

February 4, 1914.

Mr. J. E. Lutz, District Agent,
Travelers Insurance Company,
Bank and Trust Building,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I had forgotten all about my policy No. 140407
in the Travelers Insurance Company.

I am in the habit of applying the dividend to
reduction of premium. If you will send me the necessary
paper to sign ordering the application of the dividend
to this purpose, I will send check for balance immediately.
Please send it to the New Ebbitt Hotel, Washington,
D. C., as that will be my address for the next two or
three weeks.

Yours very truly,

Mona Island.

July 11, 1915

Honorable Arthur Yager
Governor of Porto Rico.

My dear Sir:

Perhaps you will remember my calling upon you a little over a year ago apropos the Custodianship of Mona Island. You seemed interested and expressed a desire to go there in the near future.

Pending delay in starting for the Island, I sent, through my son, Philippe LeHardy, for your consideration and approval a proposal for a concession—a plea for the right to improve this island during a term of years.—I have never heard any more about that except that my son informed me that you had submitted my document to the Executive Council—I have to confess that I have not the means to inject alacrity or goodwill into the deliberations of that body.

I now beg permission to bring my son again to your attention: He is a young man (married, wife & 4 children) with

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Considerable business experience, ability and acumen, sober, prepossessing, a gentleman. Without any capital it has been impossible for him to carry on to financial success a business of his own, and since the breaking out of the European war has been practically out of employment, not earning enough to procure the most urgent necessities. Speaks well English, French and Spanish; came to Porto Rico in fall of '98 and was for several years in the postal service; is well known all over the Island and could surely give the best of references.

My son is at present with C.O. Lord & Co (a matter of friendship, I am sure), could you not have him come to your office that he may himself endeavor to interest you in his behalf?

And now I will again refer to that trip you were to make to Mona I. - at once upon our arrival here (2 months after I had talked with you), we at once made ready for your reception and, forsooth, we have kept ready ever since.

It would indeed give us great pleasure to have you as our guest for a few days. There is much that would surely interest you, besides some rough hunting, wild cattle, goats and hogs and some fishing; and I should much like to talk with you, on the

spot in regards to that proposition I submitted asking for a concession.

Hoping for your favorable consideration, I am Cordially Yours

Paul Le Hardy

May 2, 1916.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 17th ultimo, with reference to the question of prohibition in Porto Rico, has been received and carefully read.

I cannot conscientiously change the position I have taken with reference to this question at this time. I have read very carefully the arguments contained in your letter and am convinced that while you are entirely conscientious in your remarks you are unconsciously influenced much more by preconceived opinions and ideas formed by knowledge of the conditions in the United States than by a careful study of the conditions which prevail in Porto Rico.

You state in your letter to me: "you have been surrounded by politicians and men directly interested in the liquor traffic, and by those who, from social and business reasons, are afraid to offend the liquor interests." This is entirely untrue. We have here in Porto Rico no "liquor traffic" in the sense in which that term is used in the United States; that is, there is no great combination of distillers, brewers and saloon-keepers with enormous capital interfering in politics and pushing in every possible way their nefar-

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ious traffic upon communities that are endeavoring to free themselves from it. No such condition exists in Porto Rico. There are only five or six small distilleries of alcohol; only one brewery, and only about seven small saloons in the American sense. These small interests have no organization, do not interfere in politics and have in no way brought any pressure to bear upon the Governor to influence his attitude upon this question. This is simply a fact, and I do not think you ought to assume the contrary and make statements which are based entirely upon conditions which prevail in the United States and do not exist here.

I am convinced that the ministers and missionary conferences and other organizations, to whom you refer as being greatly interested in prohibition for Porto Rico, are influenced in the main by the same preconceived ideas and motives which they have gotten directly or indirectly from a knowledge of the conditions in the States, and not from any personal study of the actual conditions which exist in Porto Rico.

I have examined also the list of figures which you give connected with the excise taxes and receipts from licenses by the Treasury Department of Porto Rico. You have made no answer whatever to my statement in my letter to Mr. Crafts of March 19, that "the consumption of alcohol in Porto Rico has decreased regularly in the

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last two or three years, according to our tax receipts." That statement can be proved absolutely by the figures, and your reference to the money receipts for 10 years showing a general upward trend in the receipts of money from excise taxes simply misleads. You fail to state that in 1913 the rate of tax upon alcohol was increased from 28 cents a liter to 50 cents a liter, and therefore the money receipts would be greatly influenced by this change of rate of taxation.

My statement as to consumption referred to the QUANTITY of alcohol made and consumed in Porto Rico for all purposes. The figures as to quantity show the following results: For the year 1912 there were produced in Porto Rico 3,770,558 liters; for the year 1915 there were produced only 1,951,176 liters, showing a decrease of nearly one half in the quantity. This decrease has steadily gone on through the current ^{fiscal} year as proved by the figures of the tax receipts for the 9 months ending April 1, 1916, which show a production of alcohol of only 1,318,785 liters. For purposes of comparison this can be stated in the average rate of production per month and we get the following:

1912, average production per month	314,215 liters.
1915, -do-	162,598 "
1916, -do-	146,531 "

which proves absolutely that the consumption of alcohol

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in Porto Rico at the present time is less than one-half what it was in 1912. And yet, in spite of this absolutely accurate statement of the facts, you state your conclusion, from a table of figures that have no bearing on it, that "the trend is upward." On the contrary, it is downward in a most remarkable degree.

In the same misleading manner you have used the figures given by the Treasurer as to the receipts from license tax on retailers of liquors and have attempted to show what you call "an alarming increase during the past 10 years." In this table you also overlook the fact that the rate for licenses to retailers was increased on the average from 150 to 200 per cent in the year 1913, and that the monetary returns from these licenses would naturally be largely increased by the increase in the rate.

I desire also to protest emphatically against your use, or rather misuse of the word "liquor shop" in this connection, applying that word to all the establishments that take out a retailer's license for the sale of any kind of alcoholic beverage in Porto Rico. These establishments include practically all the grocery stores, all the small retail stores for general merchandise throughout the island, all the restaurants, candy shops, ice-cream parlors, etc. All of these establishments have a retailer's license for the sale of some kind of alcohol-

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to beverage, but this constitutes a very small part of their business. They are in no sense "liquor shops" such as that name implies in the United States; and your effort to make it appear that "there is in Porto Rico one liquor shop for every 227 persons, or for every 45 families" is so misleading and so likely to deceive the members of Congress and the people of the United States that I do not understand how you could bring yourself to make it. As a matter of fact there are only 7 saloons or bar-rooms in the whole of Porto Rico in the sense in which that word is used in the United States.

As I stated in my letter to Dr. Crafts, I wish emphatically to reiterate that there is comparatively little drunkenness among the people of Porto Rico. Their consumption of alcoholic drinks has greatly decreased in the last 3 years. Any one who asserts the contrary, in my judgment, is simply slandering the people. These people have their faults, as have all peoples, but drunkenness is not one of them.

If conditions with reference to drink in Porto Rico were similar to those of the United States, if the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks played such havoc here as in the States, I should unhesitatingly advocate the prohibition amendment for Porto Rico in spite of the destruction of revenue which is so much needed

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for our schools and in spite of the fear of the anti-American feeling that would certainly be aroused. But I am perfectly sure that the need for prohibitory laws in Porto Rico at this time is not such as would justify the difficulties and dangers that would follow them.

Very respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Misses Mary and Margaret W. Leitch,
Carrochales,
Porto Rico.

Times
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During my visit to the States I spent about 10 days in Washington, conferring with the President, Secretary of War ^{Mr.} Baker, Senators, members of Congress and other officials upon matters relating to Porto Rico. I was especially active in getting information with reference to the status and prospects of the Jones Bill now before the Senate. The Senate Committee have reported the bill with the unanimous recommendation that it pass, though they added to it several amendments of more or less importance. It is impossible to speak with any definiteness as to the prospects of the bill for passage at this session. On the one hand Congress is very anxious to adjourn ^{if possible} ~~at this time~~ before the first of September, and the Senate has already a considerable number of very important bills which the leaders think must be passed before adjournment. This makes it very difficult to secure consideration for the Porto Rico bill at this session. On the other hand, the President himself and ^{the} administration leaders have manifested a strong interest in the Porto Rico bill and are determined to have it considered and passed if it is possible to do so. The President is himself quite confident that it will be passed before adjournment. All we can do is to wait and see how the matter will turn out. It is unfortunate that the bill could not have been considered by the Senate earlier. As

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I stated early in January, when I went to Washington to work in behalf of this bill, the only danger to it was delay. If it could have gotten before the Senate last March it would have been promptly passed.

I found in the States more interest in the Island of Porto Rico and its people than ever before. There are more Americans thinking of Porto Rico, planning a trip to the Island and taking interest in its political and social development than I had ever found at any other time. Many questions were asked by many people with reference to the San Juan harbor, the Porto Rico regiment, and other matters of importance here in the Island. I spent one long day in Philadelphia in conference with a group of gentlemen who seem strongly inclined to build a hotel in San Juan, and of course I encouraged them to go ahead with this laudable and useful enterprise.

The people and the newspapers of the United States are of course much concerned at present with politics and the issues that are likely to be of importance in the approaching election. There is a strong public sentiment that seems to be growing stronger every day in favor of adequate preparedness for national defense on the part of our great country. And there is no question now that our people have made up their minds to place our country in a far better position with reference to this matter than it

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has ever been in before. Both the new Army bill and the new Navy bill, soon to be passed, will constitute a long step forward in this direction. In this connection I think it would be quite easy and very useful to organize in Porto Rico a regiment of ^{the} National Guard under the new Army law. It would not only show our patriotic interest in the great question of national defense but would be ~~a~~ ^a very great economic advantage to Porto Rico because it would result in the distribution among Porto Ricans of perhaps some fifty to one hundred thousand dollars every year. This sum would be distributed in the form of pay to the officers and the privates of the regiment of National Guards.

September 16, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

It is with unusual regret that I find myself unable to accept the kind invitation extended to me in your letter of the 14th instant on behalf of the Committee of the Insular Chamber of Commerce, to attend a farewell banquet to be given this evening in honor of Mr. Sosthenes Behn; but having already made arrangements to go to the country for the week-end, I find it impossible to release myself from engagements made in connection with this trip. If it had been otherwise, I should have taken great pleasure in joining with the many friends of the distinguished gentleman in whose honor the banquet is to be given, in expressing our appreciation of his worth as a businessman and leader in this community and of our regret that it has seemed to him advisable to leave Porto Rico,-an absence which we all hope will be only temporary.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Mr. Albert E. Lee, Chairman,
Insular Chamber of Commerce,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

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POR EL ESTE:
GENARO CAUTIÑO, GUAYAMA
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San Juan, Porto Rico,

September 14th 1916.

Sir,

On behalf of the Committee appointed by this Chamber I have the honour to request the pleasure of Your Excellency's company at a Farewell Banquet in honour of Mr Sosthenes Behn, to be given at the Hotel Inglaterra on Saturday evening, the sixteenth instant at eight o'clock.

Very respectfully,

Chairman of Committee.

His Excellency,

Arthur Yager,

Governor of Porto Rico.

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GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO
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DIRECTOR OF SANITATION

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

San Juan, P. R., February 12, 1917.

Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P. R.

My dear Governor:-

The Economy Commission in an official communication to you which has been published in every paper of the Island, criticises adversely the action of this Department with regard to the campaign for pure milk. I am positive that this criticism proceeds directly from Don Antonio Barceló. He recently succeeded in securing the acquittal of a client of his in Pajardo for violating the requirements in the sale of milk from his private house, although Barceló himself told me personally that he knew the man was guilty and took advantage of a technicality to secure his acquittal.

I am sending you officially a reply to you which I desire to publish as freely as the report of the Economy Commission has been published. I think that I am entitled to this in defense of myself and of the Service at large. However, I will not take this step without giving you the opportunity to countermand it if you think best.

Respectfully,

W. D. Dippitt

Director of Sanitation.

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13 Wilson Ave. Santurce.

February 14, 1917

My dear Governor Yager,

I would much prefer to deliver my little message in person; but I have found that there are so many claimants upon your genial forbearance, that when I at last succeed in reaching you it is very near the hour when you are entitled to a little rest within your own little family circle.

When I last called on you, not very long ago, you favored me with so many questions about Mona Island that your time was up before I had had an opportunity to tell you why I had called.

I find it imperative to acquaint you with the fact that I am today destitute and obliged to make an urgent appeal to the head of all power and authority here about.

I came here in '98 as principal assistant to Col. Gen. W. Goethals, Engineer Officer on the Staff of Gen. Brooke. - I was transferred to Quartermaster upon our taking possession, and I was kept very busy during many months planning and directing the sanitary overhauling of all the public buildings that had become U.S. property. - Later I converted a certain ~~Coco~~nut grove into Borinquen Park, built many Kiosks and made paths up and down and across,

that have now disappeared. Later yet, was appointed Receiver of a large Coffee estate, and while thus engaged my health failed - after delivering up my charge I had to get away.

My son remained here and married; he was for many years in the postal service and finally went into business - He planned to supply San Juan and Santurce with Charcoal, and his prospects for a very big, lucrative business were such that he urged us, father and mother to come, live near him, that he was at last in position to provide well for us. - We came, but soon there also came the Gas Company to revolutionize the cooking industry and my son's promising business collapsed.

We two old folks managed to get along for a year or so; but finally decided to go spend our last days in retirement on Mona Island, where I confidently expected to produce enough garden truck to provide us with the little sundries we might require. - I explained to you why & how I failed in that, which was the cause of our reluctant abandonment of Mona Island. -

Almost immediately after my return here I was stricken down with typhoid fever; my poor half cripple wife almost collapsed taking care of me, and the very last of our little savings slipped from us in this calamity.

My son has not been very successful in business; but he has until this day been able to aid us in a very limited way, - while I have been diligently endeavoring in all directions where I thought I could be useful, to obtain employment; - in the mean time improving my leisure moments making sketches, - principally of Mona Island, (which I had hoped to show you at our last interview, but your noon time recess prevented it).

And now it has come to pass that our son has been stricken with a disease, - we are not yet sure whether it is chicken pox or small pox. - At any rate he is for a time out of business (incomunicado at his home), and without any reserve funds to draw upon for maintenance of pa and ma - probably not enough for his own household of wife and five children.

Now, Mr. Yager, although I received fair compensation in the past for my services to Porto Rico, and have therefore no claim upon its people on that score, yet my utter failure, so far, to secure such employment as I am yet capable of compels me to come to implore your help.

So painfully acute is the situation that I become probably unpardonably bold if I suggest that the Government may have somewhere a little reserve

fund, the expenditure of which, being for emergencies, would not be subject to Auditorial control. So that I am impelled to ask you if you could not devise some way to make me a beneficiary to the extent of some small allowance out of such funds, - say, by reinstating me as Custodian of Mona Island, - with pay - with additional duty of weather observer and horticultural experimenter, under direction of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Mayaguez.

Your immediate attention to this matter is so urgently solicited because, it grieves me, to say it, - we have not the wherewith for tomorrow.

I am respectfully yours

Paul S. Hardy

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

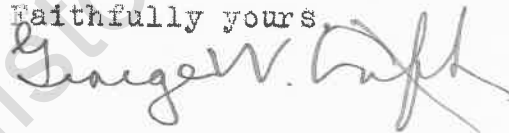
May 17, 1917

My dear Governor:-

I am duly in receipt of your letter of May 7, 1917, and thank you very much for the courtesies you extended to my friend Dr. Cassius Lopez de Victoria.

With my very highest esteem, believe me I am,

Faithfully yours



Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor,
Porto Rico.

September 11, 1917.

Lt. Carlos M. Lopez,
Henry Barracks,
Cayey, Porto Rico.

My dear Lieutenant;

Your note of the 3rd instant was received and also the various items of supplies which you kindly furnished me at Jájome.

I appreciate your kindness very much, for it relieved me of a real embarrassment at the moment.

You omitted to send statement as to the cost of these articles, and I am therefore unable to pay for them promptly as I wish to do. If you will kindly send me this statement I will be very much obliged.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. October 5, 1917

My dear Gov. Yager:-

I very much desired to have just a little more talk with you before I left the Island - but I knew that you were very much occupied and I refrained from saying then, what I am going to take the liberty of saying now.

I have just received some clippings from "La Democracia" of Sept. 22 in which I note a violent debate upon the nomination of Mr. Domenech. I was gratified to note from this that you were standing by your conscientious belief that Mr. Domenech is so eminently fitted for the place that he should be retained in spite of "politics" to the contrary.

My personal esteem for you and my earnest desire for the greatest good of the Island and people of Porto Rico impel me to say that I can only regard this as a vital crucial test between yourself and the unscrupulous leaders of the Unionist Party. I implicitly believe that if you stand firmly in this matter upon your own conscientious judgment you will not only win out in this but you will have demonstrated to them an integrity of purpose and a determination to execute your office of Governor of the Island, without dictation from individual or party, a kind of governor they have not been used to, but a kind that they will respect.

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I happened to be with one Governor of Porto Rico in the hour that he made the fatal mistake of a first yielding to the same sort of pressure by the same forces who are now opposing you.

They were then trying to oust a man who was, literally, the only one on the Island fitted by knowledge and experience to properly meet the highly responsible duties of the position which he had occupied for fourteen years. By the Governor's yielding to purely partisan pressure, and objects, the incumbent was kicked out, but that act was the beginning of the end of that Governor's usefulness, and he soon retired from his high office. His successor, tho' a man of strong personality, had a similar weakness (which I am glad to recognize that you do not share) to that which was the real basis of his predecessor's downfall, and he, too, departed.

In standing now upon your honest convictions you will surely have the approval and support of your friend, President Wilson, who has so strikingly demonstrated, as you likewise are doing, that such a stand maintained by the administration, will control not only the legislative bodies, but develop in the people the highest admiration, confidence and support.

Under such an administration, holding with a firm hand those impulsive, selfish and inconsiderate political elements, our beau-

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tiful Isle will become in truth the "Gem of the Antilles", and you, as the first real Governor, will be honored and respected as no previous Governor has been.

With the best wishes for yourself and Porto Rico and assurances of my high regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alfred T. Livingston

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION
PORTO RICO

ALBERT E. LEE,
FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR
PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Feb. 20, 1918.

Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
SAN JUAN.

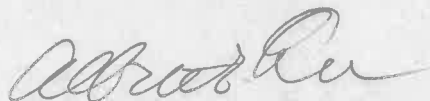
My dear Governor:-

Let me thank you for your message to the people of Porto Rico on the food-pledge campaign, which has been translated into Spanish and sent broadcast throughout the Island.

A member of my staff tells me that your last phrase, "Thank God there are no slackers in Porto Rico," has met with especial appreciation.

He heard your speech read at the races last Sunday. There was a good deal of applause, which died away;- then the full force of those last words came home to the people and the applause rose to a roar!

Faithfully yours,



Federal Food Administrator for Porto Rico.

April 14, 1918.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dear Governor Yager:-

I am taking the liberty of speaking to you about an important public matter which has caused me no little concern--- the postal censorship here. It has just now come to me confidentially that certain changes are to take place in the personnel of the Board, on which, as you will recall, I represent the army. I know that you are familiar with the circumstances of the discord which grew up some time since between members of the Board and which still exists. This open war within our little group (there are four members) makes it very hard for me, as you may suppose; in fact whenever a member is absent, as at present; and often when all are present, my vote or voice in any matter is inevitably the deciding factor. Though this may be well in the circumstances, it is not to my liking, and it is not as it should be, for reasons which are doubtless all too clear to you who have had the matter in hand. It is for this reason that I am dropping you this note. You see, Governor, Col. Townshend recommended me for the job because there's a lot of investigation incidental to the work, and also one should have a wide knowledge of his territory. For this reason it occurred to me that, in case you were not familiar with these important facts, I ought to tell you. The job needs a man like Shanten---as a matter of fact, if he would accept, I wish you could see your way clear to putting Shanten himself on the Board. Anyhow the above are the cold facts, and they are yours with my sincere best wishes for the application of the best remedy.

Ed. O. Lewis

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If you would care to know who got Mr. Barcelo's papers ask me some time when we are together and no one else is around. I've got it straight.

With best wishes and best regards:

Scorowia
Capt. Inf. U. S. A.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Camp Las Casas, P. R.,
Sept. 13, 1918.

Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
Government House, San Juna, P. R.

My Dear Governor:-

Once three or four years ago when the undersigned was in the States a tobaccor worker killed Cristobal Andino on Luna street, shooting him in the back after having invited him to have a cup of coffee with him. The murderer is still unpunished. I imagine that you would like to bring him to justice, along with the rest. It is not only possible but comparatively easy. I know where he is, in the States, and have at last found the witnesses that will put him where he belongs. Got the clue before I left the Bureau and have just been able to develop it. Wouldn't it wake up this little island to drop the case on them, solid as adamant, out of a clear sky? Do you think we could spend just a little money on it? Don't think it would take much; just the expende of extradition and etc.

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September 17, 1919.

Rev. John A. Lynch,
St. Clement's College,
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

My dear Father Lynch:

Your letter of the 8th instant has just reached my desk, and I am replying hurriedly to catch the boat this afternoon.

The rumor to which you referred has been circulating all over Porto Rico, but I am sure you there is not the slightest foundation for it. The report of the scientists came to my hands three or four weeks ago, and there was some delay in getting it translated and printed, because of the pressure of other work on the translation bureau and the printing office, but I have at last gotten it ready and am now distributing it all over the island. I will have a copy for you when you get back, but there is absolutely nothing in it that is disheartening to the island, on the contrary it seems to me that it is all encouraging, at least as far as it regards our recent earthquakes. It gives an official list of all the earthquakes that have been felt in Porto Rico for one or two hundred years, and that list seems rather long. But, nevertheless, as none of them have caused any serious damage except the last one we hope that those in the future,

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if there are any, will continue to be mild.

I greatly appreciated your letter and I want to assure you that many people in Porto Rico, amongst them myself, do appreciate most highly your strenuous and successful labors for the promotion of the fundamental interests of Porto Rico. Some of these days we will get together and give you a banquet, or a medal or some other token of our esteem.

Miss Diana has been on the continent all summer, and at last accounts she was quite well and busy making visits to her friends in Kentucky and Detroit. I do not know when she will return to Porto Rico, or her plans for next Winter. Mrs. Yager has also been on the continent all summer, but I think she will return to the island in a month or two.

With best wishes for you, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

Sept. 8, '19

Hon Arthur Yager.

Dear Governor:

A rumor has reached me to the effect that the Report of the Scientist who investigated the cause of the Mayaguez earthquake is disheartening in the extreme.

A word from you would be greatly appreciated. I should consider it a personal favor.

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I am not a "quitter" as you know. I am collecting money to rebuild our School Plant and I assure you it is no sinecure. The hardest job a man ever performed. People up here know no geography and think P. Rico is not on the map.

I deserve a medal for all the work I am trying to do. My reward has been oblivion in the past. Well, I am not looking for medals

I hope you are very
well as also your
family -

I often think of Miss
Diana and her manly
work over at Mayaguez
during the 'quakes.

I hope she still finds
something to do for
the poor

I'll return soon. Just
a little more money
and I'll report for
duty

With best wishes

Yours Sincerely
(Pet) John A. Lynch

December
Twenty-fourth
Nineteen nineteen.

Mr. Juan Hernandez Lopez,
President, Porto Rico Casino,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:

I have been so occupied with our transportation problem that I have not found opportunity to express to you my appreciation of the very effective assistance rendered to the Insular Government and myself, by you and the Casino de Puerto Rico, in the matter of entertaining the Secretary of War and his party, at the time of their recent visit to the island. I desire, however, to thank you, and through you, the members of your board and the Casino, for the very delightful reception tendered to our distinguished visitors on that occasion. I think that this was a very effective public service rendered the island by the Casino; and before leaving, the Secretary of War expressed to me, his appreciation of the consideration shown to him personally, and to his party.

Wishing for you and your family, all good wishes appropriate to the Christmas Season, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

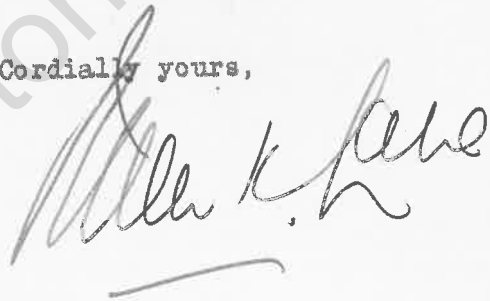
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1920.

My dear Governor:

This will introduce to you Mr. Edward P. Mitchell, Editor of the New York Sun, who is a very good friend of mine. I will appreciate any courtesy you may be able to extend to him.

Cordially yours,



Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

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PADRES REDENTORISTAS

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MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

Jan 27, '20

Hon. Arthur Mayer

Dear Governor:

We all thank God for your recovery. We had special prayers offered and all joined in with fervor.

I sent a telegram to Mrs Mayer thinking she was with you, but I notice by the papers she was then in Baltimore.

I am so glad your family arrived safely at San Juan - I imagine that with all your dear ones near you your recovery will be hastened.

(27 Jan 20)

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I am working at the restoration and reconstruction of the Parish Church. Hope to be finished in June. My only worry is that I must postpone the building of the American Sister Home and Parish Schools. However Rome was not built in a day.

I'll do all I can and rely on friends to help on the good work.

Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery and best wishes to Mrs. Jago and the children.
Sincerely yours
John A. Lynch
C. S. R.

March 23, 1920.

Mr. George W. Lewis,
Internal Revenue Collector,
Santiago, Dominican Republic.

My dear Captain Lewis:

It has been a long time since I received your pleasant letter informing me of your coming to Santo Domingo, but as you probably know, I have been critically ill and confined to my bed for two or three months. But I enjoyed your letter, and am glad to have you again in this part of the world.

I note with interest what you stated about the selection of that finca for yourself. I wish that I could find for myself a good piece of land in Santo Domingo, properly located—I think it would be a good investment. While you are looking out for yourself you might find something for me, if so, let me know about it; or we might find a piece to buy in partnership, and sell it after a few years at a good profit. Shanton told me that he had also instructed you to keep him in mind in this matter. Mr. Edwards, who was here recently, stated in a newspaper interview that the Dominican Government was going to take action very soon that would correct the difficulty as to titles, and so it might be a good time to invest.

I am slowly getting well, but I was hard hit and it has already taken more time than I anticipated. Still I am thankful that I escaped at all. All of my family are well. Dr. Rodes Yager is now with me here, in addition to Mrs. Yager, Diana and Mrs. Lewis. I know that they would all send messages to you if they knew I was writing.

I hope in addition to a finca you may also be lucky enough to find a girl over there, but I am sure that this will be somewhat more difficult than a finca. One can get rid of a finca more easily than the other, if he should have happened to have made a mistake.

With best wishes for you, I am

Sincerely your friend,

March 25, 1920. Boston.
267 CLARENDON STREET

My dear Mr. Jager:

I was very much
distressed while in Porto Rico to
know of your so serious illness and
it gives me infinite satisfaction to
hear through Mr. Hartzell that
you have so far improved, that at
the time of his writing you were
anticipating a journey to Japan.
Confidently expecting after a

for weeks in that racing car, to be strong enough to come to the United States. I can only say, speaking for myself that had you been able to attend to business during the month of February, I am sure many of the unhappy events which occurred at that time would not have taken place. If it is of any assistance to you in your recovery to know how deeply you were

being able to regretted. I can give you every assurance
in the United not only of the sympathy which we
feel for you in your trouble but of
the sense which we had of personal
loss in your absence from the
Governors Chair.

Trusting that before I go again to
Porto Rico you may have entirely
recovered. I am, my dear Sir
Yours, with the highest respect
Very sincerely yours J. H. Luce

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April 20, 1920.

Mr. J. D. H. Luce,
267 Clarendon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Luce:

I appreciate very much indeed your very kind letter of the 25th ultimo, expressing your sympathy and solicitude on account of my illness. I assure you that of the very large number of letters which I have received during my illness not one of them touched me more deeply than your own. I am also happy to inform you that after two or three weeks of sojourn which I have enjoyed at Jajome Alto, my anticipations of its beneficial effects have been fully realized; and that now I feel myself quite strong enough to make my contemplated trip to the United States. I am now planning to sail on the Brasas April 28th, and to proceed direct to Baltimore for further expert advice from the big medicine men as to the best methods of preventing a recurrence of my dangerous trouble.

I desire to congratulate you that, notwithstanding the untoward incidents that occurred during our labor disturbance in February everything was finally so happily settled; and that the industrial situation in Porto Rico is so satisfactory as it seems to be at present. I really think that considering the political and industrial conditions all over the world we have here in Porto Rico much for which to be thankful.

I trust that when you again come to the island I may have the pleasure of seeing you again, and of finding that both of us may be in the best of health. With sincere good wishes, I am,

Most cordially yours,

PADRES REDENTORISTAS

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MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

April 28/21

The Honorable

Arthur Yager

Dear Governor

My eternal gratitude for
your splendid gift
of \$1000. May God reward
you with abundance of
temporal and spiritual
goods.

We pray that your
projected trip North may
result in prolonging
to a ripe old age your
valuable life

Watefully Yours
John A. Lynch
- Vicar -

April 24, 1920.

Rev. John A. Lynch,
Vicar of Mayaguez,
Mayaguez, P. R.

My dear Father Lynch:

Your letter of recent date was received by me up at Jajome Alto; and I remember very well our conversation upon the subject referred to, and I have concluded that it would be quite proper for me to accede to your request and donate to your fund for rebuilding your Playa School, which was destroyed by the earthquake. I am enclosing herein my check for \$1,000, on the Commercial Bank of Porto Rico, and I hope this will enable you to secure promptly the amount required and soon have your school going.

I have just returned from Jajome Alto very much improved in health and strength, and expect to sail for the north as soon as I can secure proper transportation, and take the necessary steps to assure complete recovery.

With best wishes for you in your important work,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

PADRES REDENTORISTAS

L. B. 402.

MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

Hon. Arthur Yager

Dear Governor:

Just a word to inquire about your health and to remind you of our conversation last December in your office.

I am determined to do something for our poor children at the Playa of Mayaguez - I wish to build where their former school stood - large enough to accommodate 500. I wish to give them something to eat at noon - I wish to have a work shop attached where the girls at least may learn from the American Sisters

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PADRES REDENTORISTAS

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MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

lace-making etc. I had all this before the earthquake, and many a poor family was happy - That 1000 dollars would give me a good push along the road -

I see from the papers you are able to take walks along the country roads - Well - I wish you health and strength -

Respectfully Yours

John A. Lynch

Vicar of Mayaguez

April 28, 1920.

Mr. Arturo Lluberas,
Yanco, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Lluberas:

Upon my return to San Juan from Jajome Alto, I received your very gracious letter of the 18th ultimo, accompanying the presentation to me of the very beautiful copy of the Biography of the Honorable Luis Muñoz Rivera, written by Señor José González Ginorio.

I have already found time to examine and read a part of the volume, and I feel sure that both the Author and yourself deserve the thanks of your countrymen for this patriotic and important work. For myself, I wish to express my cordial appreciation to you both for the very attractive copy that you have presented to me. I shall keep it always as a beautiful souvenir of my long and very delightful residence in this island.

With the very best wishes for you always, I

Sincerely your friend,

Governor.

ARTURO LLUBERAS
OFICINA: PLAZA WASHINGTON

APARTADO 194.
TELEFONO No. 24.

Yauco, P. R. 8 de Marzo de 1920.

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Hon: Arturo Yager.
Gobernador de Puerto Rico.
San Juan.

Señor: -

Al hacer dedicación especial de un corto número de ejemplares de la edición del libro Luis Muñoz Rivera, biografía premiada en un concurso por mí promovido, y de que es autor Dn. José González Ginorio, he considerado mi deber para con vos, por vuestra representación y por respetuoso afecto á vuestra persona, destinaros el primero.

Dignaos aceptarlo con los sinceros votos que por vuestra salud hace vuestro verdadero.

Arturo Lluberas

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GOBIERNO MUNICIPAL
DE
ARECIBO, P. R.

OFICINA DEL COMISIONADO DE SERVICIO PUBLICO,
POLICIA Y PRISIONES.

Agosto 14
de 1,920.

Mi querido Gobernador:-

Es para mi de gran regocijo, la noticia de vuestro feliz regreso, y mucho mas, cuando tengo informes de que viene restablecido completamente de su dolencia.

En la imposibilidad de ir a saludarlo personalmente, como es mi mayor anhelo, quiero anticiparle mi congratulacion por aquellas gratas noticias que a mi llegan referentes a su buena salud y mejor retorno a esta isla donde se le distingue tanto.

Cordialmente

Manuel Ledesma

Hon: Arthur Yager
San Juan. P. R.

The Filson Historical Society

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October 4, 1920.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. John Lewis who has resided in Porto Rico for fifteen years, coming to Porto Rico from the United States. Mr. Lewis is now going to the States and although he states that he is a naturalized American citizen he is compelled to travel as an alien due to the fact that his naturalization papers which were given to him in Port Huron, Michigan, were destroyed many years ago in a great hotel fire in Coney Island where he was then living. Before that unfortunate event the town of Port Huron, Michigan suffered a disastrous fire in which the building of the court and all of its records were swept away so that it had been impossible for him to secure the necessary official certificates in proof of his naturalization.

During his residence here in Porto Rico Mr. Lewis has conducted himself like a loyal American citizen, investing liberally in Liberty Bonds and expressing his fidelity to the American government in every possible way. Besides, he has three or four sons in the Army and he states that two of them are now in France.

(4 Oct 20)

This letter is given to him at his request because he feels greatly humiliated on account of being compelled to travel as an alien in the country of which he is a citizen.

Very respectfully,

Governor of Porto Rico.

P. S. While it is, of course, impossible for me to secure any proof or disproof of the statements made by Mr. Lewis, I have no reason to doubt their correctness for, as stated above, Mr. Lewis's general conduct in Porto Rico is entirely in accord with his statements. He has raised a large family and I know that one of his sons was a Captain in the American Army before the outbreak of the great war.

Governor.

PA
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CHILDREN'S BUREAU
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1920.

Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P. R.

My dear Mr. Governor:

This will be presented to you by Miss Estelle B. Hunter, Child Welfare Expert in the United States Children's Bureau. Miss Hunter comes to make preliminary arrangements for the general child welfare survey requested by Commissioner Miller, Feb. 12, 1920, and transmitted to this Bureau by you and through the Bureau of Insular Affairs.

We shall be grateful for any help that you can give Miss Hunter.

Respectfully yours,

Julia C. Lathrop
JULIA C. LATHROP,
Chief.

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San Juan, Porto Rico.
December 9, 1920.

Mr. Louis Lange,
340 West 27th Street.
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 23rd has just reached my office. There never was any question whatever in regard to your having earned the reward of three hundred dollars (\$300.) offered for the arrest of Gomez in New York. I authorized the payment of this money to you as soon as the report of Police Inspector Doby was presented to me with the accompanying showing your successful intervention in the matter. A check for the money was sent to you by the Chief of Police, COL. George R. Shanton, on the boat leaving San Juan last Saturday December 4. The delay was caused by some difficulty in arranging the payment of the money in such a manner as not to reveal your identity on the official records here in Porto Rico.

I hope that before you receive this you will have received the check, and I regret that the delay should have caused you any inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

P. F.
340 West 27th Street,
New York, November 23rd 1920.

Hon. Arthur Yeager,
Governor, Porto Rico,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:-

On June 29th, 1920, Detectives Cornelius J. Browne, and James J. Gegan, of the Bomb Squad of the Police Department and Mr. John Haase, Special Agent for the Department of Justice, #21 Park Row, all being strangers to me called at my home and showed me a picture of a Porto Rican named Jesus Cruz Gomez, and asked me if I knew him. Not wishing to be mixed up in any Police matter I said that I did not know the man. The next day these same gentlemen called on me again and showed me a circular signed Walter F. Doby Inspector of Police Department in San Juan Porto Rico, offering a reward of \$300.00 for the arrest of Gomez who was also known as Chuchu who shot and killed a Porto Rican Policeman. "Copy of the circular is herewith attached" These officers stated that they were very anxious to arrest Gomez and said that if I could give them information as to where they could find Gomez the reward would be mine.

Now it happened that I was born in Porto Rico and keep a rooming house in 340 West 27th Street., this city which is entirely patronized by Porto Ricans. Now when the policemen told me that I could have the reward if I could locate Gomez I told them that I felt sure that I could do so and that I would go out and find out from my Porto Rican friends and the necessary information as to where Gomez might be.

After considerable hard work and risk on my part I secured the desired information and found that Gomez had taken a job as a seaman on the United Fruit Liner Pastores going by the name of Jose Santiagowhich information I gave to Policeman Browne and Gegan who arrested Gomez on this steamer on July 18th 1920.

Police Inspector Doby of Porto Rico came to this city and brought Gomez back to Porto Rico on Aug. 18, 1920, and while here Detectives Browne of the local Police telephoned me and I called in Room 3 of Police Headquarters, #240 Centre Street, New York, and was introduced to Inspector Doby who after talking with me agreed that I was entitled to the reward of \$300.00 which was offered for Gomez arrest. Mr. Doby then made a note of my full name and my address and stated that he was very glad to have met me and that he would see to it that a check for \$300.00 would be mailed me immediately after he arrived in Porto Rico, but I have never heard from him, and on Oct. 22, 1920, I sent a formal demand by registered mail to Col. Shanton, but without result. I therefore ask that an investigation be made and ask for a square deal, otherwise I will be compelled to place the matter in the hands of an attorney.

I might further add that Mr. Salvador Mestre, your

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Attorney General interviewed me at local Police Headquarter in this city early last August and was told by Detectives Gegan and Browne that I had given them the information which resulted in their apprehending Gomez.

I can refer you to Mr. Jesus Trujillo Lange, a cousin of mine who is connected with the Workingmen's Relief Commission, in San Juan, as to my respectability.

Trusting that you will give me a square deal in this matter, and thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis P. Lange".

(Louis P. Lange)

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Gobierno De Puerto Rico
DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA INSULAR
Cuartel General, San Juan, P.R.

Octubre 21 de 1919

A TODOS LOS OFICIALES DE POLICIA Y DE INMIGRACION:

UNA GRATIFICACION DE TRECIENTOS DOLLARS (\$300.00)
sera pagada por la de captura de la persona abajo descrita, que
es un prefugo de la justicia, esta requisitoriado en Puerto
Rico, por delitos de Escalamiento, Hurto Mayor y Asesinato:

DESCRIPCION:

Hombre: JESUS CRUZ GOMEZ (a) "CHUCHU".
Color, blanco, cara perfilada, pelo negro,
frente ancha, cejas negras, ojos castanos,
nariz perfilada, boca regular, estatura
1 metro y 72 cms., edad, 24 anos, ocupacion
barbero, estado, soltero, natural de Bayamon
P.R., residencia era Bayamon, P.R.

Lo siguiente es una copia exacta de su firma:

Jesus Cruz Gomez.

Este individuo fue convicto por Escalamiento en 1er
Grade y por delito de Agresion con circunstancias agravantes,
siendo castigado a tres (3) anos de presidio En Agosto
7 de 1919, se fugo del presidio de San Juan, P. R. y despues
de su fuga ha cometido varios escalamientos y ademas un asesi-
nato. Este es un criminal de los mas peligrosos.

En caso de ser localizado, arrestese, Detengase y
telegrafiese, con gastos pagaderos por nosotros, al Jefe de la
Policia Insular, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

WALTER F. DOBY

Inspector and Chief of Bureau of Information.

San Juan, Porto Rico.
December 27, 1920.

Mr. George W. Lewis,
Director General Internal Revenue Dept.
Santo Domingo City, D. R.

My dear Captain:

I appreciated your Christmas card so much that I'm going to write you a letter of thanks right away, and also wish for you all the felicitations of the season. I have a feeling that you owe me a letter, though I am not sure whether this feeling arises out of the fact that I really want to hear from you or whether it is a real indebtedness.

I not only wish to hear from you as to your own personal affairs but I want to get your reaction on the investigations and general rumors of gossip as to the Dominican situation. What are your general views as to the policy that ought to be adopted by the American Government and also as to what policy may be adopted by the New Administration? What will likely be the future of the little Republic, whether the right or the wrong policy may be adopted? Has the Military Government already made sufficient progress for the island to continue a pretty fair business development in any event? Or is it likely to have a speedy relapse in case the local people should be given a considerable participation in their own government? I know these questions are somewhat difficult of answer, but I am trying to call out an expression of your own pri-

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vate and personal judgement.

We are all well here at the palace and enjoying a quiet but pleasant Christmas. Col. Townshend has just left Porto Rico after a detail of two or three weeks to take charge of the first encampment of the National Guard. He was highly pleased with the progress we had made in the formation of this organization. And I think we have done very well with it.

Shanton is plugging along as usual. He and I have recently substituted golf for tennis as our exercise game and we both like it very much though not as well as tennis for which we are both getting too old.

My son Dr. Rodes Yager is practicing medicine here in Porto Rico, and he is contemplating right soon to go to Santo Domingo for some people have been telling him great stories about the medical possibilities in that island. Tell me when you write what you know about them; for I feel sure that you know every thing about the island; and Rodes will be glad to get your judgement on this phase of it.

So you see that I have drawn for you the architectural plans and specifications for a rather large letter and I hope you will not be long in filling it out and sending it to me. Many of your old friends are still here and are apparently all well and would join me in wishing for you many happy and prosperous new years; among them I would certainly include all of my family who are here. As you know Holmes + Elizabeth are away at school - Very sincerely your friend,

San Juan, Porto Rico.
February 10, 1921.

Judge J. A. Lopez Acosta,
District Court,
Guayama, P. R.

My dear Judge:

Your letter of February third has been received and I am giving the whole question of the appointment of a new judge for the District Court of Ponce very careful and serious consideration.

With best wishes for you I am

Sincerely yours,

AY/DLY.

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY
LIFE DEPARTMENT
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the terms of the contract a payment will become due and payable as stated below:

Contract No. 140407
Due 1920, Dec. 31 Ann.
Premium \$ 49.87

Knoxville Branch Office

Arthur Yager,
San Juan,


Porto Rico

PAYABLE TO,
or at the Home Office,
Hartford, Connecticut.

J. E. LUTZ & CO., Dist. Agents,
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

PLEASE GIVE NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

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Secretary.

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San Juan, Porto Rico.
January 27, 1921.

J.E. Lutz & Co. Dist. Agents,
The Travelers Insurance Company,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the premium notice in connection with my policy number 140407 and also my check for the amount of the premium forty nine dollars and eighty seven cents (\$49.87). I have postponed attending to this matter in the hope that I might receive the statement as to dividend before sending the check. However, as the time limit for making payment is about to expire and as I wish to continue the policy I am sending the check now, and we can arrange later as to the use to be made of the dividend.

Yours very truly,

AY/ELV.

March 21, 1921.

Mr. C. H. Leathers,
Assistant Cashier, Louisville National Bank,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of certificate
number 144 for nine shares of stock in the Louisville
National Bank belonging to Mrs. Mattill L. Yager.

With best wishes for the bank I am,

Very sincerely yours,

AY/DLY.

P.F.

TELEPHONE, MAIN 4284.

New Cochran Hotel,
14TH AND K STREETS,
OPPOSITE FAMOUS FRANKLIN PARK,
Washington, D. C.
EUGENE S. COCHRAN, MANAGER.

My dear Governor:-

Have just seen the President safely on his way to Europe - and may the Lord bless his efforts!! Never saw him look so well.

Had a long talk with General Walcutt yesterday - and now he knows the situation in P.R. - leastwise he knows as much about it as I do. Don Santiago Iglesias had been in to see the General the day before, hence he came up for discussion - and now somebody knows about him.

I like our new General immensely - made of the right kind of clay, with the wisdom that comes with years to make up a happy combination. I am flattered from

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New Cochran Hotel,

14TH AND K STREETS,

OPPOSITE FAMOUS FRANKLIN PARK,

Washington, D. C.

EUGENE S. COCHRAN, MANAGER.

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 the fact that no two men
 even saw an economic and
 political situation (RR's) ~~at~~
~~more~~ nearly from the same
 angle than he and I. If
 I am not a wretched judge,
 this new general of ours comes
 with some sure-enough work-
 able plans and solutions.

Visited Intelligence Hdqrs.
 of Eastern Department, and here
 also - and it does appear that
 these "Intelligent" people have
 asked to have me detailed
 for duty at the General Hdqrs.,
 whence I may be sent to
 Spain and other places - such
 procedure pleasing my own
 commanding General, who
 seems to be very kindly disposed
 toward me - or else pities me!
 Best wishes to Mrs. J. and Miss Diana.
 If I can spare you while here, command
 me. Sincerely, Geo. O. Lewis

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P.F.

Dear Governor Yager:-

Just a word amid the strenuosity of Training Camps to tell you that you must have thought me a veritable pagan when you received no acknowledge of the magnificent photograph which you delivered to Col. Shanton to pass on to me----at Christmas time! Well----the Colonel, bless his casual soul, forgot all about it until the day before yesterday, when I chanced to be at Government House for a moment, and Mrs. Shanton gave me the picture.

Governor, it was mighty thoughtful of you to remember me among the few to whom you ^{must have} sent a picture, and I want you to know, even thus tardy, that I appreciate it. I shall prize this among my little horde of treasures, for it will always represent a friendship of which I am proud and which I deeply reciprocate.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lewis
Capt. Inf., R. C.

San Juan, P.R.
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