

LOOMIS EXONERATED

HERBERT W. BOWEN DISMISSED FROM HIS POST.

President Roosevelt Approves Secretary Taft's Report on Controversy and Scathingly Arraigns Former United States Minister to Venezuela.

Washington, June 21.—The dismissal of Herbert W. Bowen, for some years United States minister to Venezuela, and the exoneration of Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Loomis of the allegations brought against him by Mr. Bowen, are the outcome of the Loomis-Bowen controversy, which has attracted wide attention for many months past. This disposition of the case is made by President Roosevelt in a letter addressed to Secretary Taft, approving Mr. Taft's report on his findings and conclusions in the case. The president scathingly arraigns Minister Bowen, declaring that his conduct is "especially reprehensible;" that Mr. Bowen asked one of his witnesses to enter the employ of a certain company for the purpose, "in plain words, of stealing" documents which he hoped might incriminate Mr. Loomis and that Mr. Bowen has "evidently for many months, indeed for the last two years, devoted himself" to hunting up scandal and gossip until it became a monomania and caused him "to show complete disloyalty" to the country he represented. The president says he had hoped to promote Mr. Bowen, as during much of his service he had done good work, but that his usefulness in the diplomatic service is now at an end. The president adds that he would direct that Mr. Bowen's resignation be requested, but for his statement that he would consider that resignation an admission of misconduct and the dismissal is therefore ordered. The letter quotes correspondence and tests. The president states that it appears that Mr. Bowen, while minister, secured the publication of attacks on Mr. Loomis and furnished to the press documents pending before the state department for approval and that his conduct is inexcusable and shows his "entire unfitness" for the service. Even if Mr. Loomis had been guilty, says the president, Mr. Bowen's conduct would be unpardonable. The letter quotes certain correspondence and testimony. The report of Secretary Taft on the case, on which the president's action is based, is a voluminous document, reviewing the charges and the evidence taken.

In his report Secretary Taft says that there was nothing dishonorable in the transaction in which Mr. Loomis figured, but that he was not discreet. This report says that Mr. Loomis was not justified in becoming personally interested in any of the schemes either with a mere nominal interest or substantial interest. He holds, however, that Mr. Loomis has been "most cruelly slandered," commands him for the self-restraint with which he has met the charges and points out that Mr. Loomis' bitter experience in this case makes it unnecessary to point out the moral that a minister cannot afford in the country to which he is accredited to make personal investments, etc.

Twenty-eight Killed in Train Wreck.
Baltimore, June 19.—The death roll of Saturday night's wreck on the Western Maryland railroad now foots up twenty-eight and this number is likely to be increased from among the list of those grievously mangled. All the dead were employes of the railroad, returning to their homes in the small towns along the railroad to spend Sunday. The train, which was No. 5, passenger westbound, carried a large number of passengers, all the coaches being filled. The extra freight, made up of heavy coal and provision cars, was running east. It should have taken a siding to allow No. 5 to pass. Such were the orders. Why they were disregarded will never be known, for those who should have seen they were obeyed are dead.

Secretary Hay at His Desk.
Washington, June 21.—Secretary Hay, who returned to Washington after a prolonged absence abroad, was at his desk in the state department. The secretary attended to a large amount of correspondence which had accumulated during his absence. He expects to leave in a short time for his New Hampshire home.

Sheriff Slays Ex-Sheriff.
Cameron, Tex., June 21.—Sheriff Todd shot and killed ex-Sheriff Giles Everett. The shooting was the outgrowth of a political feud.

South Omaha Live Stock.
South Omaha, June 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; slow, 10¢/15¢ lower; native steers, \$3.75@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.50; western steers, \$3.25@4.75; canners, \$1.75@3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.75; calves, \$3.00@6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.50@4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; 5¢ lower; heavy, \$5.10@5.15; mixed, \$5.12@5.15; light, \$5.15@5.20; pigs, \$4.00@5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.12@5.15. Sheep—Receipts, 4,200; steady; westerns, \$4.75@5.50; wethers, \$4.10@5.25; ewes, \$4.00@4.00; lambs, \$5.50@6.35.

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