

made such assurance one of the conditions of the gift. Mr. Archibald testified that the Standard Oil board of directors, in deciding to contribute \$100,000, instructed him that it would be given only with the understanding that it would be accepted and "appreciated" by Roosevelt.

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Directors May Testify. Mr. Archibald testified that William Rockefeller and other members of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company could corroborate the statements made by him as to what occurred at the board meeting and the representations that came from Mr. Bliss.

think either there or it is just barely possible it was by check, but I say, I do not find a copy of the letter. But the suspicious nature of the signature which purports to be attached to the letter as published renders it open to grave suspicion in my mind. Mr. Archibald said this \$25,000 was made to Penrose early in October.

thoroughly appreciated by Mr. Roosevelt, and Mr. Bliss smilingly said we need have no possible apprehension on that score. No Private Contributions. Mr. Archibald was questioned then in regard to contributions by Standard Oil officials as individuals in the 1904 campaign but he knew of none.

Archibald, "was that it appearing that our interests as a business organization lay in the line of the Republican side we would not take that contribution." Now after that time you decided to give \$125,000? "Yes."

Postponed Until September. The Senate committee has decided to postpone further inquiry into this subject until the last week in September. Then many witnesses will be called and the investigation will continue probably until election day.

jurisdiction of Archibald. "I take it," said Senator Clapp, "that you were the man of the Standard Oil who was in charge of any matter of this kind, were you not?"

Senator Clapp asked for information in regard to any other contributions Mr. Archibald had heard of in the 1904 campaign. "Oh well," said he, "I do not know of anything that would be helpful to the committee. Of course I was well aware of the talk about the Harriman contribution and all that, but I have on personal knowledge of the matter."

Q. Did he see the members of your board? "I did." "And when with reference to this third request?" "Just as soon as I could after Mr. Bliss's visit, within a day or two, probably."

Made Two Contributions. "What contributions," asked Chairman Clapp in beginning the inquiry, "did you make directly, or for the Standard Oil Company, to the Republican national campaign of 1904?"

Q. When was that, as nearly as you can recollect? A. Well, I should say not later than the 10th, perhaps, of October. Q. And what was the result of that conference, or was there more than one? A. Well, there were one or two, or perhaps two or three conferences, all told.

Q. Up to that time did you have any knowledge of Roosevelt's attitude toward the Standard Oil Company? A. My impression was that there had been some little talk that he was not a man of a very high character, but I do not want to make the contribution unless it is to be gratefully received.

Q. Did you have any misgivings at that time? A. There had been some little talk in the newspapers about it. Q. About what? About the question as to who were making contributions and all that, and I judged in the fulness of caution I should say this to Mr. Bliss and was so instructed to say to him.

Discussed It With Bliss. Mr. Archibald said he had talked with Mr. Bliss on several occasions in regard to the campaign contribution before he was questioned by the committee.

Q. How was that? A. I do not recall. Q. How was that? A. I do not recall. Q. How was that? A. I do not recall.

Reason for Contribution. Senator Pomerene wanted to know if it was because of Roosevelt's supposed conservative views on business propositions and his attitude on the tariff question in particular that led Standard Oil to make the contributions.

Q. Did you have any conference with any one during that summer and fall that you even understood to be associated with either of these trusts with reference to contributions to the campaign? A. I do not recall any conference.

Cannot Find Letter. Q. Do you recall distinctly the fact of your meeting with Mr. Bliss on October 10, and that we agreed to make the payment and of course did make it, but the letter such as purports to have been written I do not find.

Q. In describing his conversation with Mr. Bliss, Mr. Archibald said: "I talked very frankly with Mr. Bliss about the matter. I said to him when it came to the question if he had decided to make the \$100,000 contribution; 'Now Mr. Bliss, you have my confidence in this contribution. Our sympathies are with the Republican side and we want to help, but we do not want to do it without it being known and thoroughly approved of by the powers that be and by the powers that be I meant, of course, Col. Roosevelt, Mr. Roosevelt and his immediate supporters.'"

Q. Names them, will you please? A. They were Harry Tilford, F. Q. Barstow, Wilder, William Rockefeller, Mr. Rogers and myself, perhaps one or two others; I am not sure.

Q. Where was that? A. At my office. Q. Now tell us what was said at that time? A. Well, Mr. Bliss came to my office and said: "Mr. Archibald, I come again to you on the money question."

are greatly in need of money and we would be glad to help us," I said. "Mr. Bliss, I do not know about it. I am afraid that our people will feel that we have already been pretty liberal." And then he went into some further details of the needs and how pressing the campaign was.

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Further Funds Acceptable. Q. And that further donations would be entirely acceptable? A. Certainly, that is what he came for. Q. It is not surprising that you as one of the inducements for you to make additional contributions? A. Well, yes, he held out the need of the campaign and assured me that while he appreciated what had already been done, further contributions would be still further and greatly appreciated.

Amassed at Attacks. "Well, I do not know—I do not know," said Archibald, "but I think it is a mistake to say that you went to Mr. Bliss with respect to these attacks, you think, within a year after the election? A. Yes; after the attacks had begun. We were amazed at them as the outside world may have been."

Regarded Bliss Highly. Q. Now, Mr. Bliss was a man of very high character, was he? A. None higher that I have known. Q. You knew him personally and had known him for years? A. I had.

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Called at Bliss's Office. Later Mr. Archibald called on Mr. Bliss at the latter's office. This was after the election of Roosevelt.

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