

### Lansing's Clerk Affirms Letter To U. S. Officials

#### But Refuses to Discuss State Affairs Transacted While He Was With State Department.

In a long-distance telephone conversation with a representative of The Bee yesterday, T. M. Ostrey, former confidential clerk to former Secretary of State Robert Lansing, affirmed the statements contained in a letter sent by him to Secretary Tumulty and also to Secretary Colby, Lansing's successor, published yesterday, protesting against treatment accorded him by State department officials.

### Why They Like Ice Tennis



Who wouldn't go miles to see an ice-tennis game if all the fair participants were in costumes such as these two devotees of the game are wearing. They are the Misses Beverly Miller and Jose Stewart, who introduced the ice-tennis game at the Boston Arena recently.

### Reorganization Of U. S. Machinery, Plan of Harding

#### President-Elect Has Sweeping Changes in Many Departments and Bureaus in Mind.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—As President-elect Harding completes formation of his cabinet he is giving increasing attention to the first big administrative task he will undertake as president—the reorganization of the executive machinery of the government.

Detailed plans have not yet taken form, but it is known that Mr. Harding has in mind sweeping changes in many of the government departments and bureaus and that he expects to enlist in the work of reorganization some of the ablest administrators he can find. He is understood to have told some of his advisers that he regards the chairmanship of the reorganization commission as a post virtually on a par with a cabinet portfolio.

Congress already has created a committee to work out a plan for simplification of the executive branch with a view to preventing duplication of work and cutting down the government payroll. It is expected that this committee will work in close co-operation with the reorganization agency to be appointed by Mr. Harding.

"These letters I entrusted to a reporter for the New York American, former confidential clerk to former Secretary of State Robert Lansing, affirmed the statements contained in a letter sent by him to Secretary Tumulty and also to Secretary Colby, Lansing's successor, published yesterday, protesting against treatment accorded him by State department officials."

"I do not care to discuss that phase of the state affairs with which I am conversant, as it would be a violation of confidences. However, the references made to it in my letters to Secretary Colby and Secretary Tumulty speak for themselves."

"I was in a position in the State department where the greater share of the information that came to me was confidential and I would, under no circumstances, violate any of the confidence reposed in me. That is a matter to be released by former Secretary Lansing, if he so desires, but it would be highly improper for me, a subordinate in the department, to give out any additional information on the subject other than that mentioned in my letters which now has become public property."

"Séeks Cause for Treatment." "There was no intention on my part, in my letters to Mr. Tumulty and Mr. Colby, to give any information on the ultimatum to Mexico, other than that I supposed they already had received from Mr. Lansing. My purpose in writing the letters was to ascertain, if possible, why I was summarily relieved from the position I had held under Secretary Lansing, and to further ascertain why I was being so mistreated by his successor in office."

"I was rewarded once for my efforts by a statement from a member of the State department that 'even though I could tell you the reason for the treatment accorded you, I would not be permitted to do so.'"  
In State Department.  
Mr. Ostrey was given an appointment in the division of foreign intelligence immediately following his discharge from an officers' training camp during the war and shortly after was transferred to the State department. With the return of Secretary Lansing from the peace conference in Paris Mr. Ostrey was selected by Secretary Lansing to act as his confidential secretary, and as such presided at the numerous conferences between Secretary Lansing, ambassadors and envoys of foreign countries, and also with newspaper correspondents.

### Nebraskan Delivered Mexican War Threat

Mr. Ostrey says he was not only immediately removed from Mr. Lansing's office, but the alleged persecutions against him did not terminate until October, 1920, when he declares he was falsely accused of tampering with Paul Hanna, Washington correspondent of the New York Call, to gain access to certain files from which he (Hanna) almost obtained a letter written by L. C. K. Martens, soviet ambassador to the United States. In his letter of complaint to Mr. Tumulty, Mr. Ostrey says: "I was confidential clerk in the office of former Secretary of State Lansing, from the date of his return from the Paris peace conference until I was summarily removed from that office immediately following his transcript of the verbal note delivered to the Mexican ambassador by Mr. Kirk, the assistant and private secretary of Secretary Lansing, in which the ambassador was advised of our decision to go to war unless there was compliance with our demands."

"Slap at Honesty." "Mr. Kirk then delivered the following order to my associate and co-worker in the secretary's office: 'Don't trust anyone. Don't trust your best friend. Don't trust even those that work with you in the same office.'"

"It was while serving in this capacity that Mr. Ostrey received and transcribed the note threatening war with Mexico. After the dismissal of Secretary Lansing he continued to act in that capacity during the numerous conferences held by Secretary Colby during the trying period during which the soviet forces were making their concerted offensive against the Poles and during the time that the question of recognition of Mexico was being considered by Secretary Colby."

"While preparing for one of these conferences, Mr. Ostrey stated he was notified that he no longer could report the private conferences of Secretary Colby."  
Shortly after that he was again transferred from the State department back to the division of foreign intelligence. This apparent demotion caused him to ask for a leave of absence early in August of last year, which was granted. Shortly after he came to Dodge, Neb., to become superintendent of public schools and in September he forwarded his resignation to Secretary Colby and the division of foreign intelligence.

#### Heated Debate at Meet of International Socialists

Vienna, Feb. 24.—Delegates to the international socialist conference, in session here, engaged in a warm debate yesterday on "Imperialism and Social Revolution."

#### Burroughs Improved

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 24.—John Burroughs, naturalist, was further improved today, it was stated at a hospital where he went several days ago for a rest and for treatment of an abscess on the chest.

#### One of the biggest innovations to be proposed was the establishment of a separate department of public welfare, for which Mr. Harding outlined his plans in a general way during the campaign. He contemplates the transfer to this department of several of the bureaus now working under other departments, and in addition there are to be a number of entirely new bureaus to deal with various welfare problems.

#### Plan Industrial Board.

A division of industrial research is to be built up, possibly taking over some of the present functions of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, to make a comparative study of prices and industrial conditions throughout the world. It is believed

#### Louisville Mayor Clamps Lid Down on Lodge Raffles

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—Mayor Smith clamped the lid on so tightly in Louisville where gambling once openly flourished in principal business streets that the police stopped members of a widely known secret order selling chances on an automobile for the benefit of its widows and orphans' home. Raffles for his charity, the mayor said, was included in his order.

#### Moscow Plans Holiday on March 8 for Women Workers

London, Feb. 24.—Celebration of an international holiday for women is planned for March 8 at Moscow, says a dispatch received here. On the instructions of the food commissariat the day will be marked by increasing from local resources the rations for factory workers and in public and industry's dining rooms.

### Your Face and What It Tells

#### You No Longer Can Hide Inner Secrets From Trained Observers, Omaha Character Analyst Declares—Offers Advice to Bee Readers.

"Do you still cling to the old-fashioned idea you can hide behind the 'mask' of your face? Are you under the impression your real character remains a secret between yourself and you?"

"Wake up," admonishes Mabel Warner Rugg, Omaha character analyst. "Beliefs like those mentioned, she declares, indicate you're snoozing in the midst of a wide-awake world and snoring through the days while modern science goes marching on."

To the trained observer, she contends, your secret deeds, good or evil; your tangible thoughts, right or wrong, are readily discernible.

"No longer can men and women hide their life secrets," she avers. "If they keep silence with their tongues they tell the tales with their hands and feet. Say goodbye to the old idea you can 'put one over' on the world about you."

Disturbing, isn't it? What was before "your own business" seems to be common property, after all, and the "mask" you thought you were wearing becomes a transparent window.

But there are compensations, many of them. If your face and body betray weaknesses, they also herald abroad your talents and capabilities. You may learn through this newly developed science of character analysis things which have been secrets even to yourself. You may get practical advice from a trained expert on what work you are best fitted for, how to avoid failures and how to attain the greatest possible personal efficiency.

Mabel Warner Rugg has made an extensive study of character analysis and has had 10 years of practical experience in service of big business firms and in furnishing information to individuals.

She will explain character analysis to Bee readers in a series of articles on "Your Face and What It Tells." The first article will appear in The Bee Saturday.

While this series is being published she will undertake to answer all questions from Bee readers on character analysis and vocational choice. Letters should be addressed to Mabel Warner Rugg, care of The Bee.

it will be possible, on the other hand, to abolish entirely some of the existing subdivisions of the executive departments.

Involved in the task will be many broad questions of permanent policy, such as the proposal to abolish the shipping board and put a different sort of executive body in its place. One suggestion that has been made to the president-elect is that the various government agencies now dealing with shipping and railway problems be brought together in a new executive department of transportation.

### Argentine Senator to Face Sedition Charge

Buenos Aires, Feb. 24.—Criminal action has been begun against Senator E. del Valle Iberlucea, by the public prosecutor of this city of Bahia Blanca, who alleges the senator made seditious statements in an address advocating the adhesion of Argentine socialists to the third international of Moscow.

The prosecutor has announced he will ask the court to sentence the senator to one-half year in prison and to take from him the rights of citizenship. The Argentine senate will be asked to remove senatorial immunity so that the case may be tried.

### President Signs First Of Appropriation Bills

Washington, Feb. 24.—The first of the big annual appropriation bills passed at this session of congress was signed today by President Wilson. It appropriates funds for the maintenance of the District of Columbia government.

The Winslow bill authorizing partial payments of funds due the railroads by the government reached the White House and was referred to the Interstate Commerce commission for a report. Later it will be sent to the Treasury department.

### Camels Imported from Asia

Camels imported from Asia have been tried in Australia with fair success for hauling wagons in regions lacking railroads.

### Three Animals Out of 11 Carrying T. N. T. to Be Used in Construction Work Fall Over Precipice.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The daring of a government packer, who stepped among a mass of struggling horses loaded with T. N. T. on the brink of the Grand canyon in an effort to save his animals, is told today in an official announcement by the national park service of the first accident on the Bright Angel trail.

The accident occurred January 20. Three horses out of 11 tied together on the trail went over the brink and were dashed to death below. One fell 1,000 feet and his pack saddle was unimpaired. Another fell 200 feet with 150 pounds of T. N. T., which did not explode.

The pack train was carrying material for the construction of the Colorado river, over a trail which was slippery with ice and snow. The packers had just led the train beyond the first turn on the trail and had gone to the rear to untie the horses, when one of them became excited and crowded the lead horse off the trail.

Packer Homer J. Ann managed to get among the excited horses and to cut the rope between three struggling animals and the rest of the train.

All materials for the bridge, including the cables, must be packed over the trail under the direction of skilled packers.

Germans Secure Many Acres in Llanquihue From Chile Government

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 24.—Negotiations with the Chilean government for a concession of about 300,000 acres of land in the province of Llanquihue, in the southern end of the country, have been concluded by representatives of German industrial interests. It is planned to construct on the property a plant for the manufacture of iron and steel products, says the newspaper *Ultimas Noticias*. The concession will run 30 years, but may be annulled within two if any machinery is not installed and within five if by that time the plant is not in full operation, it is said.

Otto Lenz and Paul Guericke, German engineers, who carried on the negotiations, are declared to be en route to Germany to arrange for the transportation of machinery, materials and technical experts to Chile.

### Communists Poll Big Vote in Prussian Elections

Berlin, Feb. 24.—German communists polled 1,200,000 votes in the Sunday elections to the new Prussian landtag. This was the first appearance on an official Prussian ballot. They captured 30 seats and will constitute with the independent socialists, who elected 28 deputies, 111 deputies, losing 41 seats. The democratic party's representation is reduced from 96 to 25, and the clericals dropped from 94 to 83, giving the Prussian three-party coalition bloc 219 mandates as against their former 304.

### Poison in Candy

Maurice, Ia., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Gerret Horstra and Miss Gertrude De Vries were made seriously ill by eating candy which they purchased in Struble. They were in a stupor the greater portion of two days. The state chemist is examining the candy.

### Daring Packer Saves Horses on Brink of Canyon

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### Children's Sun Hats

Washable hats in combinations of white with colors come in one- to three-year sizes for 75c.

### Thompson Belden's Has Out Size Hosiery

—in silk lisle, black, gray, navy and cordovan for \$1.25 a pair.

—in lisle we have black, gray and cordovan for \$1 a pair.

—ballgrigans with ribbed tops are \$1.25 a pair; with hem top, \$1.

All of the out size hose are well reinforced, both tops and soles, to give service.

### Friday Sales in the Basement

Tie on Aprons, Three for \$1

Sun Hats are only 25c each

Gingham Aprons for \$1 each, and dresses for house and porch wear for \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5

These are disposal prices and give no conception of the real worth of the merchandise offered.

Center Aisle—Main Floor Second Floor

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### Hearing of Charge Against Landis Is Set for Tuesday

#### Immediate Decision Expected—Sentiment Strong in Favor of Exonerating Judge From All Blame.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Impeachment charges against Judge K. M. Landis, filed in the house by Representative Welby, are expected to be disposed of next Tuesday by the house judiciary.

Chairman Volstead of the committee issued a call for the committee to meet on that day to consider the charges and the evidence presented by Welby.

It is probable that an immediate decision in the case will be reached by the committee as many members of the house are insisting that there be no delay in exonerating Judge Landis from charges of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, or the presentation of facts upon which such charges can be based.

The prevailing sentiment in the house and among members of the committee is that Judge Landis will be cleared of any violation of law in his account acceptance of the duties and pay as arbiter of professional base ball. It is doubted whether the committee will go so far as to bring forth a report censuring the judge for accepting the position while still holding his position as federal judge. There is a strong probability that the committee recommend enactment of a law prohibiting federal judges from accepting such appointments unless they resign from the bench.

To lessen the danger of forest fires a nonflammable and nonstouffering wax for shotgun shells has been invented.

## Thompson, Belden & Co.

### White Skirtings in Stripes and Checks

Gabardines, tricotines, and novelty striped weaves, all 36 inches wide.

Plain gabardines are priced 75c to \$2 a yard.

Plain oxfords, 65c to \$1.25 a yard.

Tricotine, \$1.25 a yard.

Stripes and checks are all priced \$1.25 a yard.

Linen Section—Main Floor

### Hand Made Organdy Caps

Crisp white organdy baby hoods, made in a turned-back style with the crown slightly fulled, have fine feather stitching, tatting lace or embroidery in dainty colors to trim them. Their prices range from \$1.50 to \$3.

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The styles are unusually becoming.

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Center Aisle—Main Floor Second Floor

### Odd Corsets All One Price \$2.79

They are corsets which have accumulated during previous sales. The sizes are broken, but you may find your size in a splendid value. Look them over.

Corset Section—Second Floor

### Spring Underwear Is Reasonable

Women's union suits in a variety of styles and qualities are \$1 to \$5 a suit.

Cotton vests, round neck or bodice top, are splendid for 50c each.

Second Floor

### Shirts and Neckwear

For men of good taste. New and cosmopolitan designs which will find favor with conservative as well as more youthful tastes.

#### Ties Are Narrow

this season and we have pure silk knit ties in this new width for \$1.50 and up.

Narrow four-in-hands, plain shades or figured, Cheney tubulars and reversibles—a very large Spring showing is here.

#### Splendid Shirts

In qualities that will prove satisfactory in every respect. A large and well-chosen assortment is offered in the Men's Shop. There are splendid patterns, plain colors, stripes and plaid effects; there are shirts with collars to match and shirts with attached collars.

A fine selection of white shirts is also shown, full dress and tuxedo styles are included.

The Men's Shop, To the Left as You Enter

### Spring Suits Capes and Dresses



### Good Looking -- Inexpensive and of our regular standard of quality

Suits—\$39.50 to \$89.50  
Capes—\$27.50 to \$97.50  
Dresses—\$25.00 to \$65.00

New lower price level in everything.

Smart Wear for Women  
2nd Floor Securities Bldg

### Friday and Saturday Will Be the Wind-Up of Our January and February Sales

We are taking inventory at the close of Saturday's business. From the first of the month on our merchandise will be priced on today's market.

The prices, however, will be at least 30% higher than what you can buy for Friday and Saturday while we are still selling Men's Hats, Shirts, Underwear and Pajamas at—

#### ONE-HALF PRICE

The quality merchandise always found here is worthy of your consideration at these reductions.

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