ARCHBOLD LETTERS

36 Broadway, December 2, 1901.

My dear Senator--I have your kind favor of yesterday. We have, of course, noted your recent disagreeable experience with T. with the utmost interest. Think you have done just right in not being goaded by him into doing a foolish thing.

I am greatly interested in the suggestion of the law practice, and will see to it that it is kept in mind, with the hope that something may develop in which I can be of service to you in connection therewith.

With kind regards, I am very truly yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. John L. McLaurin, Senate Chamber, Washington, D.C.

"United States Senate,
Bennetsville, S.C. May 29, 1902.

"Dear Mr. Archbold: I have pushed my fights so vigorously that they have called on Tillman. I met him at Gaffney and beat him at his own game. I called his bluff, and now the fight is for two seats in the Senate instead of one. I can beat Tillman if properly and generously supported. There is no time to lose, however, I enclose an account of both meetings for your information. With kindest regards,

I am yours sincerely,

"Jno. L. McLaurin."

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36 Broadway,
April 21, 1903.

"Mr. Frederick L. Eldridge, First Vice-President, Knickerbocker Trust Co., 66 Broadway, City.

Dear Mr. Eldridge: It gives me pleasure to introduce to you hereby Senator J.L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, who desires to discuss with your some business questions of mutual interest. I cannot speak in too high terms of Senator McLaurin, for whom I bespeak your most kindly consideration.

Very truly yours,

John D. Archbold.

Personal and confidential.
House of Representatives,
Washington, November 25, 1905.

"My dear Mr. A:

"A (Rep.) U.S. Senator came to me today to make a loan of $1,000. I told him I did not have it, but would try and get it for him and would let him know in a day or two. Do you want to make the investment? He is one who will do anything in the world that is right for his friends if ever in need. Please telegraph me 'yes' or 'no'. I will give you name when I see you. I don't know but what I ought to come over and see you. Events are crowding and I am on the inside of them. And think I am playing no small hand, and want to know whether to go ahead. The nomination of a Republican President is not yet settled. No man can safely predict the nominee, and guess I have got hold of the real situation as closely as anyone here. If you need me for any purpose telegraph me and I will come over. Sincerely, Joseph C. Sibley.

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"Personal,
November 30, 1898.

"Mr. N.W. Clark, Pittsburg, Pa.:
Dear Mr. Clark -- As West Virginia seems to have gone Democratic, which will give her a Democratic United States Senator to succeed Faulkner, I write to ask whether Governor Fleming has made any ~~information~~ intimation of his intentions in respect to a candidacy for this place. There is probably no man in West Virginia better qualified, or who would make a more capable and honorable Senator than he? If he has said nothing to you, won't you please raise the question with him and tell him that we all here would be greatly interested in having him make an effort for t the place, and would be only too happy to extend any aid that may be in our power. I would like to hear from you just as promptly as possible on this subject. If it is possible for you to confer with him either personally or by telephone at once, will be glad to have you do so, and please telegraph me in cipher the result.

Yours very truly,
Jno. D. Archbold.

John P. Elkin, Lawyer, Indiana, Pa.
October 31, 1904.

"Mr. John Archbold, New York:
My dear Sir -- In the county of Lancaster, Pa., the regular Republican ticket is being opposed by an independent movement.
"Hon. W.W. Griest, Secretart of the Commonwealth under the Stone administration, is the leader of the regular Republicans and our particular friend. Your people have some interests in Lancaster County, and if you could get them to take an interest for the straight Republican ticket you would confer a favor.

Very cordially youss,
John P. Elkin,"

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26 Broadway,
New York August 3, 1899.

Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, Smethport, Pa.:
My dear Sir:-- I am duly in receipt of your favor of August 1st, and it has given me great pleasure to write Senators Quay and Penrose expressing my earnest desire that it may prove possible and consistent for them to support you for the Supreme Judgeship.

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, August 3, 1899.

Hon. Boles Penrose, Philadelphia, Pa.:
My dear Senator: -- It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to testify to the eminent ability and fitness of the Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, of Smethport, Pa., who is a candidate for a Supreme Judgeship.

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, October 10, 1902.

Mr. H.H. Edmonds, Baltimore, Md.:
Dear Sir -- Responding to your favor of the 9th, it gives me pleasure to inclose you herewith certificate of deposit to your favor for $3,000., covering a year's subscription to the Manufacturers' Record.

Truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, Dec. 18, 1901.

Mr. Thomas P. Grasty, care of Buck & Pratt, Room 1203,
27 William St., City:
Dear Mr. Grasty:-- I have your favor of yesterday and beg to return to you herewith the telegram from Mr. Edmonds to you. We are willing to continue the subscription of $5,000. to the Southern Farm Magazine for another year, payments to be made the same as they have been this year. We do not doubt but that the influence of your publication throughout the South is of the most helpful character.

With good wishes, I am, very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway.

To Professor George Gunton, 41 Union Square, City.
My dear Professor:

Responding to your favor it gices me pleasure to inclose you herewith certificate of deposit to your favor for $5,000. as an additional contribution to that agreed upon and to aid you in your most excellent work. I most earnestly hope that the way will open for an enlarged scope as you anticipate.

Yours very truly,
Jn. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, Jan. 17,1899.

Hon. W.A. Magee, Pittsburg Times,
Pittsburg, Pa.
Dear Sir:

As per understanding, herewith enclosed find certificate of deposit to your order for $1,250., the receipt of which kindly acknowledge. Truly yours,

Jno. D. Archbold.

"Joseph C. Sibley, Chhairman,
Committee on Manufactures

House of Representatives U.S.
Washington, March 7, 1905.

My dear Mr. A.-- The illness of a member of my family has prevented my coming to New York. Senator B. was to have gone over with me. I think he will go anyway, as he has business there. I had a conversation with an important "official" yesterday, and he told me there was but one thing to do, and that was to start a "back fire." Like Myself, he is much alarmed, and as a member of the reigning family, his hand and tongue are tied. He thinks the work should be done in the education of public sentiment between now and the meeting of Congress in October. It has, I think, been decided to convene Congress in extra session at that time, though the Speaker will try to have it go over until November, if he can't do better. I will know in a day or two how he succeeds; Long (Senator) and Curtis (Representative) are the strong men in the Kansas delegation. I have explained matters to them, and I think their influence will count some when they go home. Campbell is a clever boy; has no strong points yet developed. He seeks notoriety, but is harmless

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in himself. This agitation, in the language of the "official" "started from the top" and will run its course. It is not a deep-seated, profound conviction of wrongs. The one thing is to get delay until temperate action can be secured. I think the pendulum will swing to the other side after awhile, but I do not want the devil to pay before it gets back.

An efficient literary bureau is needed, not for a day or a crisis, but a permanent and healthy control of the Associated Press and kindred avenues. It will cost money but will be the cheapest in the end, and can be made self-supporting. The next four years is, more than any previous epoch, to determine the future of the country. No man values public opinion or fears it so much as Roosevelt. No man seeks popularity so much as he. Mild reproof or criticism of his policy would paralyze him (nearly). To-day he hears only the chorus of a rabble, and he thinks it is public sentiment. I don't know whether the industrial corporations and the transportation companies have enough at stake to justify a union of forces for concerted action. It seems to me necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Sibley.

December 4,1903.

Dear Mr. Archbold:

In the article "Teachers vs Doers" in the Manufacturers' Record this week, there is a world of good common sense. Although Mr. Morgan is commended as the leader in securing transportation properties, and thereby meeting the needs of the country, yet some consideration is given to the powers that have expanded our commerce. Now while it is expedient under existing conditions to do all that we can to turn the tide of anti-Morgan sentiment, nevertheless I want to say to you that I think it would be a good thing if Mr. Morgan could be peacefully and quietly supplanted as the most conspicuous representative of financial power.

Unless you have devoted more time than so busy a man is likely to be able to spare for such a purpose, to that great man's loss of the public confidence, you can scarcely realize how much harm has been done by his "Undoing" or what people consider the exposure of his methods. But whatever we may call it, the effect of the discredit which has befallen him has been to make the public believe--or at least to take seriously--sensational stories concocted for demagogic effect, which, prior to those disclosures were considered as unfounded and unworthy of credence. A number of my friends--men of sanity and feelers of the public pulse--have earnestly expostulated against the course we have taken in Mr. M's defense, saying with singular unanimity, "He doesn't deserve it and will not appreciate it."

I am telling you this because I honestly believe that interests of such immeasurable magnitude as Mr. Morgan is supposed to dominate ought to be under the control of wiser men--men with sense enough to see and avoid such palpable pitfalls as surrounded the shipbuilding deal.

A substitution of controlling power--a change of generals--seems to me the only way to escape the consequence of and head off public distrust of our great organizations and to stop the supply of fresh ammunition to the "trust busters". Now among the latter I put Theodore Roosevelt and W.R. Hearst in the same category -- and Hearst to-day has an organization of immense efficiency, made up of first-class, high-priced brains--backed, not by a barrel but by a hogshead, and is liable to be the Democratic nominee for

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the Presidency. That Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee is foregone conclusion. Now in times of depression the slogan "anything for a change" goes a long way. If a change be even possible--in my opinion it is probable-people who stand for the maintenance of American institutions and for "the greatest good to the greatest number" ought to be arranging to prevent the possibility of such a disaster as Hearst's election to the Presidency. Yours truly,

Thomas P. Grasty.

January 27th, 1902.

My dear Senator:

Responding to your favor of the 25th. It gives me pleasure to hand you herewith certificate of deposit $50,000. in accordance with our understanding. Your letter states the conditions correctly, and I trust the transaction will be successfully consummated.

Yours very truly,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. B. Foraker, Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 25, 1902.

My dear Senator:

I venture to write you a word regarding the bill introduced by Senator Jones of Ark. known as the 'S 649' intended to amend the act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies, "introduced by him Doc. 4." It really seems as though this bill was very unnecessarily severe and even vicious.

"Is it not much better to test the application of the Sherman act before resorting to a measure of this kind? I hope you will feel so about it and I will be greatly pleased to have a word from you on the subject.

"The bill, I believe, is still in committee.

With kind regards, I am,

Very Truly yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. J.B. Foraker,
Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, New York,
Dec. 11, 1900.

My dear Senator:

Referring to our telephonic conversation of today, I now beg to enclose you certificate of deposit to your favor for $5,000. Truly yours,

Jno. D. Archbold.

To Hon. Joseph B. Foraker,
1500 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, New York, Nov. 26, 1900.

My dear Senator:

In pursuance of our understanding in our talk over the telephone today, I now beg to enclose you certificate of deposit to your favor for $10,000.

Truly yours,
John D. Archbold.

To Hon. Joseph B. Foraker,
1500 Sixteenth St., Washing ton, D.C.

Lindsay House, D. McGraw, Proprietor,
Headquarters Post K, T.P.A. of America,
Gainesville, Tex. March 28, 1901.

To Mr. H.C. Pierre,
St. Louis, Mo.:

My dear Pierce:

Send me New York exchange for $1,750. Have it made payable to my order, so it will not be necessary for you to endorse it. Send it at once as I ought to have had it several days ago.

Your friend,
J.W. Bailey.

Waldorf Astoria,
New York, 3-4-1901

To J.P. Gruet, Esq.,
Secretary

Dear Sir:

Take this note into bills receivable and deposit company's check for like amount to my credit with Fourth National Bank, as I have given B my check.

(Signed) H.C. Pierce.

Oct. 25, 1901.

To Hon. J.B. Foraker,
No. 1500 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I leave this afternoon for Atlantic City for a little rest. Expect to be there for a week or so. If you desire to talk with me you can call me there at the St. Charles Hotel.

Very truly yours,
John D. Archbold.

Oct. 25, 1901.

To Hon. John C. Sibley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sibley:

We are anxious to have here as early as possible with Senator Bailey of Texas, and I write to ask if you will do us the favor to communicate with him and find when he can be here.

Greatly appreciating your services, I am sincerely yours,

John D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, May 31, 1900.

My dear Mr. Sibley:

I am only today in receipt of your kind favor of the 29th, to which I have responded by telegraph.

Dear Mr. Sibley:

I beg to enclose you herewith certificate of deposit to your favor for $5,000., sent you at the request of Mr. Criscom, the purpose of which you no doubt understand with him.

Permit me to improve this opportunity also to express my high appreciation of your most courteous and efficient action in response to our request regarding the consideration of the subsidy matter with Mr. Criscom. Very truly yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. J.C. Sibley, Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway

Dear Mr. Sibley:

I am in receipt of a letter dated yesterday from Mr. Patton, from which I quote:

"I am just home from a vacation and find your letter of the 6th instant to Mr. Cassatt, who has not yet returned from Europe. I expect to sail, however, on the St. Paul, September 15th.

My attention has already been called to the matter to which you refer, and it is hardly necessary for me to say that we are in full sympathy with your views as expressed in your letter.

"We have put some influence to work through our friends in the various counties through which our line runs which I trust will help to bring about the result we both desire to obtain."

I am sure this will be the sentiment of every person who has to do with property interests, and I hope will be the sentiment of every well-meaning citizen. Very truly yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. J.C. Sibley, Franklin, Pa.

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26 Broadway, May 22, 1900.

To dear Mr. Sibley:

We have it from a confidential source that some distinguished Republican Representative in expected to speak in connection with the proposed Ray Constitutional Amendment, specially against our company. The statement being that he is loaded against the Standard Oil Company. I need not tell you that we are pretty weary of the old round of lies, and I write to ask your kindly interest in the matter, to the end that you may, if possible, discover who this distinguished party is and if it is at all possible, guard against his explosion.

It may not be possible for any one to find anything of the kind or for you to accomplish anything in the way of stopping him, but we very greatly appreciate your friendly interest in the matter. His name is not given us. With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

John D. Archbold.

To Hon. J.C. Sibley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Archbold: -- I had quite a long session with the President this morning and thought you might like to hear. He was effusively cordial and said he wanted to work in harmony with Congress. I told him that there was a weight of responsibility upon him such as is seldom laid upon Presidents, etc., and that the American people were in for great development and prosperity if we were cautious and conservative, etc., etc.

His reply was: "Yes, by George, Congressman, we must take no steps in the dark, ~~this~~ and this is no time for radical action or legislation, and you men in Congress must not get radical because of the great victory, etc."

To all this I assented and told him we could never answer to the country for hasty and ill digested legislation.

He wanted my views on the tariff, and I told him we needed no general revision, that my opinion was that pulling down and rebuilding would unsettle the public mind and restrict production, prevent new enterprise until effects of new schedules could have practical demonstration. Told him it might be and probably was true that there existed incongruities and inequalities, and that I thought we needed not "tariff revision" but "tariff equalization." He said, "By George, Congressman, that is a most happy phrase. You have hit the nail square on the head. That is what we must do. We will correct inequalities", etc.

He hardly expects to send any message to this Congress on the subject, but may outline something. Mr. Moody (Attorney General), who has been slated to retire March 4th prox.

Mr. Moody told me this morning what he says he has told no other man except the President, this, "That he has, in consideration of some things said to him by the President, consented to stay it through for three or four years. Moody is able and honest. He is manly and fair, and I think less liable than Knox to make 'trust busting' a pastime.

Please do not mention the story about Moody, but I will let you know it for whatever value it may be to you.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Joseph C. Sibley.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 10, 1902.

My dear Senator:

Permit me to thank you most cordially for your very kind note of the 5th, with the accompanying complimentary pass. Believe me that I appreciate your kind expression in connection with this courtesy very highly and only hope that opportunity may offer for such reciprocation as will give evidence to you and your great corporation of the friendly sentiments I entertain.

Very truly yours,
Jr. F. Archbold.

To the Hon. Chauncy Depew,
Grand Central Depot, City.

My dear Senator: 26 Broadway, Feb. 6, 1901.

I have your most kind favor of yesterday and appreciate it greatly. I have also a telegram from Mr. Crasty to-day which I have answered and which answer I hope he will make known to you. Believe me that I appreciate the expressions of your letter more

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highly than I can well state, and hope when the time comes, if it ever does, for an opportunity to reciprocate that we will not be "found wanting." Again thanking you and with very kind regards, I am very sincerely yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. J.L. McLaurin,
Senate Chamber/ Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 13, 1901.

Mr. R.H. Edmunds,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Edmunds: -- I have your several very interesting favors. I return you Senator McLaurin's letter with the clippings. The whole affair at Washington has been most interesting. Have been sorry indeed to hear of the Senator's illness. Mr. Griscom undertook to have a talk with him Monday through a mutual friend. You own work in all this matter has been most admirable.

Very truly yours,
Jn. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 15-1901.

Dear Mr. Sibley:

I enclose you herewith certificate of deposit to your favor for $5,000., sent you at the request of Mr. Griscom, the purpose of which you no doubt understood with him. Permit me to improve this opportunity also to express my high appreciation of your most courteous and efficient action in response to our request regarding the consideration of the subsidy matter with Mr. Griscom.

Yours very truly,
Jno. D. Archbold.

Hon. J.C. Sibley, Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 18, 1901.

My dear Senator:

Please accept thanks for your note of the 15th. I am, of course, much interested in the statement. Have no doubt Mr. Sibley saw you on Saturday, as I requested him to do.

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

Hon. J.L. McLaurin, Washington, D.C.

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26 Broadway, New York,
Sept. 6th, 1900.

Personal

Dear Mr. Cassatt: -- In Mr. Patton's absence I venture to write you on a political question which seems to me of real importance and interest.

In the twenty-seventh Congressional District L. Emery, Jr., the old-time agitator, is running for Congress against J.C. Sibley, of Franklin. Mr. Sibley has had, as you know, rather a variegated political career, but he is now again squarely in the Republican fold, and I think sound in every way.

Emery's election would certainly be a great misfortune, and I venture to ask that you do everything possible in the matter in Mr. Sibley's favor, on the sure ground that all corporate and vested interests will have full consideration at his hands. With kind regards, I am very truly yours, Jno. D. Archbold.

To Mr. A.J. Cassatt, Pres., Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Bennettsville, S.C., Sept. 30, 1904.

Confidential

To dear Mr. Archbold:

In the same mail by which your letter came was one that I wish to quote a few sentences from apropos of your remarks about Mr. R. -- The writer of the letter was employed in a confidential way by Senator Hanna in matters of importance.

He is shrewd, close observer, not over-scrupulous, but a very intelligent man whose public experience and acquanitance is wide.

I know him well in Washington, and when he saw my article in the Sun he wrote me a long letter indulging in some unexpected criticisms of the President, to which I replied combating his position.

He says in part: "Reading on Sunday Lawson's Frenzied Finance recalled to my mind a remark that I heard him (Roosevelt) make, that he hoped some day to be able to take a fall out of that Standard Oil gang, and if he succeeds himself, mark my words, he will try to make good his statement, as he believes it will appeal to the masses and keep him in the center of the stage."

I thouht it might be a friendly act to copy this and give it to you in strict confidence. From my isolated position I cannot say whether it is worth the ink or not. It will show anyway that I am not unmindful of your various kind actions toward me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

John Lowden McLaurin.

To Mr. John D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, Dec. 5, 1902.

My Dear Governor:

I am sure you will pardon my seeming presumption on my part in writing you on a subject in which, both personal and on behalf of my company, I am greatly interested. It is to urge the appointment, if at all consistent, of Judge Morrison, of McKean, to the Supreme Court bench, vice Mitchell, deceased. Judge Morrison's character for ability and integrity needs no word at my hands, but aside from these great considerations, his familiarity with all that pertains to the great industries of oil and gas in the important relation they bear to the interests of the western part of the State, make him especially desirable as a member of the court from that section.

Hoping that it may prove possible for you to favorably consider Judge Morrison's appointment, I am, with very high regard, Sincerely yours,

Jno. D. Archbold.

Hon. Wm. A. Stone,
Harrisburg, Pa.

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26 Broadway, Sept. 5, 1900.

Hon. Wm. A. Stone,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Governor: -- Will you permit me to say that if it seems consistent for your to appoint Judge John Henderson, of Meadville, Pa., to the vacancy on the Supreme bench, caused by the death of Judge Green, it will be a matter of intense personal satisfaction to me? I am sure I need not occupy your time with

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any argument as to Judge Henderson's fitness, either as to character or legal qualifications. With high regard, I am very truly yours,

Jno. D. Archbold

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26 Broadway, Sept. 28, 1899.

Personal
Hon. John P. Elkin,
Attorney General,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Elkin: -- Responding to your favor of Sept. 25th, it gives me pleasure to enclose you herewith letter of introduction from Mr. William Rockefeller, Mr. J.W. Weaver to Mr. H. McKay Twombly. We hope the letter will be of service.

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

Telegram
March 15, 1900.

Hon. John P. Elkin.
Indiana, Pa.
Telegram received. Will do as requested.
Jno. D. Archbold

Personal

26 Broadway, March 15, 1900.

Hon. John P. Elkin,
Indiana, Pa.

My dear General: -- In accordance with your telegraph request of to-day, I beg to enclose you certificate of deposit to your favor for $5,000., in fulfillment of our understanding.

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

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26 Broadway, May 9, 1901.

My dear General:
I enclose herewith copy of a measure pending. I am not sure whether in the House or Senate. Being an act to amend an existing statute, as stated, for reasons which seem to us potent we would greatly like to have this proposed amendment killed. Won't you kindly tell me about it and advise me what you think the chances are?

Very truly yours,
Jno. D. Archbold.

To the Hon. John P. Elkin,
Attorney-General, Harrsiburg, Pa.

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26 Broadway, Feb. 5, 1900.

My dear General:
In accordance with the request in your telegram of to-day, I now beg to enclose you certificate of deposit to your favor for $10,000., kind acknowledgement of which will oblige.

Yours very truly,
Jno. D. Archbold.

To Hon. John P. Elkin,
Indiana, Pa.

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36 Broadway, Dec. 20, 1899.

Hon. William J. Sewell,
Senate Chamber, Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

We are informed that it is the purpose of the Industrial Commission, which has been taking testimony for several months regarding industrial corporations, to make a preliminary report at an early day to Congress which will probably serve as a text for discussion there.

It seems very important that this report should be wisely and conservatively shaped. Representative John J. Gardner, of Atlantic City, N.J., is a member of the Commission, and we think very desirable indeed that you should have a word with him on the subject. We have no doubt, from what we know of him, and coming from the locality he does, that he will treat the subject judicially and sensibly, but, as I say, it seems very desirable to be as sure as possible.

Trusting you can find an opportunity of speaking with him on the subject, and with kind regards, I am very truly yours,

Jno. D. Archbold.

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36 Broadway, Oct. 13, 1900.

To the Hon. W.J. Sewell,
Camden, N.J.

My dear Senator:

I have your kind favor of yesterday and beg to thank you very sincerely for your prompt attention to the matter. I hope it will be possible for you to come in some time with Mr. Gardner, but if that is not possible, will be greatly pleased to see him at any time, as suggested.

Yours very truly,
Jno. D. Archbold.

Joseph C. Sibley, Chairman,
Committee on Manufactures,
House of Representatives, U.S.

Washington, D.C.
February 26, 1905.

My. dear Mr. A:

Yesterday I had a long talk with a friend in the Senate, whom you know I have always regarded as one of the strongest men in that body (Mr. B. Democrat). He is wholly and unalterably opposed to the President's and Garfield's policy vs corporations. I think he is prepared to make a great fight against the vicious principles that the government can open any books or reveal any trade secrets because some one thinks I am engaged in making too much money.

"He has the courage and ability to make a legal argument on the floor of the Senate second to no man of that body.

"Had you ought not to have a consultation with him some day?

"Our great man at the proper time would be a tower of strength and safety. He comes nearer to-day of being the leader of his party than any one man in it.

"If you want to see him, I think I could arrange for him to call when in New York. I put in all day yesterday in the Democratic cloak-room of the Senate, and I guess I could obtain twenty-five Senators. What is the trouble in Kansas? I told them that this was an attempt to nullify the law of supply and demand. The cotton growers could as well, with their surplus crop this year, demand some spinners to pay last year's pay.

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That increase in production from 6,000 bales to 40,000 a day meant a surplus and in oil, as in cotton, the surplus fixes the price of the whole crop.

If you think of anything for them to do let me know, but I guess the members of the H.R. including the speaker, pretty well understand the situation.

I could quietly give away a dozen or two more of the little books. I have bought and given away copies of Lloyd's Newest England, and I think it is doing good work. If at any time my long scribbles annoy you, chuck them into the basket, but one has at times to pour wrath somewhere and I make you the victim. Sincerely yours,

Jos. C. Sibley.

P.S. -- In re power to fix railroad rates Mr. B. is for giving power to make the rates, but will fight the idea of a separate court. I was sorry not to be able to change his views on that topic.

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26 Broadway, New York,

Dear Mr. Sibley:

We are anxious to have a talk here at as early a day as possible with Senator Bailey, of Texas, and I write to ask if you will do us the favor to communicate with him and find when he can be here. Greatly appreciating your courtesy, I am, sincerely yours,

John D. Archbold.

Hon. J.C. Sibley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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Chicago, March 14, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

Here is something to put in your pipe, on the tobacco graft, the next biggest thing in the tariff to the iron and steel graft, and far smoother. I suppose you will go over this carefully to verify it. You undoubtedly have in your public library the annual volumes of Congress.

From the letter I wrote you last night you will see that Mr. Sanders did not mention the New York matter, which you refer to in your favor of the 10th. I certainly appreciate the kindness of Mr. Foss, and hope things will come out right.

I guess the trouble is our friends are afraid of me. I know too blamed much. It's an awful handicap. I have tried to be very careful with Mr. Sanders, but maybe I got on his nerves innocently, by telling him the Curtis bill is unconstitutional, after they had been pushing it. I did not know what they have been doing, and blurted it out innocently.

A similar thing happened the middle of January. Until that time they supposed they were going to get an agreement by which they would get meat into Germany at the old rates of the German tariff of 1891, while all the rest of the world would pay the new tariff. They seemed incredulous and shocked when I innocently blurted out that this would be impossible, and tried to explain why. It has turned out just as I then explained to them; they get the minimum rates of the new tariff, which are more than twice as high on meat. I got my foot in it last fall, by accidentally stirring up the fact that we were discriminating against Germany. It probably hurt their feeling when Root called them down; but you remember I wrote you how I had given them the proofs, and Root turned around nicely and used it in the settlement with Germany.

This is an old story with me. The only job I have held in any corporation in thirteen years was about a year in McCormicks, up to five years ago. I practically got fired for knowing too much and making myself too useful, and too honest. That would make a funny story, but it might weary you.

I seem unfortunately to be kind of out of joint with the world in this respect. There are too many people who don't want ability or honesty, and they have a horror of anyone who knows too much. If this Manufacturers' Committee matter materializes, I'll try to go slow.

By the way, we have forgotten about the billion dollar gold brick, the beet sugar question. That is a long job. It might take me a month.

Again thanking you for your kindness, which I shall try to return by some good work, if I get the chance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) R. L. Ardrey.

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