

SENATOR LODGE ON BROWNSVILLE

Convinced That Soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry "Shot Up the Town."

EVIDENCE IS AGAINST THEM

There Was None Against Anybody Else—Negroes' Testimony Was Too Uniform.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Browns-ville affair was discussed in the senate today by Senator Lodge, who is a member of the committee on military affairs, which investigated the charges that soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry "shot up" the town.

Mr. Lodge remarked that he would make no reference whatever to the report of the investigation referred to by the president in his recent message to Congress.

Senator Lodge, in discussing the Browns-ville affair, said he had come to the conclusion that the shooting had been done by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. There was much evidence, he said, against them and there was no evidence against anybody else.

Mr. Lodge reviewed essential features of the testimony in the Browns-ville affair and said that the bullets found in the houses and the shells in the streets, taken together, could have been used in only one rifle, and that was the Springfield new model, and there were no new model Springfield rifles in the possession of anyone except the troops of the United States. He spoke of the testimony of the soldiers as constituting "a uniform denial."

"That which renders all this testimony to me of doubtful value, and deprives it of the weight which it would otherwise have," said Mr. Lodge, "is its extraordinary uniformity. It is possible for 150 or 200 men to tell without exception a story agreed upon before hand, but no two witnesses can tell the truth, as they understand it, in precisely the same way, about the same event. The soldiers have the strongest possible motive for denying participation in or knowledge of the shooting. There could not have been any strong personal motive to induce the witnesses on the other side to testify otherwise than truthfully."

Self-selected champions of these soldiers in various parts of the country sought, he said, not for equality before the law, but for special treatment for the "Brownsville" soldiers, on the ground of race. "As a friend of the negro race, I deplore the agitation which has been set on foot," he said. "These soldiers are entitled to the same treatment as other soldiers, and white men would be treated no more and no less." He deplored any appeal for sympathy for criminals, which he said has become the fashion of the time. The crime of these men was made greater because they were United States soldiers, employed for the protection of the people.

He favored the Foraker bill, which allows the president to restore the innocent to the army whenever he is satisfied that any of them were blameless. He condemned the Foraker bill, which he said attempts to force back into the army not only innocent men, but men who were guilty of a serious crime. He made an exhaustive argument on the unconstitutionality of the Foraker bill, which obliges the president to re-enlist these soldiers whether he thinks they ought to be re-enlisted or not. "Such an act would be an encroachment upon the constitutional rights of the president. It would be a subversive of discipline in the army."

The senate galleries were filled, very many of the visitors being negroes. Rather more Democratic than Republican, letters remained in the chamber while Mr. Lodge was speaking. In accordance with his request he was not interrupted while speaking.

TROUBLE IN PHILIPPINES.

Is That Government Has Never Formulated a Policy for the Islands.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Dr. George A. Dorsey of the Field museum, who has returned from a scientific trip around the world, says of political conditions in the Philippines:

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FIVE CENT THEATERS.

Air of Those of Chicago Is to be Analyzed.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Analysis of air in five-cent theaters is to be made by the city laboratory. Investigation has shown that few of them have adequate ventilation, and the crowds combined with the operation of the moving picture machine vitiate the air to the point of danger. Samples of air in other theaters will be collected. The specimens obtained from the Coliseum during the First ward ball was declared to be "unspeakably bad."

ROOSEVELT'S CONTRACT WITH THE SMITHSONIAN

Washington, Dec. 16.—The agreement between President Roosevelt and the Smithsonian Institution as to the president's hunting trip in Africa was made public today by Charles D. Wolcott, secretary of the institution.

The board of regents of the institution yesterday considered the president's letter and adopted a resolution entering into a contract with the president for certain work. The president wrote to Dr. Wolcott as follows:

"THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

"About the first of April next I intend to start for Africa. My plans are, of course, indefinite, but at present I hope they will be something on the following order:

"By May 1 I shall land at Mombasa and spend the next few months hunting and traveling in British East Africa. I expect to go through or toward Uganda, with the expectation of striking the Nile about the beginning of the new year and then working down it, with side trips after animals and birds, so as to come out at Idkuwater, say about March 1. This would give me 10 months in Africa. As you know, I am not in the least a game hunter. I like to do a certain amount of hunting, but my real and main interest is the interest of a faunal naturalist. Now it seems to me that opens the best chance for the national museum to get a fine collection not only of the big game beasts, but of the smaller mammals and birds of Africa; and looking at it dispassionately, I believe that the chance ought not to be neglected."

"I will make arrangements to pay for the expenses of myself and my son. But what I would like to do would be to get one or two professional field taxidermists, field naturalists, to go with me, who should prepare and send back the specimens we collect. The collection which would thus go to the national museum would be of unique value. It would, I hope, include specimens of big game, together with the rare smaller animals and birds. I have not the means that would enable me to pay for the field naturalists or taxidermists and their kit, and the transport of the specimens and curing of same for the national museum. Of course, the actual hunting of the big game I would want to do myself or have my son do so; but the specimens will all go to the national museum, save a very few personal trophies of little scientific value which for that reason I might wish to keep. Now can you, in view of getting these specimens for the national museum, arrange for the services of the field taxidermists and for the care and the transport of the specimens? As ex-president I should feel that the national museum is the museum to which my collection should go."

PULLMAN CARS TIPPING SYSTEM

General Manager Dean Denies That Porters of the Company Are Underpaid.

THEY RECEIVE \$25 A MONTH.

But They Must Pay for Their Meals—They Simply Have to Bleed Passengers.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The tipping system, particularly as it applies to the Pullman company, underwent a fleeting inquiry before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane today. This statement was made by Richard Dean, general manager of the Pullman company, in whose rates Mr. Lane is inquiring. The witness denied that the public tips the porter because he is underpaid and observed:

"The tipping custom is a result of the selfishness of persons who desire better service than their fellows and are willing to pay for it."

Counsel for the complainant asked Mr. Dean: "What is the salary of a porter?"

"They are paid \$25 a month," answered the witness.

"Does the company furnish them their meals?"

"The company does not."

"I think it takes that much to buy their meals, then," commented the lawyer.

General Manager Dean of the Pullman company testified that he preferred the upper berth himself and declared that his company considered them as good as the lowers. That the traveling public view was generally the opposite, however, he admitted.

Mr. Dean said the experiment of reducing the price of uppers 25 per cent had been tried some years ago between New York and Boston, but had not proved satisfactory. A similar reduction on an excursion between Chicago and St. Paul had not proved popular, as four lower to one upper were sold.

A reduction of 25 per cent, he said, would necessitate the sale of 33 1/3 per cent more uppers to maintain the revenue.

"But we want a reduction of 50 per cent," interposed Atty. Mahan, representing the complainant.

Mr. Dean said that the cars are fumigated once a week and in sections of the country where the tuberculosis patients are carried the cars are fumigated at the end of every trip. He declared that out of 18,000,000 passengers carried on the new steel cars last year there was but one death from accident.

Mr. Underwood told the court that it costs the St. Paul road \$20,000 to build a sleeper of which the road has 100, and that their rates were the same as those of the Pullman company.

MARKED FOR DEATH.

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INDIANAPOLIS NEWS ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—The Indianapolis News, mentioned in the special message on the Panama canal deal, sent to Congress yesterday by President Roosevelt, today issued a reply to the chief executive. It says:

"It is difficult to characterize fully the nature of the criticism of the president without resorting to the use of language as undignified and blameworthy as that which puts the president's utterance in a class by itself in the official literature of the high office he holds. Whatever provocation Mr. Roosevelt may have felt pricking his soul, nothing could justify or extenuate the torrent of invective and vituperation which he poured out in a state paper upon the heads of private citizens. No one in his sober senses can fail to regard the performance as a grave derogation to the dignity of the presidential station, a pitiable exhibition of lowering rage on the part of the chief magistrate and the source of humiliation and chagrin to the entire country. It is justly impossible to think of any of Mr. Roosevelt's long line of distinguished predecessors that could possibly have so far forgotten the dignities and decorum of his exalted position as to transmit to Congress a message in any way comparable with that of yesterday."

"Denunciation and bitterness of speech are not explanations and no answer. Assumption that the New York World and its proprietor were influenced by base and unworthy motives in the publication of the reports touching the Panama affair cannot be justified, no matter who may be the person that makes it."

The News states that the World undoubtedly has what it honestly considered grounds for believing that everything has not been what it should have in the acquisition by this country of the Panama canal from its former owners, although a paper may be deceived. The News states that whether Mr. Roosevelt knows it or not, rumors and reports touching the Panama transaction have been numerous and persistent and that in spite of all assertions people are still not convinced that everything was as it should have been, this without in the least impugning the good faith of the president or his agents in the negotiations. The News said many points have not been cleared up, and they cannot be cleared up by threats of libel suits and pen lashings of editors that hold the good name and the interests of the country quite as dear as does the president.

The paper, in concluding, says the Rainey resolution should be adopted, and that Congress should make a searching investigation of all the facts, circumstances and rumors connected with the Panama activities of the government.

LITTLEFIELD'S HAPPY HIT.

Representative Littlefield of Maine is very proud of the high praise he received when he passed his bar examination. One of the examiners was an old judge whom Littlefield held in great

esteem, and not a little awe. One of the questions asked involved an intricate point of law upon which the judge had once written a treatise and which young Littlefield had learned almost by heart. When he came to answer the question he quoted, as nearly as he could remember, the judge's exact words. Never a blush overspread the brow of the future statesman when the old judge called him up before the class of candidates. "Young man," he said, "I want publicly to congratulate you upon the way in which you have answered this question. I am amazed that so young a man should have so profound a knowledge of the law."—Unidentified.

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