

LETTERS OF TAFT IN THE RAY CASE

President's Effort to Prevent Scandal in the United States Army.

ARE READ AT HEARING

Accused Superiors Familiar With Conduct, But Withheld Facts in Interest of Victims.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Letters written by President Taft and others sent to him were read into the record of the investigation by the house committee on expenditures to the war department into the alleged political activity of Major Beecher B. Ray, paymaster in the army. It further is charged that Major Ray is given immunity from various troubles because of the influence of the president.

TAFT LETTER TO WHIPPLE. One of the letters of President Taft to Paymaster General Whipple follows:

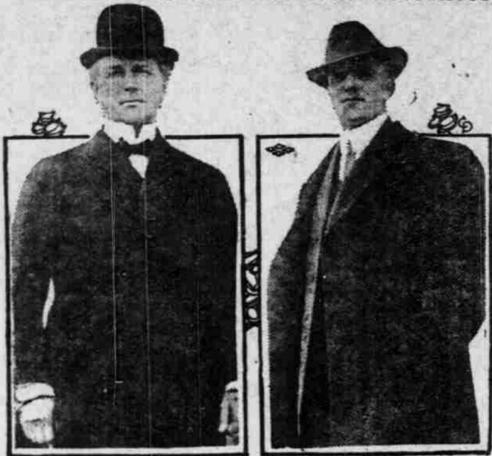
(Personal and confidential.) "Beverly, July 5, 1910.—Dear General Whipple: I have read the letter of (—) regarding Paymaster Ray, which you have shown me because in times past I had had a personal interest in the welfare of Major Ray. I have no relations with Major Ray that prevent my directing you to take the same disciplinary action in respect to him as in the case of any of your subordinates.

"It seems to me that it would be wise to send General Garlington or a trusted assistant to inspect Ray's accounts and those of his clerk as well as the charges (—) states, to separate (—) from Ray at once. "While Ray's conduct if (—) charges are true, could subject him to the severest condemnation, there seems, from (—) language and telegram to be such a condonation by him and his wife that it would be well to avert the demoralizing scandal for the army involved in the court martial proceedings which would place a stigma on (—) and Mr. (—) which they could never recover from.

SOUGHT TO PROTECT WOMAN. "Ray could be told that his superiors knew his fault and have provided against it, and in the interest of his victims, and the army it was deemed best not to present it to a board on the condition that he avoid such conduct in the future.

"These suggestions are upon the assumption that (—) charges are true and that General Garlington knows them to be so. I do not favor

Dictagraph Testimony Will Determine Verdict in New Lorimer Investigation



JUDGE HANEY

CHARLES MCGOWAN

The testimony of Charles McGowan, the young Canadian accused of perjury in the first Lorimer investigation, is expected to go a long way toward determining the verdict in the second congressional probe, now drawing to a close. Detectives declared they had obtained admissions from McGowan that he had received money from a brother-in-law of Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, to testify in Lorimer's behalf. Dictagraph records of the conversation were introduced. McGowan said the money was to pay him for the time he lost in coming to Washington to testify. Judge Haney, attorney for Lorimer, has been one of the prominent figures in the hearings. His verbal battles with Detective Burns, when Burns was on the witness stand, attracted wide attention.

or court martial proceedings in such cases where there is condonation, in order to prevent scandal. The army suffers, the parties suffer, and only the prudent readers of such trials receive any advantage.

"You can show this letter to General Garlington and General Oliver, and I would prefer that it do not go on your official files. "Major Ray did me some service of a political character years ago at the instance of my brother and he is disposed to assume much, too much, on that score. I wish him treated as any other officer in the service and I would make the same suggestion as to any army officer in a similar case. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

SUGGESTS CLEMENCY TO RAY. A year later President Taft sent this letter to General Whipple:

"The White House, Washington, July 14, 1911.—My Dear General Whipple: I write this that you may show it to Mr. Hay and Mr. Sweet of the military committee. You have come to me at your own instance with the statement that you have learned that Mr. Sweet is indignant because he thinks he has been misquoted in regard to an omission of two or three pages of the war department called for by H. R. 298. "The part of the record omitted

refers to a charge against Major Beecher B. Ray of illicit relations with a certain married woman in respect to which I was consulted by you at the time the charge was made and also at the time the resolution was passed.

"I saw Mr. Sweet in New Haven and told him that I deprecated its being brought out, as I thought it would tend to bias the reputation of a married woman, who, as I understood, was living happily with her husband, and was not probably what the committee was searching for. I asked him to see Mr. Covington, who had prompted the resolution, and find if that part of the record might be omitted.

THOUGHT SWEET HAD CONSENTED. "I understood from the secretary of war and also from General Wood that Mr. Sweet had consented to an omission of that part of the record unless, upon its being brought to the attention of the committee, a full record was desired, and that in accordance with that understanding the particular pages of the record were omitted from the return until further notice was received from Mr. Sweet.

"I do not desire any misunderstanding and I wish that the whole record shall go to the committee if the committee desires it and to know what the circumstances are. I will ask you therefore to take the pages of the record to Mr. Hay, the chairman of the military committee, and to Mr. Sweet, show them the pages and such correspondence, confidential or otherwise, referred to in the record. "You have also a letter from me written July last, when you consulted about this matter, which I intended to be confidential and not to be put on the files, but I have no objection to your showing that letter to Mr. Hay and to Mr. (—) and if they desire to bring that out, you may make it a part of the record. You will please explain to them the circumstances.

WILLIAM H. TAFT. WHIPPLE CHARGED SUPPRESSION. Messrs. Sweet and Covington, referred to in the president's letters, are representatives in congress from Michigan and Maryland, respectively.

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SENATE ASPIRANTS REGISTER PETITIONS

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—Secretary of State Rose has given out the list of petitions filed for members of the state committees, members of the board of equalization and for state senators.

The democratic list of candidates for state committees shows that there is to be a battle in each of the congressional districts between the Sullivan forces and the Hearst-Harrison faction. On the republican side most of the present state committee members are candidates for reelection.

Practically all of the retiring state senators are asking for renomination. The exceptions are McKenzie, republican, of the Twelfth, now in congress; Dunlap, republican, of the Champaign district; Gibson, democrat, in the Monmouth district; Pemberton, republican, in the Mattoon district; Burton, democrat, in the Carlinville district; Telford, republican, in the Salem district, who is a candidate for congressman-at-large; McElvain, republican, in the Forty-fourth district, and Isley, democrat, in the Forty-sixth district, a candidate for attorney general.

The list as announced by the secretary of state is as follows:

- STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN. REPUBLICANS. 1—William Walter Scott, Chaucey Dewey. 2—Roy O. West. 3—Charles W. Vail. 4—Thomas J. Healy. 6—George E. Nye, Charles F. Driscoll. 7—Kai P. Hammer, Joseph A. Painter. 10—Edward Klingenberg, Jr., Henry D. Capitani. 11—Joseph H. Patterson, Marengo. 12—Charles E. Hook, Ottawa. 15—Charles H. Williamson, Quincy. 16—Garret D. Kinney, Peoria. 17—Frank L. Smith, Dwight. 18—John H. Harrison, Danville. 19—Robert J. Williams, Decatur. 21—Lewis H. Miner, Lawrence L. Flynn, Springfield. 22—W. C. Hadley, Collinsville. 23—Alfred L. Jones, Robinson. 24—W. S. Phillips, Ridgeway. 25—James A. White, Murphysboro. DEMOCRATS. 1—Robert Redfield, George Noonan. 2—Edward F. Brennan, William W. O'Brien. 3—Frank J. Walsh. 4—James J. McCormick, Thomas A. Aylward, Michael O'Connor, Meriam Swilkinski. 5—Michael Zimmer, Joseph Mendel, Edward J. Joyce. 6—Robert M. Switzer, John J. Corcoran, Patrick H. Caraher. 7—C. J. McGurn, James Furlong. 8—John J. Brennan. 9—James J. Townsend. 10—William F. Quinlan, Peter Reinberg. 11—John A. Logan, Sr., Elgin; William H. Sage, Wheaton. 12—Fred Leroy, Streator; Daniel J. Dinnen, Ottawa. 13—C. J. Dittmar, Freeport; William Hogan, Lanark. 14—John W. Williams, Carthage; Z. A. Pointdexter, Gladstone. 15—H. N. Wheeler, Quincy. 16—Joseph A. Well, Peoria. 17—Martin A. Brennan, Bloomington. 18—Clint C. Tilton, Danville; Harry Moss, Paris. 19—Isaac B. Craig, Mattoon; James M. Gray, Decatur. 21—Ernest Hoover, Taylorville; Burke Vaucl, Springfield. 22—Jerry J. Kane, East St. Louis. 23—Rene Havill, Mount Carmel. 24—Arthur W. Charles, Carmi. 25—William S. Cantrall, Benton. MEMBERS BOARD EQUALIZATION. REPUBLICAN. Dist. 1—Louis E. Herrick, Arthur I. Donlin. 2—Charles W. Baldwin, Frank L. Church, Charles Hirschfeld, Louis H. Marks. 3—Ernest Withall, G. N. Engstrom. 5—Max Levitan. 6—William J. Stanage, Charles T. Lundstrom, Thomas W. Sennott. 7—James J. McComb, Theodore H. Wunderlich. 8—John F. Barry. 9—Charles McMahon. 10—J. George Seebacher, John A. Fishleigh, William F. Zipt. 11—H. S. Williams, Marvard. 12—D. S. Brown, Genoa. 13—Edmund P. Jackson, Fulton. 14—Charles A. Samuelson, Sherrard; William S. Brown, Macomb. 16—Dietrich F. Velde, Pekin; Starr H. Beatty, Delavan. 17—James M. Lyon, Pontiac; George W. Stubblefield, Bloomington; Albert S. Mohr, Lincoln. 18—Frank P. Martin, Watsika. 19—John A. Reeve, Decatur. 22—Edward W. Hilker, Madison; Utten S. Nixon, Alton. 24—Henry Frame, Ridgeway; Daniel E. Rose, Maunie. 25—J. P. Nesbitt, Mound City. DEMOCRATIC. 1—George Noonan, Charles J. Murphy, David J. Berlin, Frank N. Moore. 2—William S. Haskell. 3—Frank McGovern, Patrick J. Devlin, John O'Neill, James P. Fitzgerald. 4—James F. Bambas, Dennis E. Sullivan, Thomas A. Doyle, John Mack, August H. Louja, Stephen C. Ciesielski. 5—J. J. Viterna, Edward J. Novak, Dennis A. Horan, E. T. Lavin. 6—J. J. Sankstone, James F. Chvatal, Patrick W. Caraher, Frank P. Duffy. 7—Thomas T. Notter, Thomas J. Hogan, Joseph Ring, Thomas F. Crowe, W. D. Kelly, William J. Canty. 8—Joseph Rushkewicz, John J. Griffin, Edward G. Hughes. 9—Arthur Donoghue.

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Illinois Politics

R. R. Tiffany of Freeport is said to be an aspirant for state senator to succeed John C. McKenzie of Jo Davies county. A conference of his friends is to be held in a few days to talk over the matter.

Charles C. Craig of Galesburg has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. He is a son of Justice Craig, for 27 years a member of the Illinois supreme court.

Representative I. N. Martin of LaHarpe is considering the advisability of withdrawing his petition as a candidate to succeed Senator Gibson of Carthage.

One hundred citizens of Canton have formed a new party and will place a city ticket in the field this spring. No statement of principles has yet been made.

The democratic central committee of Clark county in session at Marshall has endorsed the candidacy of Frank

Notice

Harry M. McCaskrin, republican candidate for state's attorney, will speak at Turner hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 17, at 8 p. m. His subject will be "Taxes, Millionaire Tax Dodgers, the State's Attorney, Fines, Graft and the Way High License Helps the Millionaire Tax Dodgers, the Recall."

William Preston Harrison of Chicago, a brother of Mayor Harrison, has notified Samuel Alschuler he will support him for the democratic nomination for governor.

Washington, Feb. 14.—"I have no respect for any candidate who is not willing to abide by the decision of the people as expressed at the primaries," said Senator Cullom, when his attention was drawn to a statement issued by Lawrence Y. Sherman to the effect that he will not permit his name to go before the legislature unless he receives more votes in the primaries than any other candidate for the senate. "Unless I

receive the highest number of votes in the primaries I will not permit my name to be presented to the legislature for reelection," continued Mr. Cullom. "I have always believed in the people. Whenever I have gone home and found opposition, and everybody scared, I would say to my friends: 'the people are for me in my judgment and if they are I will be elected.' I have stood on that ground always and that is where I intend to stand until I quit public life. Unless the primaries are to be binding not only upon candidates but, in the case of United States senator, upon the legislature also, the people accomplish nothing in expressing their choice."

Pekin, Feb. 14.—At the 11th annual banquet of the Tazewell County Bar association, held here last night, the principal speaker was Samuel Alschuler. His topic was "Reforming the Law." He met many Pekinites at a public reception at the Tazewell hotel in the afternoon.

John S. Fairchild, for 25 years a resident of Rochester, has announced himself a candidate for coroner on the republican ticket. He has served three terms as village clerk of Rochester.

John J. Brown of Vandalia, republican candidate for governor, will open headquarters in Chicago. He is planning a state wide campaign.

The South Chicago Trades and Labor assembly adopted resolutions commending the manner in which John E. W. Wayman, one of the republican candidates for governor, conducted the office of state's attorney.

John S. Brown, Monmouth. 34—John R. Hamilton, Mattoon; Parker Shields, Marshall; John W. Lewis, Marshall. 44—R. L. Hagler, Murphysboro. 50—W. O. Potter, Marion. DEMOCRATIC. 2—Francis A. Hurley, James A. O'Connell, Edward E. Sullivan. 4—Al F. Gorman, Joseph J. Maroney, William Murphy, Alphonus Flynn. 6—William J. Stapleton, William Capelus. 28—W. R. Shaw, Decatur. 39—W. L. Mann, Mount Sterling. 36—Campbell S. Hunt, Quincy; Milton B. Edmonson, Clayton; Irvin D. Webster, Pleasant Hill. 38—Louis F. Daley, Carlinville; Stephen D. Canady, Hillsboro. 40—William H. Harp, Morrisville; William O. Wallace, Shelbyville; J. Jeff Toney, Toledo. 42—Langley St. A. Whiteley, Carlyle; F. C. Campbell, Xenia. 46—W. Duff Pomeroy, Mount Vernon. 48—J. A. Womack, Equality; A. E. Smith, Mount Carmel.

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