

## TAFT EXCORIATES ENGINEER WALLACE

Charges Him with Changing His Position Over Night "For Mere Lucre."

### REQUESTS HIS RESIGNATION.

**Secretary of War Highly Indignant—Tells Him He Has Lost an Opportunity to Achieve World Fame.**

Washington, June 29.—Charging him with changing his position over night "for mere lucre," and with being influenced "solely by personal advantage," Secy. Taft, in his conference in New York on June 26, with John P. Wallace, chief engineer of the Panama canal, after administering a severe rebuke to him, requested his resignation on the ground "that public interest requires that you tender your resignation this moment and turn over the records of your office to the chairman of the commission."

#### IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

This fact is disclosed in an important statement issued from the office of the secretary of war, which reviews the relations of Mr. Wallace with the war department and with the commission, and which also discloses the fact of springing the several expressions of the chief engineer of his satisfaction with the entire arrangement and then giving practically a verbatim account of the conference between Secy. Taft and Mr. Wallace in New York, which concluded with the suggestion by the secretary of Mr. Wallace's resignation.

#### PRESIDENT APPROVES.

The statement issued tonight concludes with the president's letter to Mr. Wallace, dated Cambridge, Mass., June 29, which reads:

"Your resignation as a member and chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, tendered in accordance with the request under the circumstances has my entire approval, is hereby accepted to take effect immediately."

#### THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The statement shows that Mr. Wallace made no complaint against any of his associates.

Secy. Taft returned to Washington today and at once went to his house, where he summoned Mr. Shonts, chairman of the Panama canal commission, and William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the commission. They at once entered upon the preparation of the statement, which was not ready for publication until late tonight, the secretary making it clear that they were acting over the long distance telephone at Goya Bay. The statement was issued by direction of the president, its main features having been agreed upon when Mr. Taft saw the president at Harvard earlier in the week.

#### TAFT BEGINS.

Secy. Taft begins with the statement of Mr. Wallace to Chairman Shonts immediately after the organization of the commission that he would be ready to accept the position of chief engineer at \$25,000 per year, and a residence on the isthmus, and that he would do his duty June 1. When the reorganization of the commission was under consideration Mr. Wallace wrote to Secy. Taft suggesting that "if the president and yourself should decide at any time to reduce the commission to three members residing on the isthmus, the government and the chief engineer shall be members of this commission ex-officio," adding that "an organization of this kind with the chairman of the commission resident in Washington to look after general and departmental matters would no doubt work satisfactorily and be much less cumbersome than the present one."

#### WALLACE ASKED INTERVIEW.

In March Mr. Wallace asked for a personal interview before any radical change in the governmental organization could be made, disclaiming that he wished additional emoluments "but simply that no condition of affairs be created which will necessarily interfere with my efficiency here."

Secy. Taft accordingly submitted to Mr. Wallace by cable the detailed plan of reorganization of the commission, and the same was read by the president, "Plan excellent. Satisfactory. Giggles (thankless)."

The statement says Mr. Wallace expressed his unequivocal approval of the distribution of duties and powers as defined in the executive order, "especially those relating to the office of chief engineer and during the subsequent stay of six weeks in the United States daily participated with his associates in carrying out the same."

To the president and secretary of war and members of the commission he frequently expressed his unequivocal approval and acceptance of the distribution of duties and powers as in the order embodied and particularly those relating to himself, which required the performance by him of the duties of construction engineer on the isthmus,

#### CABLEGRAM TO TAFT.

Twelve days after his arrival on the isthmus Mr. Wallace sent the following cable to Secy. Taft:

"Important complicated business matters which cannot be arranged by correspondence and which may affect my relations as chief engineer of commission necessitate immediate return to the United States to confer with you and others. An order from you to return on such consultation will prevent apprehension on the part of the employees. Suggest Shonts remain with them at Washington."

#### REQUEST GRANTED.

Secy. Taft replied as follows:

"Secretary of War and Shonts, in accordance with your request and without knowledge of circumstances, approve your return for consultation with them at Washington."

#### OFFER TO WALLACE.

"Mr. Wallace then said a few days

## THE VERY BEST EVER

**WOMAN FINDS THIRTY POUNDS IN A BOX OF PILLS.**

Regains Weight Lost Through Nervous Dyspepsia and Female Weakness. Saves a Relative, Too.

#### REQUESTS HIS RESIGNATION.

#### SECRETARY ANTONISHED.

Ever since the discovery of radium and the manufacture of liquid air, people have been ready to believe that wonderful power can be used to very great advantage. The story given below shows that health and happiness for two women were rolled up in a few pills which were bought at a drug store for a mere trifle.

"I never felt better in my life than I do now," Mrs. Wager has been recently saying. "I am not an invalid, and am yet only two years old. I was all run down. I had lost thirty pounds of my regular weight, and I was suffering all the time from a nervous disorder in my stomach and from other troubles peculiar to women."

"How did you bring about such a change in your health?" "My doctor," exclaims Mrs. Wager, "was astonished."

"The Williams' Pink Pills did it all. Some friends told me that these pills would help me, long before I was willing to try them. It seemed altogether too much to believe. I was then so weak and miserable. Finally I did try them, without any apprehension whatever. I took them, in fact, to satisfy my friends, and at first it looked as if the trial would end in a dead failure. My friends urged patience until my system should be brought fully under the influence of the remedy. The surprise came in as I was finding the following box. When I got this, I had been quietly doing all the time been to show itself clearly. I kept on using them a while longer, and grew better every day until I was entirely cured. I now weigh 160 pounds and tell everyone who is run down to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

"Do you know of anyone who has followed your advice with good results?"

"Yes, I do. My brother's wife was very miserable. She was so weak that she would faint when she was just sitting on a chair doing nothing. Her body was full of rheumatism. I urged her to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and she soon began to feel better. She has a few hours, but she says that she already feels like a new woman. She does all her household work, and she looks as if she felt as well as she says she is. I am so glad that I have found a medicine that will do all that I claim."

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#### WALLACE'S IDEA OF DUTY.

"Mr. Wallace, I do not agree with your idea of your right, nor with your idea as to your duties. I do not agree that the president's original order giving him the right to discharge an unfaithful commissioner gave you the right to abandon your duties at a critical time. When you accepted the original order, you accepted the duties of chief engineer under the recent order of April 1, which was made in co-operation with you and to suit your views. More than this, your duty in the present case is to serve your master's legal rights and interests. It should be used by the high obligation of a public officer, with a sacred allegiance to the government. It should be his honor and his pleasure to serve. You were, therefore, in honor bound by all that has preceded to continue to perform your duties upon the isthmus until some time a year at least—as would have afforded us reasonable opportunity to select a competent successor and prepare him for the great duties of that office."

"You make not the least complaint against your associates, superior or inferior, if know of no possible ground for any you are influenced solely by your personal advantage.

#### MAKES PROFOUND MISTAKE.

"Great fame attached to your work, and also your equal responsibility, but now you desert them in an hour. Also you withdraw from your new arrangements, which I do not suggest. I could have confidence that you would not in the future repeat the same at a moment even more critical when the consequences might be even more embarrassing and injurious to the government."

"Under the circumstances, Mr. Wallace, and with great personal pain and disappointment, I am bound to say that I consider the noble interest requires that you tender your resignation at this moment and turn over the records of your office to the chairman of the commission."

#### WALLACE REPLIED.

"Mr. Wallace replied that he was deeply disturbed at the view taken by the secretary that he could decline his duty, but that he could do that if he could decline his duty, and accompanied with risk to himself, to his health, and to his family."

"He stated that he had agreed that his new duties would not require all of his attention for the next few months, and that the parties had agreed that he could close up his canal work in the meantime, always provided it did not take him from New York to the isthmus.

"He referred to the president's order suspending the original order, and in which the president had stated that the commission would hold office subject to the due fulfillment of their duties, and he stated that this made the office subject to termination by the president and that consequently (Mr. Wallace) considered that the holder of the office had an equal right to retire from it at his option at any time."

#### TAFT'S ANSWER.

The secretary answered:

"Further to this question, I cannot decide on such a grave subject as have assumed that you had given this view the greatest consideration and you have approached it deliberately and stated to me your action in set and definite terms. You have unmistakably informed me that your purpose is to secure a position which you think you could not afford to accept, if you could not afford to serve. You were, therefore, in honor bound by all that has preceded to continue to perform your duties for the government inconsistent with serving your new masters who require your constant presence to New York and therefore that could not and would not go back to Panama to chief engineer."

Mr. Wallace again stated that he deeply regretted the secretary's point of view was different from his own and said that he would send his resignation as soon as he got back to his home and would address it to the president in the secretary's office.

"While there is a difference of opinion," he added, "as to the point of view we take concerning my duty, I consider there can be no question that I have performed my full duty up to this time."

#### WALLACE'S NEW POSITION.

"Concluding he stated that while he was thus severing his connection with the canal work he was willing to make up the annual report and he would, if desired, be available to discuss generally the conditions on the isthmus with the secretary desired it. Mr. Taft said he wished Mr. Wallace would continue his general statement. Mr. Wallace followed his personal statement with a question lasting half an hour regarding conditions on the isthmus and the work on the canal. When he finished Mr. Taft thus addressed him:

#### TAFT INEXPLICABLY DISAPPOINTED.

"Mr. Wallace, I am inexplicably disappointed, not only because you have taken this step but because you have done it so abruptly and without notice of your conduct. You come with the bold announcement that you quit your task of a critical moment, on the eve of important work and in the midst of reorganization plans, under which you accepted your position with your department unperfected in organization, and my public duties call me to the Philippines for several months. I must be allowed to remind you that when you were employed by the commission a little over a year ago you were only receiving \$15,000 per annum under your contract, and that your salary was fixed at the sum demanded by yourself, \$25,000. That was for constant service on the isthmus, the construction work was to be performed and your services were required. You knew the risks to yourself and to your family. And when you left, in the way you now assume an obligation to me. If you had not desired the position you need not have sought or accepted it.

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New York, June 29.—The offer a few

but I understand that quite the contrary was the case. I can refer more positively to recent events. You may recall that Mr. Wallace, when he was appointed to the commission, was a member of the executive committee, and were encouraged freely to express their opinions. I think you will find that you will be most welcome to the commission that you tender your resignation this moment and turn over the records of your office to the chairman of the commission and the chief engineer on the isthmus."

#### SECRETARY ANTONISHED.

"The substance of the plan of reorganization as it was embodied in the executive order of April 1, was called to my mind and you called me your fullest approval of it, and your thanks for the information you had in Washington and you expressed your hearty approval of it in the most unequivocal manner not only to the president and myself, but to members of the commission and the executive committee. I am sorry to say that you have accepted the plan of reorganization with the Panamanian canal with its completion. The 'complainants representative' declared that Mr. Wallace will soon present his side of the case to the public in a statement which will conclusively show that he was justified in tendering his resignation and will cause an investigation to be made."

#### WALLACE WILL REPLY.

New York, June 29.—A statement published today by the Times credited to a confidential representative of John P. Wallace, whose resignation as chief engineer of the Panama canal has just been accepted by the government, a declaration that when Mr. Wallace accepted the place it was his intention to remain in the isthmus until the completion of the Panama canal with its completion. The "complainants representative" declared that Mr. Wallace will soon present his side of the case to the public in a statement which will conclusively show that he was justified in tendering his resignation and will cause an investigation to be made."

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