

STORER CASE IS REVIVED

Dismissed Ambassador to Austria Prints President's Letters in Self Defenset—President Retorts

Cincinnati—Bellamy Storer, former ambassador to Austria-Hungary, has replied briefly to the statements contained in President Roosevelt's letter to Secretary of State Root, which was given to the press, insisting on the position he had heretofore taken and reiterating the statements made by him in the statement to the members of the foreign relations committee of congress, made public last week.

Mr. Storer said: "I seem to have been elected a member of the 'Ananias club,' like all others who have come into dispute with President Roosevelt. I am now to be classed with Senators Chandler, Tillman and Bailey and with others who have questioned some act or word of the president. Like every other American gentleman who has a wife to protect, I undertook to defend her name from insinuations and charges of falsehood."

Mr. Storer then reiterated much that appeared in his first statement, which he claims was intended for private circulation and added that he has four letters bearing on the controversy as to the promotion of Archbishop Ireland, all of which, he asserts, tend to bear out his contention that "I obeyed the explicit instructions of Mr. Roosevelt in acting as I did with regard to the promotion."

Continuing Mr. Storer said: "Archbishop Ireland told me also, that the president, on several occasions in conversation with him, took the credit for the action he now repudiated. The crux of the whole matter which led to my removal was the action taken by Mrs. Storer and myself with regard to the promotion of Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul to the cardinalate. In my letter to the president and cabinet I cited letters written by Roosevelt to me speaking in the highest terms of Monsignor Ireland and expressing the personal wish that the country might profit by his promotion to the cardinalate. December 2, 1903, I had an audience with Pope Pius X. at which I transmitted a verbal note, the basis of which had been given me by President Roosevelt. I was particularly careful in its preparation and

after translating it into English I translated it into French and conveyed it to the pope.

"The communication was as follows: 'He said to me and authorized me to say to your holiness that the archbishop of St. Paul is his personal friend and that he possessed his whole confidence as a prelate and as a citizen; that he earnestly desired Monsignor Ireland all the honors of the church; and that he would view with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction his elevation to the rank of cardinal.'

"Now as to the charge that I acted without warrant in this matter, I have only to cite the fact that Archbishop Ireland in conversation with me told me that President Roosevelt had told him of all I had done and instead of criticising me for my actions, seemed to take great credit to himself.

"Everything was all right until a section of New York churchmen began to agitate the elevation of another archbishop than Monsignor Ireland. They pointed out to Roosevelt that the New York prelate had at least as much claim to the red hat as the archbishop of St. Paul. This resulted in much perturbation at the White House and letters were sent to me by Roosevelt pointing out that what might be very appropriate as the opinion of a private citizen would come with a very bad grace as the president of the United States.

"Every one with a grain of sense knows that. There has never been a question as to that. I knew in the entire transaction that I was not presenting the official views of the president. This separation of the official and personal sides of the matter is not unique. McKinley did the same thing. He favored the elevation of Monsignor Ireland but he did not do so as the president of the United States. Roosevelt favored the elevation of the archbishop but he did not do so under the great seal of the United States. All that was perfectly clear and there was no chance for misconception.

"On my word, I thought I was obeying the personal request of Theodore Roosevelt when I presented his oral note to Pope Pius.

"I caused all the correspondence in the case to be compiled into a pamphlet under legal advice and had it printed in Boston soon after I reached home. I wish to state that every copy of it was sent out with a personal letter requesting personal consideration. The result was that the main part of the pamphlet was sent broadcast from Washington to various news channels.

"My reasons for publishing the pamphlet was two-fold. In the first place, like any American husband, it was my duty to defend the name of my wife from imputations of alleged wrongdoing; in the second place it was obligatory upon me to defend myself and not allow the American nation to think that I weakly accepted the action of the president in removing me.

"Mr. Roosevelt is a man of great capability. He is impulsive and headstrong. He is active but his point of view is subject to change like that of any other man. He demands that things move his way and objects if they do not.

"What has become of the government we had seven years ago? What is the trend our national affairs are taking? The government is centered in one man. As long as that man is capable, honest and patriotic all may be well, but suppose he was not and the same amount of power was given

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into his hands. What would be the result?

"Personally I have no notion what the ultimate outcome of this dispute will be. I have been looking over heaps of correspondence since I have been at home, but am not ready at this time to take it up."

Mrs. Storer showed a letter from Vice President Roosevelt July 13, 1900, in which the reason for the transfer of the Storers from Madrid to Vienna was made clear. Mrs. Storer had requested the transfer because of the health of her son, who was suffering from a pulmonary complaint and could not visit her on account of the climate of Madrid. In the letter Vice President Roosevelt states that he would urge the transfer particularly because of this fact.

BAILEY SAYS IT WAS A LOAN

Senator Admits Getting \$15,000 From Waters-Pierce Oil Company

Austin, Texas—Senator Bailey admits securing money from President Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil company to the amount of some \$15,000 as charged by Attorney General Davidson, but says it was a loan and he is ready to prove it.

Senator Bailey said he made several loans from Pierce which he paid back and has receipts for. He also asked Attorney General Davidson to furnish him with all the records showing that he had received money from Pierce or the Water-Pierce Oil company.

READS DEATH NOTICE; RAGES

Hamond Man Gets Real Mad When He Finds He is Dead

When William Wenzel of Hammond, Ind., read his obituary notice in the papers he got so mad that he went to Charles Neidow's undertaking shop where his body lay, and tried to clean out the place. Wenzel's double was killed in the Chicago Junction railroad yards, the body being badly mangled. Wenzel's niece viewed the remains and said they were those of her uncle. Then came the death notice, and Wenzel's rage. When the police were called to the undertaking establishment the live-dead man calmed down.

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