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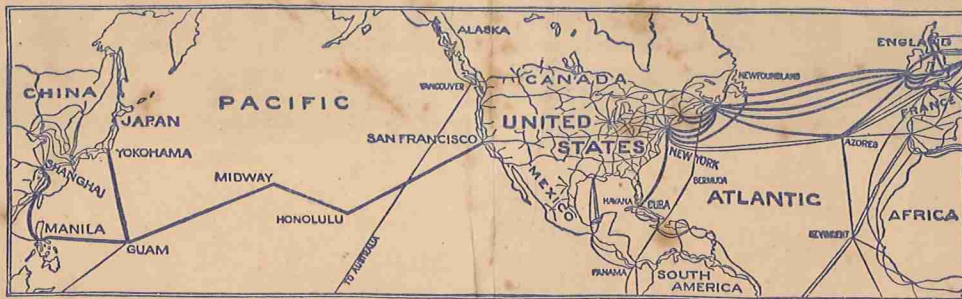
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH—FASTEST SERVICE IN THE WORLD

July 8,
1912.

Hon. George R. Colton,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P.R.

My dear Governor:-

This is to let you know that I arrived safely and that I am again in the saddle. We arrived in Ponce on Thursday 8 o'clock P.M. and started overland next morning. I immediately called on both Carrol and Hippitt so as to be well informed as matters of the plague and offer my services.

The situation, as I understand it from all the talks with different elements, is well in hand but far from being under control.

There have been cases in every section of the City, the old section, the Marina, Puerta de Tierra and Santurce. Puerta de Tierra is conceded to be the pest hole, and although much has been done in the matter of destruction of allshacks where there has been any case, the unhealthy, unsightly characteristic feature of the section remains as before. Dr. Hippitt says that if he should follow his inclination in the premises he would have the whole section destroyed and burned down, but he is confronted with the difficulty of housing the eight or ten thousands people living at present here.

I do not suppose that I am giving you any news as you no doubt will receive true reports from Carroll. But what I am sure you will never know through Carroll is that he has won the love and admiration of the people of San Juan on account of his bravery and devotion to duty when there were very few exposing themselves. I understand that he would be seen daily among the infested districts on horse-back and afoot, inquiring and talking with the people. This is a common report here among the natives.

On the other hand I find that the City Council has done nothing,

with the exception of advising its goods services and deciding to repair the Markets in San Juan and Santarce (which had to done plague or no plague) and the sprinkling of the streets in the night time by the Bomberos. I am going for them today with a communication trying to arouse their civic pride and an suggestion that something be done by the City in this emergency that will place us where we belong, that is as a worthy modern City, and, of course I leave the initiative to them.

I understand that the worst plague is the financial one. The banks have shut down or centrales and business houses generally and I am told that the situation is considered very serious if something is not done to relieve it very soon. If at any time your presence has been needed it is now, not on account of the plague but of ~~the~~ financial situation. There have been meetings tending to help the strain, but I understand that to no avail. People say that if the United States Government helped the panic in 1907 stopping in and loaning the City Bank a few millions, they dont see why the Insular Government cannot help by bringing down the money we have in the Banks in New York. Of course, this is a matter for you to consider and decide, but I must impress on you that the situation is very grave and serious.

As to the political situation, I found that both parties were in the midst of the registration, the Republicans showing in San Juan a decided majority. Our intimate friends, such as Barbosa, Rosny and Sanchez Morales, are more than pleased with the situation and prospects as I have have recounted to them the many talks I have had with you, the President and others on our local situation and what can be expected in the near future. Of course, our situation, as you are well aware, is both internal and external, as we have to deal with our own people and with the Unionists. We must come out on top in the Aguadilla convention, and not only temporarily but permanent. That is why I am relying so much on our last talk in Washington, for if you can only see your way clear to get that appointment made without much loss of time, we will not only win over our Ponce friends but we would be in good shape to go to the elections in November with the certainty

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of winning a substantial number of districts.

On studying the political situation here and the many possibilities for our Party, I have struck on a little plan which I will unfold to you as a suggestion, and I will say in starting that I have not consulted anyone and do not intend to consult anyone about it ^{Law} just putting it up to you for your consideration. I found out that Manuel Casasias is absent in the States where he has gone to have an operation performed on his eyes, an operation which has been pronounced as hopeless. In any event it will take him three or four months before he will be able to return to the Island. The office of Health, Charities and Correction is at present, and has been for some time, run by Mr. Amoxy, when the law provides that a member of the Executive Council shall be the head. My suggestion is this: Can't you appoint Dr. Barbosa (soon after he is confirmed by the Senate) as temporary Director of Charities and Correction during the absence of Casasias? The step in itself would not mean anything, and it would be without prejudice to any other combination for the future as we have talked about. Barbosa would not make a single change in the personnel; and yet the effect would be such that, as far as the Aguadilla convention, we would be sure to win all our points and the rest of the people would commence to think that, after all, it is worth while to be a Republican. I want you to think the matter over and ^{if} you believe in the scheme let me know and I will then speak to Dr. Barbosa who has always been adverse to accepting any office which might keep him tied down to a desk.

I hope you are better and sufficiently recovered to be prepared for the strenuous work you have before you on coming back to the Island.

Let us have the benefit of your opinion about the political situation after the nomination of Wilson. Will Roosevelt still form the third party?

What are the chances of Taft as against Wilson and Roosevelt?

Regards and love of them for both yourself and Miss Colton, and without any further I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,