were made to the various departments: Justice, 67; state, 7; war, 3; navy, 4; commerce and labor, 3; total, 84. From July 1, 1907, to February 29, 1908, the date when the subject was under investigation: Justice, 51; state, 5; war, 4; navy, 5; Porto Rico, 1. Total, 86.

By way of argument favoring the detail of service agents and the repeal of the limitation prescribed by congress, the president in his message dealing with the secret service said:

"These practices (details of secret service men) have enabled us to discover some of the most outrageous frauds in connection with the theft of government land and government timber by great corporations and individuals."

When Assistant Chief Moran was asked if his agents had been detailed or loaned to the interior department, he replied:

"Not recently; we have not had a call from the interior department for—oh, a long while."

Contradicts President

Secretary of the Interior Garfield appeared before the committee March 25, 1908. Mr. Fitzgerald asked him:

"Mr. Secretary, do you employ secret service men in this work?" referring to depredations on public timber, protecting public lands, etc., that was under investigation. Secretary Garfield replied:

"None at all, and that is one of the points that I want to bring out in connection with the general question of the force of agents; none of them is employed as a detective. They are simply men who go out there for the purpose of investigating any entries, charges made of any kind, and their duty is as much to help the honest entryman as to catch the dishonest one."

"Have they been given written instructions to that effect?"

"One of the first things I did was to give them such instructions."

"Then they are no longer employed as inspectors performing certain service as secret service men?"

"They are not."

In this instance, at least, the secretary of the interior repudiates the statements of the president in his message.

Assistant Chief Moran admitted on the stand that the practice of detailing secret service men had been increasing right along during the last few years. Chairman Tawney asked him:

"Is it not a fact that prior to about six or seven years ago men in your secret service were requested by other departments very infrequently?"

"Comparatively, yes."

Mr. Moran admitted that the bureau kept in the neighborhood of twenty men in addition to the men necessary to do the work under the appropriation on hand all the time to supply other departments, and that they had need for all of them recently in that way.

Following the limitation placed upon the appropriation for the support of this bureau, and, it is claimed, by way of revenge upon the congressmen responsible, it is alleged that several of these secret service agents were put into the field during the campaign to work against the re-election of these members.

It is stated, although Chairman Tawney will not publicly admit it, that much work of this sort was

done in his district. He was returned by a reduced majority. Tawney is chairman of the committee on appropriations and was chiefly responsible for this limitation.

Under existing law an appropriation is made for each executive department for the class of work done by secret service agents, but the departments are expected to find their own detectives and not encroach upon the trained force established by law for a specific purpose. The limitation placed in the last law in no wise crippled any executive department.

Pronounced disapproval of the uses to which the secret service was being put did not appear among members of congress until more than three years ago, when the disclosures regarding conditions in the Chicago packing houses were made, followed by proposed legislation requiring governmental inspection of all animals slaughtered for food products. The public declaration was then made that secret service detectives were being placed to follow the movements of all members of the beef trust and their representatives who came to this city. Soon afterward Representative James W. Wadsworth, of New York, then chairman of the house committee on agriculture, and opposed to the proposed meat inspection legislation, announced that spies were on his track and reporting all his doings to the president.

Since that time dissatisfaction with the outside work of the secret service has become general and self evident. The general declaration is frequently made that everybody in the senate and house who has opposed the president's views and wishes during the last two years has been shadowed by officers assigned from the secret service. Representative Lilley repeatedly said he was at all times followed by government detectives after his sensational declaration that a submarine boat company had paid money to several members of the house naval affairs committee.

Mrs. Morris Investigated

Senator Tillman publicly declared that secret service men and also members of the Washington city police force were utilized in ascertaining the antecedents of Mrs. Minor Morris, who was forcibly ejected from the White House offices while seeking an audience with the president. The purpose of the inquiry was to demonstrate her violent temper and supposed insanity.

Three years ago the assertion was made that the secret service then carried twenty more men than were needed in performing the legitimate work of the bureau and that 300 men were on the waiting list who could be given assignments whenever required.

Secret service men were much employed during the period leading up to the Spanish-American war and close watch was maintained on all foreigners under suspicion. After the war detectives continually

watched the Filipinos sent here to accomplish what they could in the direction of an independent government for themselves.

The employment of the secret service that led to the insertion of the amendment by the house to which the president took such serious exceptions was the tracking of a high naval officer by these agents. It was then said that a woman residing here went to the navy department and complained that this high naval officer had abducted her daughter. Spies

were placed on his track to ascertain if this statement was true. It subsequently developed that the daughter whom the officer was accused of abducting was married, which added to the complications of the situation.

In all cases where charges are filed against government officials secret service men are detailed to investigate them. This was done when a crusade was started against Secretary Moseley, of the interstate commerce commission. The detectives went over all the ground covered,

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