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ROOSEVELT AND FORMER AMBASSADOR IN NICE ROW

Ex-Minister to Austro-Hungary Publishes Private Correspondence in Pamphlet

Intrigues of Wife of Bellamy Storer, Who is Aunt of Nicholas Longworth, to Secure the Red Hat for Archbishop Ireland, Caused the Rumpus—President Dismisses Husband from Post Because Mrs. Storer Wouldn't Promise to Cease Her Agitation—Some Spicy Letters Given Out.

(From Our Own Correspondent) New York, Dec. 10.—When the rich and influential Bellamy Storer "took up" Theodore Roosevelt away back when he was a young congressman, and made things pleasant for him in Washington, they could not have imagined that they were entertaining a future president of the United States, that their nephew would marry his daughter and that the grand climax would be one of the bitterest quarrels in political history and an astounding revelation of the innermost secrets of diplomacy.

The publication of the correspondence relating to the dismissal of Bellamy Storer from his position as ambassador to Austro-Hungary, followed by the president's answer thereto, has caused a tremendous sensation. It is all due to the vain ambition of a woman and the impetuosity of the people of the country. Once the president is called upon to apply the epithet, "lame," to one who had been his close friend.

Beligious Question the Trouble.

The religious question is raised. Impudent things that Roosevelt said and wrote are put out in cold print. Private letters that never were intended to see the light of day, are published. To add to the distressing features the woman, the president's assails, is the aunt of his daughter's husband.

The entire correspondence, as published this morning, takes up eighteen columns of the Sun. Briefly the situation is this: The Storer, who are very wealthy, have been on terms of personal and family intimacy with Roosevelt for a long time. Mrs. Storer, who was Maria Longworth Woodhull, and inherited a large part of her father's millions, became a convert to Roman Catholicism. She is a very able woman. She was the founder of the famous Rockwood Pottery, and is well known as a patron of the arts, and has been herself a recipient of gold medals at the Paris exhibition. She has had an overreaching ambition, and has been inclined to do everything and everybody that she came in contact with. President McKinley made her husband minister of Belgium and then to Spain. Roosevelt advanced him to the Austrian ambassadorship.

Mrs. Storer is a very devout Catholic, and she set her mind upon administering some of the affairs of the Papal See, in the extent at least of having Archbishop Ireland made a cardinal. When Roosevelt was governor he praised Mrs. Storer as a woman of high character, and was vice-president he reiterated his opinion that Ireland should be a cardinal. But he was beginning to have heavier responsibilities, and he became president through McKinley's assassination, and he realized that as president he might have personal opinions about such delicate matters as the appointment of a cardinal, but he could not have official opinions.

At Mrs. Storer's Mercy.

Mrs. Storer's arbor could not cool. She knew what she wanted, and she thought she knew what the president wanted, and she kept right on. There was a campaign coming on. Roosevelt heard from outsiders of things he had written to Mrs. Storer, in such personal letters that seemed to begin "My Dear Maria." He knew there were phrases in these letters that could cause him incalculable harm in a campaign. For instance there was one phrase about "Protestant fanaticism." In writing about the Philippines in 1898 he said, "On the one hand, we shall have to give up the reactionary abuses in the ecclesiastical arrangements of the island—and, on the other hand, guard against Protestant fanaticism which will give trouble anywhere, and which will be landed into a dangerous flame if the above mentioned Catholic reactionaries are not put into control."

Now the religious question is a mighty tender one here, and politicians beware of it. They remember the "rum, Romanism and rebellion" of Burnside that defeated Blunt.

Sharp Letter to "Dear Maria."

In another letter he wrote about the "wood preacher" that advocated the abolition of the army cadets. So when Roosevelt heard some of these letters were given out by Mrs. Storer's hands he urgently requested her to get them back, and

she did. But she kept on trying to use her influence with the Pope, and Roosevelt says, to quote his views as president of the United States. So he wrote the sharpest sort of a letter to her, in which he told her that she was meddling in the affairs of the American ambassador at Rome," called her a meddler and said: "You do not seem to realize that it is out of the question for me knowingly to permit the wife of one of our diplomats to engage in ecclesiastical intrigues to influence the Vatican."

"For the last couple of years I have continually been hearing of your having written one man or the other about such matters. I find you are allied to by foreign members of the diplomatic body in Washington, Paris and Berlin as the 'American Ambassador to Rome.' I was unofficially informed on behalf of Berlin and of Paris that because of these actions of yours it would not be agreeable to them to have Bellamy come as ambassador to either place. Information of this kind has been repeatedly brought to Secretary Root. I have consulted him and Secretary Bonaparte, who is a member of your church, as to this last letter of yours. Root's feeling about the case is strong. Bonaparte's feeling is exactly my own. Suffice to say that in any event it will probably be impossible to send Bellamy as ambassador to Spain, having in view what you have done."

Must Promise Silence in Future.

"But I must go a little further than this. You and Bellamy must understand that so long as Bellamy continues in the diplomatic service of the United States you must refrain from writing or speaking in the way you have been doing on any of these matters, affecting what are simply the personal positions of church-going Catholics, or speak to any one (whether laymen or ecclesiastics, at home or abroad), as you have been writing and speaking in this cardinal's hat matter, then Bellamy will not with propriety continue to remain ambassador of the United States."

Dismissed Ambassador.

This letter was enclosed in one to Ambassador Storer, requesting him to give it to Mrs. Storer. The Storer did not answer it. Roosevelt peremptorily dismissed Mrs. Storer as ambassador to Austria, and she was replaced by Mr. Storer. He says he is not responsible for the publication of the pamphlet. He sent one to the president and to each of the cabinet officers. The president made public this reply in the form of a letter to Secretary Root. He gives verbatim extracts from letters received by him from Mr. and Mrs. Storer, and written by him to them when governor of New York and president. Mr. Roosevelt accuses Mr. Storer of being guilty of an "abridgment," and in another place says that "Mr. Storer's statement is false." He also quotes a letter from President McKinley to Secretary Root, in which the president says that the Storer's assertion in his pamphlet, that Mr. McKinley had furthered the efforts to procure the appointment of Archbishop Ireland would be considered a personal favor to Mr. McKinley.

The president asserts that he had examined repeatedly to Mr. and Mrs. Storer that his friendship and admiration for them was not a personal favor to Mr. McKinley.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, CAMPBELLTON, BURNED

Three-Story Building Totally Destroyed, as Well as Most of the Furniture—The Loss is About \$10,000, With Insurance of \$4,800.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 10.—Fire broke out in the Commercial Hotel this evening about 6:30 o'clock and it was burned to the ground. The fire brigade was quickly upon the scene but there was some difficulty in procuring water, so that the fire had a good start before the firemen got righty started to work. The western end of the building was a mass of flames and it looked as if the Royal Hotel, closely adjoining, would be burned as well as the Williams building to the west. The firemen put up a great fight, however, and neither of these buildings were scorched. Wet blankets

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Providence, R. I., Dec. 10.—A tale of heroism at sea unparalled in the memory of man on this coast, was brought to Providence today by the tug *Walton A. Luckenbach*. When another man on board the tug had refused to risk his life in an effort to rescue two men on the foundering large *Buna Ventura*, which was being towed into two others by the *Luckenbach*, Mitchell B. Bruco, a Greek seaman, stepped up to Capt. John Daley and said that he would make the trip and save the two men. Bruco stepped into a small boat and at the height of a fierce northeast gale he rowed to the large and rescued the captain, Ole O. Watson. When he had placed the helpless captain on board the tug, Bruco, without a moment's rest, and with his body covered with a coating of ice from his head to his feet, put into the storm tossed sea once more and picked up seaman Charles Martin, whose body was frozen to the top of a hatch on which he had escaped from the sinking large tug. These two men, of a crew of five, were the only ones to escape death.

2,000 MEN STRIKE WITHOUT A GRIEVANCE

Three Discharged Men from General Electric Company Accept Dismissal, But Union is Dissatisfied.

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The fire investigation was concluded last evening. Chief Kerr and Director Wisely were the only witnesses examined. The former testified that Mr. Leonard had never used profane language in his presence, that he had never seen him under the influence of liquor and that he had always been an efficient member of the department. Chief Kerr admitted that in some instances he had not conformed to the by-laws. The director was questioned by much detail by the chairman with reference to the painting of No. 3 engine house and the general conduct of the department. He said that in some instances Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Vanwart and Ald. Pieltz, Holder, Sproul and McGoldrick were present with the stenographer and compiler Ald. Vanwart and Ald. Christie also watched the proceedings.

THE CHIEF ON THE STAND.

Chief Kerr said he had been connected with the department for forty years and chief for twenty-five. He had visited the engine houses every day since the trouble began. He told of meeting Mr. Blake the day following Ald. Christie's visit and of being informed by him of the disgraceful condition of the windows in the engine house and of the dirt there generally. He gave instructions to have the place cleaned. On going later he found the floors, windows, sashes and the men's quarters in a filthy state. He said that Mr. Leonard had not participated in Mr. Leonard's room or in the quarters generally was disgraceful. He was surprised to see the painters there as he knew nothing of it. He said that he would have spoken to Mr. Leonard about it.

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So Comments the Papal Organ on Stand of Clemenceau Government

FRANCE'S PREMIER DECLARES THE POPE'S DECLARATION MEANS PRACTICALLY REVOLUTION, AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO ENFORCE THE SEPARATION LAW TO THE FULLEST EXTENT—MILITANT CATHOLICS THINK IT MEANS DOWNFALL OF THE REPUBLIC.

Rome, Dec. 10.—An article in the *Observatore Romano* entitled "Masked Persecution," says that M. Briand's circular will remain a memorable document in the history of modern France, "showing how at the beginning of the twentieth century the French government's unscrupulous arbitrariness plays with the law and with rights."

"In fact," the paper continues, "the circular is based on the clearest contempt of the very law that Briand says he wishes to apply, but the Presbyteries and other buildings will take away from the clergy if they do not rent, while the seminaries are not only taken away from the clergy but are not even allowed to rent them. His triple distinction does not exist in any law. If the cabinet wanted to leave the churches to the clergy for a year either it should not have imposed the making of an application, as doing away with the use of churches also means doing away with the rules connected with them, or the cabinet should have imposed the application feature of the law according to the common law. Instead of doing the cabinet has prepared the winding sheet for the French church."

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The press today unanimously recognizes the extreme gravity of the religious situation precipitated by the Pope's intransigent attitude. Many papers predict a religious war. The government and new legislative authority may be necessary, it having been decided that religious services no longer are permissible after tomorrow.

The militant Catholics seemingly welcome the prospect of violence which will compel the closing of the churches with the attendant exodus of religious persons. At least, Socialists, profess to believe that the Vatican deliberately has determined to test the strength of the party of reaction in an effort to overthrow the republic.

The government has made preparations to cope with the situation but is keeping them secret, evincing a waiting to see whether any considerable proportion of the clergy will revolt. The cabinet, however, maintains a resolute front. Instructions to the public prosecutors were telegraphed broadcast today. Premier Clemenceau is quoted as saying: "If the clerics have war it will have it but the world will bear witness that the Vatican is like foreign power trying to dispute the authority of the French government."

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