

STORERS SAY THEY AIDED ROOSEVELT

Ex-Ambassador's Wife Asserts She Gave Him Start.

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

Spoke to McKinley in His Half, She Says.

Deposed Diplomat Issues Statement in Reply to White House Pronouncement, Declaring that He Was Instructed to See Pope About Ireland—Quotes Letter to Wife, in Which Executive Gave Opinions.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cincinnati, Dec. 10.—"My husband and I created President Roosevelt." This is the remarkable statement made to-night by Mrs. Bellamy Storer, wife of the former Ambassador to Austria, to a Washington Herald correspondent. With reference to the controversy between the President and Mr. Storer, she said: "It seems hardly worth while to pay any attention to the attacks President Roosevelt has chosen to make upon myself and my husband. No one knows the truth better than President Roosevelt."

"However, I will say that the friendship between the two families has been of long standing and of the very closest nature. President Roosevelt owes much to-day to Mr. Storer and myself. It was through me and my influence that Mr. Roosevelt was made Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and it came about in this way: "Mr. Storer and I went to Canton to pay President and Mrs. McKinley a friendly visit, and also asked for the appointment of Mr. Roosevelt to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy. I, as the President that I was not there to ask for anything for my husband; that I did want an appointment for a friend, and it would be a great personal favor if he would grant my request and make Mr. Roosevelt Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He at first opposed it by saying that Mr. Roosevelt was too much of a fighter, and he feared it would not be a wise appointment to make."

Mrs. Storer also remarked that she and Mr. Roosevelt had been intimate friends for years, so intimate that she and the family was occupying a modest home in Nineteenth street in Washington, where Archie Roosevelt was born. Mr. Storer was asked to stand as godfather for the lad. When asked why President Roosevelt had made any statement, Mrs. Storer said: "Before his election as President he had worked hard and had three people working for the election of Archie Roosevelt as cardinal. After his election as President he was so afraid the people would find him out he has denied all these things and turned against his oldest friends."

Storer Replies to Roosevelt. Mr. Storer also made public a long statement in reply to the President's letters, in which he comments on his previous pamphlets. He reiterates his former assertion that Mr. Roosevelt asked him to see the Pope about Archbishop Ireland's advancement, and gives another White House letter, peculiarly interesting for its estimate of public men of the day. He says: "My letter to the President and his Cabinet was written for the cool, deliberate judgment of men who should be kept informed of the true facts in the conduct of the administration. It stands, when taken in full, as my statement, and should be taken as an entirety, and as such I ask its calm perusal. In itself, it is an answer to many things the President has seen fit to say, but as new matter has been put forward by Mr. Roosevelt, I feel compelled to speak."

"There was no need of violent and insulting adjectives to show that the President dislikes me, or that I wish to remain in the service, or to retire from it in any customary way. While the past has shown that few men can differ with either the wishes or the memory of Mr. Roosevelt without at once becoming soundscapes and liars, I must make some comments on what has given out at the White House."

"That anything was ever written to the President by me, or that I wish that Mr. Choate and Gen. Porter were not proper persons to be ambassadors is news to both of us. For both these distinguished men, we have, and have had, nothing but respect and good will, personally and officially. It would have been an honor to any one to take any post ever filled by either of them after he ceased to occupy it. And the only feeling possible, as one of regret that both of them have been lost to the public service since Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected."

How President Estimated Men. "As to Mr. Root, the press, in 1901, was full of statements that he might not be able to remain in the Cabinet on account of health, and would be succeeded by Gen. Porter, which would leave Paris vacant. "I give in full a letter of the President, in answer to what he said was written by my wife. I do this both because it is a letter for him to be proud of, from its full appreciation of prominent public men (apart from any reference to myself), and also to show that my wife's letter, to which this was an answer now spoken of only with a sneer, was considered differently by Mr. Roosevelt at the time it was received."

"Executive Mansion, "Washington, Oct. 4, 1901. "My Dear Maria: You need never be afraid of writing me or of asking anything. If it is in my power to grant it, I shall do so. If, for any reason, whether political in the narrow or in the larger sense, I cannot, I shall tell you so frankly. Personal reasons can never exist when I do not wish to do anything for you. "Bellamy was right about its being needless to write me in order to keep him in mind. I think of both of you all the time, and have gone over several times possible plans. First, as to the Cabinet. It is very unlikely now that I shall change any member of the present Cabinet. You have probably seen that I have asked them all to stay."

A Eulogy for Root. "The Secretary of War, Root, is one of the strongest men before the people in our whole party. His Canton speech was the most effective delivered in the campaign last year. His advice is invaluable not merely in reference to his department, but in reference to all branches of the Government."

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Rain, followed by fair and colder in the afternoon to-day; to-morrow fair and cold; fresh northwesterly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Dinner to August Belmont. 1—Many Shoppers on Coast. 1—Mrs. Storer Defends Husband. 1—Crisis Reached in France To-day. 1—Birdsong Jury Locked Up. 1—Philadelphia Minister Shot by Daughter. 2—Gillette to Die in January. 7—Transport Kilpatrick Home.

- CONGRESS. 1—Bona parte's Nomination Held Up. 4—Sunday Closing Opposed. 4—Dubois to Attack Roosevelt. 4—New Spelling to Meet Defeat. 4—Rock Creek Park Bills Pass. 7—Brownsville Eyewitness Makes Affidavit.

- LOCAL. 2—Littfield Scores Gompers. 2—Riddle to Be Ambassador to Russia. 2—Navy Yard Machinists Granted Increase in Pay. 3—Mrs. Bradley Not to Plead Insanity. 4—Bankers' Committee to Appear Before House Committee. 5—Despoilers of Public Lands Denounced. 11—Secretary Shaw Turns Loose \$20,000,000. 12—Citizens' Score Railroads for Grading Grabs.

BIRDSONG JURY OUT

Eleven Members Vote for Acquittal in Mississippi Case.

LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT

Friends of Accused Woman Expect Her Release To-day—Senator McLaughlin Makes Impassioned Appeal for the Defense—Judge's Charge Construed Favorable to Woman.

Hazlet, Miss., Dec. 10.—The case of Mrs. Angie Fox Birdsong, on trial for the murder of her family physician, Dr. Thomas H. Butler, is in the hands of the jury, counsel for both sides having completed their arguments by 6 o'clock, and the court at once charging the jury and having it locked up to consider the verdict. At 11:30 o'clock the jury retired for the night. It is reported that it stands eleven to one for acquittal. Her friends are confident she will be freed to-morrow.

Senator A. J. McLaughlin, in summing up for the defense, made an impassioned appeal to the jury to find Mrs. Birdsong not guilty, declaring that there could be no doubt in any one's mind that she was insane at the time of the killing. He declared that she was driven out of her mind by Dr. Butler's boast about town while drunk. The attorneys for the prosecution in their argument held that the crime was cold-blooded murder, and should be punished as such.

The charge of the judge was an impartial statement of the law governing murder and that portion of it bearing upon the insanity plea. It was generally construed as favorable to the defendant.

TEDDY FINISHES INITIATION.

Ends His Stunts and Is Ready to Become a "Dickey."

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—A Cambridge letter carrier was the richer by a handful of Turkish cigarettes to-day, the enforced gift of "Teddy" Roosevelt, Jr., who finished his three-day initiation "stunts" to make the Harvard organization of "D. K. E." better known as the "Dickey."

Young Roosevelt rose at 5 o'clock to-day and delivered the morning newspapers to every college member of the society. Leaving his comfortable apartments in Dunster Hall, he obtained the papers and toted them faithfully about the campus and Harvard square until he had completed his route. Later in the morning, while coming through Dunster street, he met a full-fledged member of the "Dickey," Roosevelt, promptly saluted. Just then the letter carrier came along. "Here you, Roosevelt," said the "Dickey" man, "got anything to smoke?" "Yes, sir," replied the President's son, "I have a box of the morning papers, and I will permit you to take out of my pocket a box containing the cigarettes. Give the letter carrier some," said the "Dickey" man. Roosevelt promptly handed the letter carrier a generous handful of imported Turkish, and was then permitted to proceed. He spent part of the morning in taking notes at the various lectures for other "Dickey" members, that being one of the favorite tasks assigned to a candidate.

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SNOWSTORM IS RAGING

Barge Buena Ventura Founders, and Three Are Dead.

Victims Perish in the Cold—Revenue Cutter Seminole Goes Down Off the South Carolina Coast—Vessels Ground During Fog Near New York—Gale Kills Two in San Francisco, and Buildings Are Wrecked.

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On the Great Lakes a terrific snowstorm raged during the day, and the passenger steamer Monarch went down in fifty feet of water. Many vessels are still unreported, and further news is anxiously awaited at the lakes' shipping points. A gale is sweeping the Pacific from Lower California to Alaska. The Hargrave, a large ocean vessel, went ashore on Alcatraz Island, and a wreck is reported off Cape Flattery, far to the north.

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GILMAN FAMILY UNDER CLOUD.

Mother, Brother, and Sister Charged with Murder of Girl.

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Although no one knows on what theory he is working, or how he intends to explain the murder of Dona Gilman, the detectives of Cincinnati to-day caused the arrest of Collins Gilman, the dead girl's brother, and swore out warrants for Mrs. Kate Gilman, the sister. The mother is charged with murder, and the brother and sister are accused of being accessories thereto. Besides these developments, examination of the body of the murdered girl was made. This showed that no operation had been performed on her, and that there was no cause for one.

Hetzmann is silent concerning the action. In just what way he connects the relatives with the crime is not known. The county authorities still maintain that David Curtis, who confessed to the crime, is the slayer of the girl. Others do not believe his confession, saying that he is weak-minded, and was led to assume responsibility for the girl's death.

TWENTY PER CENT RAISE?

Livingston Hears President Favors Increase for Clerks.

"I understand from excellent authority that the President will, in the course of a few days, send a special message to Congress recommending a 20 per cent increase in the salaries of all government employees."

This statement was made on the floor of the House yesterday by Representative Livingston (Dem., Ga.) during the debate on the legislative appropriation bill. Mr. Livingston did not discuss the matter further.

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Church Dignitaries Defiant; Crisis Comes at Noon.

TROOPS TO BE EMPLOYED

Posters Put Up at Night Urging Armed Resistance.

Strike in Methodist Church When Charge of Theft Is Made.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 10.—The instrumental performers who assist the choir of St. John's Methodist Protestant Church have mutinied and declare they will not blow another note until they are cleared of having stolen the bottle of communion wine last Sunday.

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The reformers were unanimous in praising Mr. Belmont, but so decidedly at odds when it came to personal questions among themselves, that Comptroller Metz was led to remark toward the close of the dinner that if he had been blindfolded he might have imagined himself at a meeting of the Carpenters' Union.

Herman Ridder presided. Mr. Ridder admitted that the reformers' road is a hard one to travel. The ordinary reformer deserves considerable credit, but when one appears who turns from his automobile and such luxuries to devote himself to a movement like this he is doubly entitled to applause.

Leading Citizens at Feast.

The occasion has also the further purpose of impressing upon Congress the entire practicability and virtue of a like measure to be applicable to national and Congressional committees in their contributions and expenditures during campaigns.

The subscribers embraced such men as Herman A. Metz, comptroller; Bird S. Coler, former controller; ex-Judge John F. Dillon, John C. Milburn, Republican national committeeman; former Senator Warner Miller, Congressman William Sulzer, Edward A. Tamm, secretary of the State Workmen's Association; James J. Murphy, president of Typographical Union, No. 6; Samuel B. Donnelly, secretary building trades arbitration committee; Edward M. Shepard, Eugene A. Phillips, Herman Ridder, publisher of the Staats Zeitung; Edward M. Grout, Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Tracy, Cord Meyer, William McCadoo, S. S. McClure, John A. Hennessy, president of the New York Press Club; Homer Davenport, Corporation Counsel E. W. Ellison, R. B. Van Cortlandt, Edward Lauterbach, Norman W. Mack, Democratic national committeeman, and Charles A. Conant.

Would Apply to Federal Elections.

Responding to the felicitations, Mr. Belmont, the chairman of the New York publicity committee, after expressing his grateful appreciation of the tribute, and referring to what had been accomplished in New York, had this to say of the future of the organization and its intent with respect to a wider scope: "The recently enacted publicity law, advocated at Albany by our organization, has successfully passed through its first trial, its provisions have been generally commended with. We have established in this State the principle for which we have so long contended—that campaign money is public money. It now remains for us to aid in the strict enforcement of the new law, to endeavor to amend it if in any respect it proves ineffective, and if violated to institute searching inquiries and to secure the infliction of the penalties provided by the law. It is the purpose of our organization to promote similar and uniform publicity laws in other States where they do not now exist. We are further called upon to aid our national organization in securing a Federal publicity law reversing the National and Congressional campaign committees, in order that the efficacy of existing State laws be not impaired by the absence of such national legislation, and that the approaching Presidential election may be conducted upon the lines of publicity we have found so advantageous and satisfactory in our own State."

WHITE HEAD OF R. F. & P.

Norfolk Man Elected President of Pennsylvania Branch.

Special to The Washington Herald. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—William H. White, of Norfolk, who to-night was elected president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, is now local counsel of the Southern Railway and the Norfolk and Southern Railway.

Burned in Gasoline Explosion.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 10.—William Shorette, his wife, Edna, and their son, Carl, aged two years, were fatally burned by an explosion of gasoline that destroyed their home this afternoon.

A La Carte Lunch Served Daily

at Eckstein's from 12 to 2, 142 N. Y. ave.

HUNTING FINE IN NEW YORK.

Animal Keeper at Central Park Kills Two Chicken Hawks.

New York, Dec. 10.—Mounted Patrolman McKenna, riding in Central Park, passed along the road to William Snyder, one of the animal keepers, yesterday, that a chicken hawk was at work among the ducks in the lower lake near the carousel. Snyder got his gun and went over to the lake, where he found a big hawk just flying over the top of a tree carrying a fine duck which he had snapped up from the lake. With an admiring cowl looking on, Snyder fired and brought the bird down at the first shot. It was the second one killed by Snyder in the park. The hawk always turn up about this time, when driven in by the stress of weather from the wilds of Jersey.

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