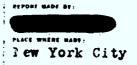
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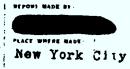
Received the following telegram from Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill .:

> "Please call me on long distance tomorrow morning before ten o'clock. 4700.

"Sunned. No record at Postal Commercial and Western Union refuse to make search without sub-poena. French Cable search shows nothing for dates given. Will make effort to locate through other cable companies."

> New York Office. Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicego, Ill.

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During the day I called upon the following named cable companies: Commercial Cable, Western Union Telegraph Co., French Cable Co., Anglo\*American Cable Co., U. S. Direct Cable Co.

I arranged to have these companies make a search of their files for all cablegrams between January 19th and 24th, sent either by the Chicago Examiner, New York Journal, or New York American to London, England, and any replies received from said

The Western Union Telegraph Co. control the Anglo-American and U. S. Direct Cable Companies, as well as its own cable, and the one search will cover all three companies.

Later in the day the Commercial Cable Co. reported to this office that they had succeeded in finding one cablegram, a copy of which was furnished to Div. Supt. The other cable companies will report the result of their search tomorrow morning.

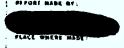
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC :

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During the day the French Caple Co. reported to me that a search of their files had been made and no cablegrams had been found by them. This search covered from the 19th of January to the 24th inclusive. The Western Union Telegraph Co. reported to me that they had found one cablegram, but could not divulge the contents of same unless called before the Grand Jury. Accordingly I arranged for a representative of the Western Union Telegraph Co. to produce the cablegram at 2 o'clock this afternoon before the Grand Jury. At that hour Div. Suptwas present, and the said cablegram was turned over to the U.S. Attorneys office in the Grand Jury room. The contents of this cablegram was communicated to the Chicago office of bureau by Div. Supt.

New York Office Jas. L. Bruff, Chicago.Ill

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J. L. Braff

Feb. 5, 1914

Chicago, Ill.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIENCE, PLACES VISITED, FOR

Was called on the long distance telephone this morning by the New York office, in accordance with my telegraphic request of last night. I talked with and told him how important it was that the records of the cable companies should be examined, and suggested to Mr. Offley, through that forthwith grand jury subpoenas be issued for the cable officials to produce all cablegrams passing from the Chicago Examiner, or allied interests, to the London or Paris correspondent of said paper, whose names I gave him. He stated that he would take my suggestion up immediately with United States Aftorney Marshall, and would let me know at once should anything of importance develop, and I informed Asst. U. S. Attorney Stansbury to this effect.

In the afternoon the New York office again called me on the long distance and stated that the records of the Commercial Cable Company had been examined and under date of January 24th was found a cablegram from London, addressed to "The Journal", New York, to be transmitted to Chicago, reading as follows:

"Johnson doesn't know whereabouts.

The last he knew of him was when he had fled through Canada. Johnson knows nothing of his dealings. Nobody in Paris knows (Balance of cablegram refers to other matters.)"

This telephone message was, at my request, confirmed by telegraph, so that I could produce the message before the Grand Jury, if desired.

In accordance with instructions received from the Chief, I conferred with Mr. Dewoody, concerning his accounts, which last week the Grand Jury desired me to produce. Mr. Dewoody had no objection whatsoever to having same examined by the jurors, and I then conferred with Mr. Stansbury. He told me that the Grand Jury was entirely

Chicago and New York offices.

In Re GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION (Cont'd)

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satisfied with Dewoody's explanation of his accounts, and suggested that for the purpose of reassuring the Chief and the Department, it would be well to send a telegram containing this information. I therefore wired the Chief as follows:

"Telegram received. Not now necessary to produce accounts. Assistant United States Attorney Stansbury, in charge of investigation, confidentially informs me: Quote, Grand Jury entirely satisfied with Dewoody's explanations of his accounts. End quote. Stansbury suggested this telegram for purpose reassuring you and the Department."

Mr. Stansbury expressed himself as being greatly pleased and gratified with the work of the Bureau on this present investigation.

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At Chicago:

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From Div. Supt. Offley I today received the following telegram:

"Western Union has following cablegram dated January twenty second from Chamberlain, Chicago Examiner, quote: Interview Jack Johnson who and how much he paid to arrange his getaway from Chicago. Very important to get quickly. End quote. Cablegram addressed to C. P. Pewson, London, and sent one twenty six a. m."

I communicated the contents of this telegram to <u>United</u>
States Attorney Wilkerson and Assistant U. S. Attorney
Stansbury.

Chicago office

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#### GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION Chicago, Illinois

Received-9 P.M .- following telegram from Division Superintendent Bruff:

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Please continue searching cable records. Extremely important. Secure all messages from foreign correspondents Re Johnson matter. Especially for January twenty second and twenty third and February fifth.

All cable companies have reported that search of their records to and including January twenty fourth fails to disclose any messages except the two covered by previous reports.

These companies will not disclose any information except under process of subpoens, which makes it impossible to act to-night.

Subpoens will be secured, however, temmorrow morning and will be served by Agent who is family who is familiar with the information desired.

Received copy report of Superintendent Bruff for the 4th instant.

> New York office of Bureau Division Superintendent Bruff, Chicago

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J. L. Bruff

Chicago, Ill.

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Feb. 9, 1914

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#### GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

At Chicago:

Prepared for United States Attorney memorandum setting forth in chronological order telegraphic correspondence carried on between the Chicago and New York offices of the Bureau, relative to the searching of cable records in New York City.

Wired Div. Supt. Offley, as per copy attached hereto. Also wrote the New York office, copy of which letter is annexed.

Chicago office

Chicago, 111. February 9, 1914 JLB/EWM 3:80 P.C.

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Received the following telegram from Division Superintendent Bruff, Chicago, Ill:

"Absolutely imperative to have final report from you re Johnson cablegrams by noon tomorrow. Please wire immediately result of search to date."

Subpoenss have already been served upon the cable companies for the production of messages, and an effort will be made to hurry the return.

Superintendent Bruff will be advised by telegraph of the result.

Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill. New York Office.



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J. L. Bruff

Chicago, Ill.

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Feb. 10, 1914

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#### In Re GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

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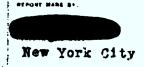
As it is expected that the Grand Jury will complete its consideration of the matters heretofore carried under the above heading not later than tomorrow. I was requested by the United States Attorney to secure from the New York office a final report as to the results of the search being made of cable company records. I therefore wired Div. Supt. Offley:

"Absolutely imperative to have final report from you re Johnson cablegrams by noon tomorrow. Please wire immediately result of search to date."

(See copy of memorandum prepared for the use of the United States Attorney's office, attached hereto.)

Chicago office

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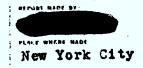
I called upon the Commercial Cable Co., Western Union Telegraph Co. and French Cable Co. and requested that search of their records be made for all cablegrams coming from foreign correspondence of the Hearst newspapers on January 22d and 23d, and February 5th.

The search of the Western Union Telegraph Cs. will also include the Anglo-American Cable Co. and the U.S. Direct Cable Co.

I was informed by these various cable companies that when they last made a search a few days ago that this search included January 22d & 23d, and at the time the search was being made, the party doing the searching was on the lookout for all cablegrams regardless of to whom addressed or the sender, and watch was made for cablegrams containing any matter relative to the Johnson case, and the result of this search has been communicated to this office. In view of this the only date now left to be searched would be February 5th, and the cable companies stated they would apprise this office of the result tomorrow morning.

New York Office
Jas. L. Bruff, Div. Supt. Chicago

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This morning the Commercial Cable Co., and the French Cable Co. reported to me that a search of their records failed to show any cablegrams for the dates mentioned in subpoena served upon these companies yesterday.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., late this afternoon, reported that a cablegram containing 260 edd words had been found, relative to the Jack Johnson matter. The company, however, refused to turn over the copy, or divulge its contents, other than before the Grand Jury. A clipping from the "Chicago "Examiner" had been sent this office by Division Superintendent Bruff, containing a cablegram relative to the Johnson case. I brought the contents of this cablegram to the attention of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and while they would not admit directly fix that the copy they had located was the same, they intimated strongly to me that it was. Arranged with the Western Union Co. to produce the said copy on Friday morning, before the Grand Jury. Reported the result of my conversation with the Western Union Co. to Asst. Div. Supt., who communicated the same by telegraph to the Chicago office of Bureau.

New York Office. Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill.

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Fob. 13,1914.

#### In Re General Grand Jury Investigation

#### TEMBER OF OPERATIONS, ENDERICE COLLECTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED ETC At Chicago, Ill.

Received from the New York Office reports of Agent for February 5th and February 6th, Assistant Divi-sion Superintendent for February 3rd and 4th. Also the following two telegrams from Division Superintendent Offley:

"Telegram received. Cable and telegraph companies report no messages dates referred to your wire of minth. Western Union is now searching fourth and sixth instant."

"Western Union reports finding cablegram, but refuses to divulge contents except before Grand Jury, which will not convene again until thirteenth instant. They state cable-gram to be one hundred sixty odd words and intimate contents to be as published Chicago Examiner sixth.instant, as appears in clipping enclosed your letter ninth."

With reference to the messages received from New York and other matters pertaining in a general way to the abovementioned investigation, I conferred several times during the course of the day with Assistant United States Attorney Charles and was otherwise engaged in obtaining information for him on the investigation under discussion.

Chicago Office & New York Office.

COPE OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

J. L. Bruff Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 12,1914. Feb. 14,1914.

#### GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

#### At Chicago, Ill.

Charles, was handed what purports to be an original cablebram received by the Chicago Examiner relative to an alleged interview had with <u>Jack Johnson</u> in Faris, and was requested by <u>Mr. Charles</u> to forward same to Division Superintendent <u>Offley</u> at New York so that a definite, certain, sworn statement could be secured from Western Union officials as to whether the message enclosed is genuine. See copy of letter sent <u>Mr. Offley</u>, which is attached heroto.

Chicago Office & WM. OFFLEY, B. Y.

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Wm M Offley

Hew York City

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GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIBATION Chicago, Illinois.

Telegraphed Division Superintendent Bruff-2-11-14:

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.,

Telegram received. Cable and Telegraph Companies report no messages dates referred to your wire of ninth. Western Union is now searching fourth and sixth instant

> New York office of Bureau Division Superintendent Bruff.

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J. L. Bruff

Pob. 4, 1914.

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Fob. 5, 1914.

Chicago, Ill.

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#### GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION

At Chicago, Ill.

A large part of my time today was taken up in conferences with members of the United States Attorney's staff on the above matter. In the early forencon I received the following telegram from Division Superintendent Offley:

"Telegram received. No record at Postal. Commercial Cable and Western Union refused to make search without subpoens. French Cable search shows nothing for dates given. Will make effort to locate through other cable companies.

(signed) Offley."

As the investigation is now fast drawing to a close, I was requested by the United States Attorney to send the following telegram to Mr. Offley:

"Please advise me immediately relative matter referred to by me in telegram second instant."

This telegram was dictated by Assistant United States Attorney Charles and later, when I took up the matter of the New York Investigation of the Cable Companies with Mr. Stansbury, who is presenting the facts to the Grand Jury, he did not appear to think that the telegrams sent to New York properly presented the subject of inquiry. My telegram of the second instant was prepared entirely by Assistant United States Attorney Charles. Charles also dictated my second telegram to Mr. Offley. At the time the matter was first presented to me. I suggested to Mr. Charles that, in view of the urgency and importance of ascertaining the true facts, the New York Office should be advised to have subpoense duces tecum issued for all the

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Cable Companies in New York to produce all messages in any way relating to the investigation. Ur. Charles did not agree with me as to the necessity of incorporating a suggestion of this cature in the telegram, therefore, it was omitted. In the afternoon, however, Mr. Stansbary, in charge of the investigation, was quite strongly of the opinion that my suggestion should have been adopted, and it was upon his urgent request that I attempted to get into communication with Division Superintendent Offley by telephone.

Owing to Mr. Offley's absence from the Office, I was unable to reach him and I later wired for him to call me on the long distance telephone before ten è'clock tomorrow.

Late at night the following telegram from the Chief was phoned to me at my home:

"Letter second regarding accounts DeWoody received. Desire give Grand Jury all information possible, which will not prejudice any prosecution or violate confidences any informants, etc. Please go over accounts Dewoody with him and Wilkerson and advise whether anything contained therein should not be made known Grand Jury. (signed)

Bielaski."

I will tomorrow confer with Mr. Stansbury, Assistant United States Attorney, and ascertain whether he wishes me to appear before that body with Mr. DeWoody's accounts, or for any other purpose, and will wire the Chief the result of such conference.

Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1116 JUB/EFA 8:200.4.

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Received following telegram from Division Superintendent Bruff, Chicago, (dated 2-4-14):

Please call me on long distance temmerrow morning before ten o'clock. forty seven hundred.

Assistant Division Superintendent talked with Superintendent Bruff as requested, and in compliance with his request, agent secured from the United States Attorney here subposed duess tecum for the production of any ablegrams from the Chicago Examiner between January 19 and 23 to its London correspondent, and of any replies between January 20 and 24, 1914.

Bervies was ande by Agent to the Sesters Union Telegraph Company, the Commercial Gable Company, the Prench Cable Company and the U.S. Direct Cable Company.

A representative of the Commercial Cable Company later called at this office and exhibited a copy of a cable gram from London.

Telephoned Superintendent Fruit and read copy, and at his request later telegraphed him as follows:

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New York office of Bureau Division Superintendent Bruff, Chicago. 1-111 REPORT FORM NO. 1.

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Chicago, Illinois,

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The Western Union Telegraph Company advised this effice that it had found one cablegram within the terms of the subposes, but declined to produce the same except before the grand jury here. Arrangements were made by agent with Assistant United States Attorney Content to examine the witness before that bedy and secure copy of the cablegram in question, which was done.

It was stated by witness that when the wire was received, it was immediately Exceed the operative of the New York Journal, who occupies a desk in the office of the telegraph company, and transmits messages by direct wire.

The Telegraph Company has only a tissue copy of the message.

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Western Union has following cablegram dated January 22 from Chamberlain, Chicago Examiner-quote- Interview Jack Johnson who and how much he paid to arrange his gut-e-vor from Chicago. Very important to got quickly-cut que co-collegram addressed to Markett Lendon, and cont Out the cax A.H.

New York office of Bureau Division Superintendent Bruff. JAMES L. BRUPP.

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February 3, 1914.

A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq.,

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,

Department of Justice.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are some clippings from recent issues of the "Chicago Examiner."

Very truly yours,

Division Superintendent.

Enclosures.

Original

REPORT MADE BY J. L. Bruff

Feb. 2, 1914

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SOAR WARE BAGE

Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 4, 1914

In Re GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

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At Chicago:

That Hem Youk office was requested by Assistant U. Attorney Charles to obtain certain information from New York relative to cable grams alleged to have been sent and received by the Chicago Examiner of this city. Accordingly I wired Biv. Supt. Offley:

tiret, addressed Chicago, January twenty-tiret, addressed P. Paris, France, signed Chicago Examiner, requested interview Jack Johnson relative to departure from United States. Reply to seme dated January twenty-third. Unable to find record here in offices of Postal or Western Union Telegraph Companies showing transmittal or receipt of messages re-ferred to. Please investigate in New York purpose of Setermining whether or not above messages were sent or received. Important."

In view of the investigation made by the United States Atterney in this city, it is believed that the messages supposed to have been transmitted and received by the newspeper named may have been "faked."

Chicago office

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J. L. Bruff
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Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 3, 1914 Feb. 6, 1914

#### In Re GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

At Chicago:

Wrote Div. Supt. Offley, at New York, copy of which letter is submitted with this report.

In the forencen I received the following telegram from Mr. Offley:

"Telegram received. Matter under investigation. Will wire you result."

Asst. U. S. Attorney Charles suggested that if the New York office is unable to locate the cablegrams purporting to have passed between the Chicago Enaminer and its Paris correspondent, that it might be well to examine the files of the other cable companies, namely, the French and the German. He also stated that the officers of the Chicago Province claim to have a likesed wire between New York and Chicago can for this reason the messages did not pass over the Restern Union or Postal commercial wires. Even if this be so the messages, if existant, should be in the files of one of the cable companies at New York.

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Chicago, January 26, 1914.

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Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, Department of Justice, Washington, D. J.

Dear Sir:

At the request of

our Washington correspondent, we are sending you herewith copies of the Chicago Examiner
bearing upon the subject matter published in connection with the office of the Department of Justice in Chicago and the District Attorney's office.

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RE: ALLEGED BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION

WITH ESCAPE OF JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, Convicted of Violation of Mann Act.

At Chicago, Ill.

The Chicago Examiner in its issue of January 19,1914 published an article entitled "SIX FEDERAL OFFICIALS HERE FACE EXPOSURE", alleging payment of money to government in connection with the flight officials by of Jack Johnson after conviction of violation of the Mann Act, end since then the "Examiner" has published articles and fac-similes of checks purporting to be made payable to former Assistant U. S. Attorney's and and and Assistant U. S. Attorney H. A. Parkin, also U. S. Commissioner Wark A. Foote and drawn by ments oredited to the officials named, it is claimed these payments were made either as loans of for professional ser vices. Fermer Division Superintendent Dewendy is elso named in the charges but not as having received money from the articles also charge that Jack Johnson conferred with or oslled on some high, unnamed government official the day prior to his departure for Europe and various other charges of a victous nature.

In commention herewith it may be well to state that has been a fugicive from the State Courts for over a month, he having fled to parts unknown after his private bank was found to he without funds and a receiver appointed for the institution; and since then the for loans in a claimed, his been enterprint to meover longs. By invests or chieffeld for unlawful purposes. The downmentary evidence covering transactions with the efficiels is said to have been turned over to Delta States attamper Milkerson.

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CHICAGO, ILL. October 17th

#### Confidential.

A. B. Bielaski, Esq., Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Bickaski:-

Your favor of the 15th. inst. received. and in reply I beg to advise you that the data referred to is a number of leads, which if carefully run out will no doubt develop some facts relative to Devoody's Sondipt during the past year. One of the things I have in mind is a neney considerable in the Johnson Case. Another is his secondation with dertain so-called "Vice Leadure", and still another is his association with secondation with secondation of questionable character.

In my mind the only way that this matter could be successfully handled is to assign some one to
run it out, and I would place him in teach with people who
know something about the facts I refer to. I have been
select several times to were up this dath for certain newspapers, as well as others, but have declined for the reason
that I feared that there would be a cry of revenge raised,
as I understand that he has told a number of people that he
fired me because I was crooked.

Since I took up the position of Impector of Empel Conditions, for the city of Chicas. I have here a number of masses that he was protecting certain people in the old Vide District. Only yesterday I was told that he and Mayers powered up on a Mann let violation. I have evidence that there was a violation, and I understand that your records show that an investigation was started, but was droped about three days after one of those accused made the statement that they could reach Dewoody. At any rate it bears investigation, in my mind, for I know that I would investigate if such a rumor was aftest regarding any of my men.

If you cannot, or do not care, to send some one here on this matter, advise me and I will do the best I can by submitting my leads to you in a letter. You of course realise that when writing a man leaves out certain details that sometimes are very valuable to the one making the investigation.

Very truly yours,

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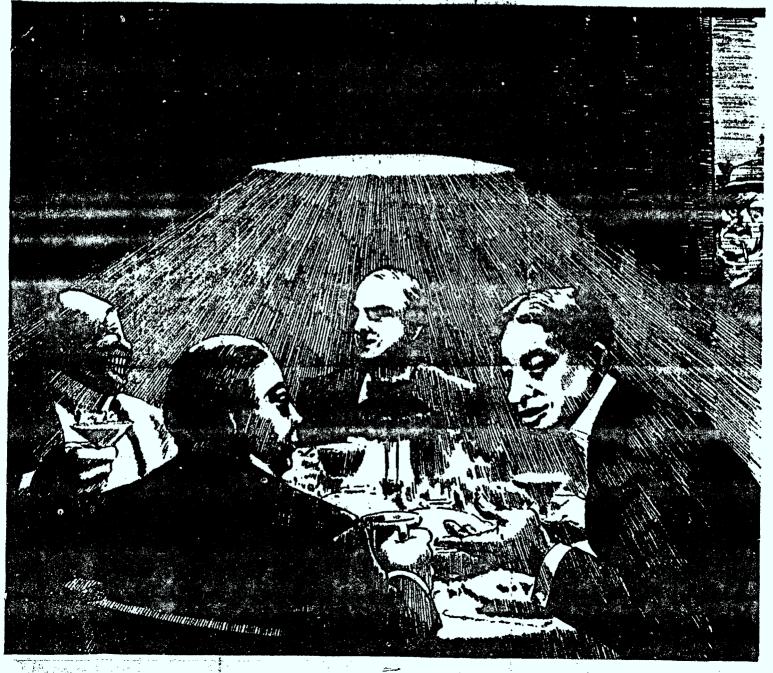
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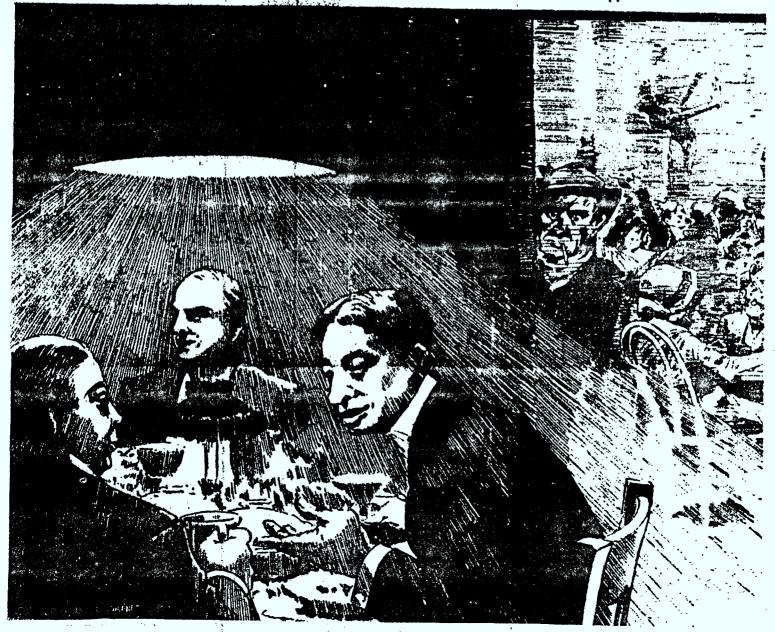
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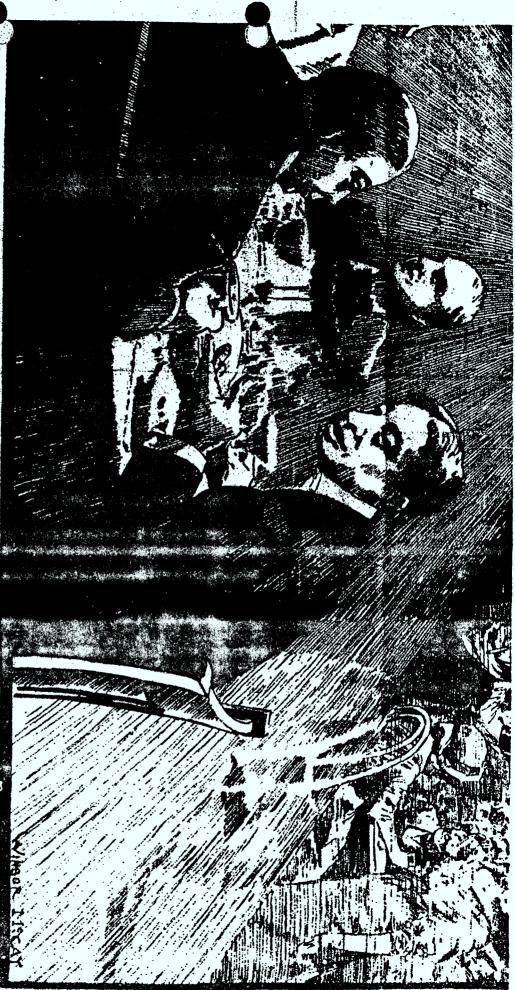


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CHICKEN DINNER—The host, "Jack" Johnson; the guests, Special Assistant rney Harry Parkin; Investigator for the U. S. Department of Justice Charles F. Woody, and "Sol" Lewinsohn, bail bond shark and absconding banker.





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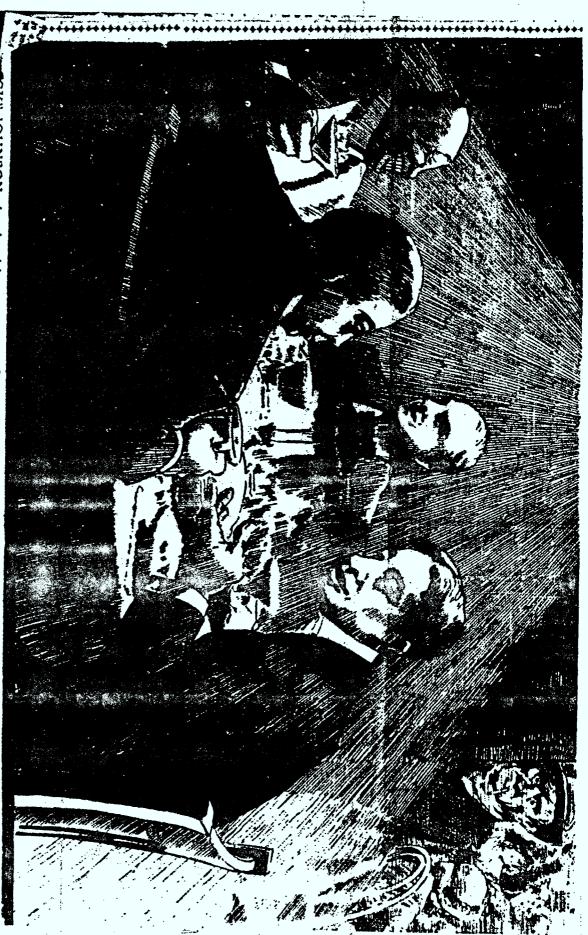
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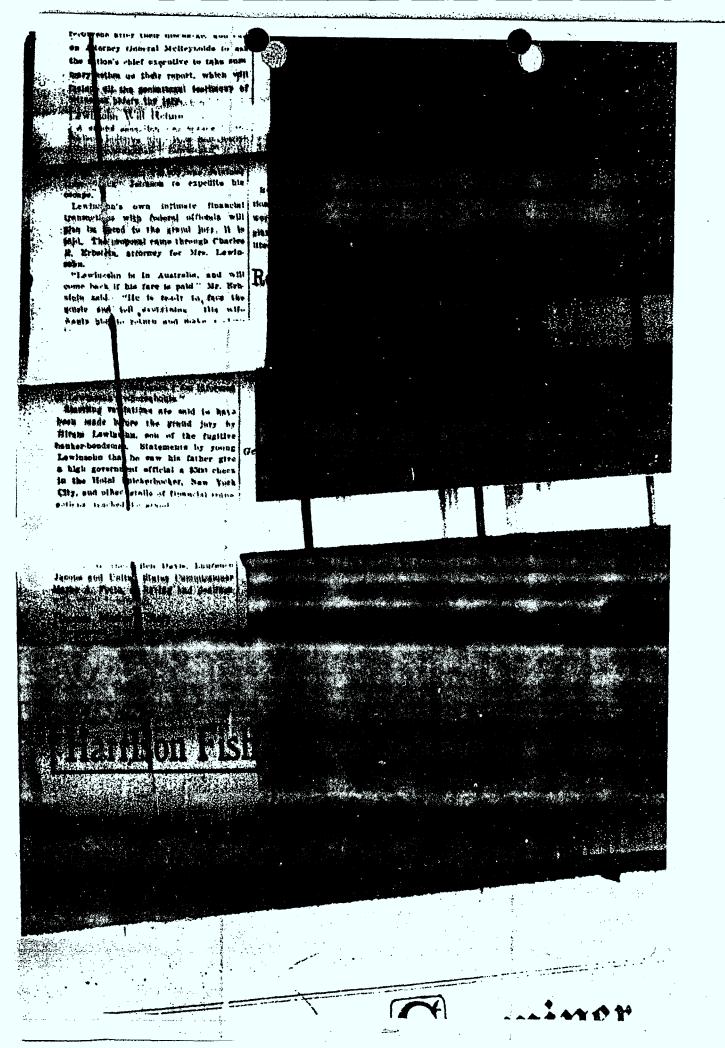
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September 8, 1937.

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3/-2/899-2 Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois.

Deer Sir:

Reference to made to your letter to the bureau dated March 2, 1937, with which was transmitted an Interesting Sease write-up propered by Special Agent in the case of JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, alias Jack Johnson; Wister, WHITE SIAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

The Bureau is mable to locate the file covering investigation of this case which led to the conviction and suntenaing of Johnson. The Bureau desires to be furnished with the investigative file from your office upon which this interesting Case was predicated.

Yesy truly yours,

Mareld Mathen, Achimtent Director.



Post Office Box 812 Chicago Illincia

October 7, 1957

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Weshington, D.C.

Deer Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1939, (Bureau file 94-4-58) requesting that there be transmitted to the Bureau the file of this office in the case of John Arthur Johnson alias Just Johnson; Victor; White Slave Traffic Act.

This is to savise that the shows membered file is being forwarded heresith.

Tow will nate that the enclosed file is not acceptate, and diligent search has failed to least exything additional. The information set forth in the interesting case prepared by Special Agent (Enclosed file, but largely secured from the files of the U.S.Atterney, Chicago, Illineis, and the records of the U.S.District Court.

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John Arthur Johnson, a posserfully built more yagilist, the use better known to the public as Johnson, became the beneguright champion of the world on July 4, 1936, by defeating dense J. Joffrice, at Sune, Nevede. This fight had climated a member of successful fights by Johnson, including the defeat of Al Keffma at San Francisco on September 9, 1909, and Stanley Ketchel at the same place on Outster 18, 1909.

Following the defeat of Joffrice, Johnson toured the north and east in the United States, appearing in venderille. He had a weakuses for white prestitutes and sarried top or three of them with him while traveling about the country. As early as Jeptember, 1900, when I une training at Son Francisco, for his fight with Al Saffman and later with Stanley Estable at the same place, he had with him Sten Daryon, tehelist of mile was pile, femeriexchangles thinage, Disnets, and many other places. erty in 1910. he shibutos, 1644 Purum d to inch in his porty when traveling with his wife. He has removed for the source he became angry. Peta Duryon them he would no about charles one that to badly by his of the Polita Shoots Alliante, that she had to be taken to a hespital for total viotin it a with alove come in which which a trial that Jehman best her on an average of eace a week, freq or eyesty said that on one consider he beet her with an east ad blue and the had be remain in hed for me block a then the boundary was such as visite of his brutality, but the hand later married a hard working farmer manes

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In the summer of 1818 he become acquainted with a white girl nessed continuous cigitaes years of age, who had recently some from Himsespelie to Chicago. This girl was in his company a great deal and he introduced her as his stenographer although it is highly probable that the never worked for him in this appealty. Johnson opened a black and tan onfo at Chicago, Illinois, on July 10, 1912. This cafe was located at 41 Next flat Street, and was called the Cafe de Champlen, and Johnson held court each evening at this cafe where slumming particle of white people and local celebrities were greated by him. Hro. Jack Johnson, the faguer Etta Duryen, recided in the living quarters over the oafe and was in teach with Johnson's affairs with white weren, particularly with the season who has been mentioned above, and on September 12, 1811, Johnson's white wife, 8tta, shot and killed heroold in her apartment. It was believed

she was prompted to take her life because of jouleusy of

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Pallouing the death of his wife, Johnson continued his Mis affairs were extracting so much attairs with French America of Investigation, United Department of Justice, became interested in the matter and began an estimation of his notivities, and the them United States Attorney dense in Wilherson, new Enited States Bistrict Aday, totiles to processes if sufficient evidence to show a vicintian of the Wite Siare Braffie Act use estained. Johnson learned that Agents of the Pederal Durous of Investigation were therine eridence against him and be s the course of Poderal with that his affair with topological ( ) and the state provide the traveled nith diseas in 1800, 1800, and 1911, who was then an innate of a bound of prochibetion in what was then busin so Regime's division in Bushington, D. C. At that W s the had been dispuried by Johanen and felt bitter toward him. She use brought to Chicago, Illinois, and testified before the Pederal Grand Jury: On April 80, 1815, a Federal Grand Jury at Chicage, Illinois, indicted Johnson, chatcing his with transportation and aiding in the transportation of from Pitteburgh. Pennsylvania, to Chicago, Illianie, of vector 15, 1910, The indich contained ton counts, counts lo 2, 8, 4, 7 and 9 charging transportation for an immoral purpose, to wit, for the purpose of prostitution, and sounts 5, 8 and 10 charging immoral purpose, to wit, for purpose of having unlawful seemal intersecree with here. Fallowing a not guilty plea, Johnson me placed on trial on may 5, 1912, before Yederal Jedge Carpenter.

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testified that in April, 1909, while she was an imate of the Everleigh Club, a house of prostitution at Chicago, Illinois, Johnson some in and talked with her requesting her to meet him the following day at the house of one Marshall, a negret that she not him at the appointed place where she had conval relations with him. She then began to accompany him on various trips which he took to various places in the country. Goodsianally Stin Duryon and d which been with him, all cocumring about the some relative relativements and all white women o further testified that following Johnson's flight with Stanley asserts in the fall of 1900, the had, as had Itte Duryon, when he later married, and se, when he later married, and the second bear taken by sen to Berton, Massachnestte, Philodelphia, Panerylvania, and many other places; that in October 1910, he had suggested to har that she open a house of prochibation of her our and premised to furnish the place for her, that shortly after this ecoveration she left him and became an immate of a sporting house at littsburgh, leanny transa, operated by two sisters on Second Piroch; that the evening prior to October 18, 1910, one of these staters informed her that she had a long distance call for her; that she assured the phone and found that it was Johnson, that after the conversation with Johnson the was tald to pack up and leave by this cirtury that she either telephoned or wired Johnson the two in some term in Promy/yearin, telling him of her predicately, at which time he reglied by centing her \$200,00 by Protal Telegraph, with a moseage directing her to go to Chicago and remain at a designated place with he come to Chicago later, eliming the telegran "deak"; that the eached the newsy order at Pittsburgh, "tempfivenia, in the presence of her science unid, and with the present paid for her force to things, telding the present that the cult calored maid with hery that the tetral we make the Patty-French hallward, and upon carriving in Chicago all most to the delignated place on deliness had inchreated. Schools arrived in things two or three days inter-

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the services of two wases so immates; that she herself also engaged in prostitution; that Johnson was a frequent visitor to her apartment and had sexual fulations with her; that she kept her apartment open wrill rebrussy ifil, when she alosed it since it was not a prefitable venture. She further testified that after alosing this apartment she followed Johnson to various points in the morth and east there she not him by arrangement and finally they separated.

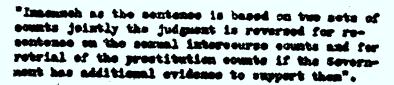
One of the sisters, above mentioned, the operated a house of providentian on Second Street in Pitteburgh, Punnsylvania, testified that that the same wing the same we an imate of her house, that one oraning in October, 1910, she we informed by telephone by a male value that "This is shek inhusen, chargies of the weight and I make a clear wire", like inquired that he mented and me told he manted to talk to the first and finished talking to the provident the plant of the man calling the the magnetic that the part of the man calling the the magnetic that the part of the part of the part of the part of the mented with magnet and that we would have to leave at once.

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On May 18, 1918, the defendant we found guildre On July 6, 2018, a metion for a new total we overvaled and a sentence of one year and and the Major State Positionticry and a fine of \$1,000,000 was imposed by Judge George As Corpository A stay of emountion of 90 days was grained Johnson for the purpose of filing a hill of emophisms and the defendant was admitted to bill in the sun of \$15,000,000. On June 15, 1918 the United States Positioniary at Leavenerth, Masses, was designated as the place of confinments.

An appeal was taken in the Circuit Court of Appeals and docksted there on Ame 13, 1915. The appeal was heard James 7, 1916 and on April Mg 1916, an opinion was handed down by Judge Daker, upholding the judgment of the lower court in part and overruling 14 in part in the following language:

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The Government immediately filed a potition for rehearing which was granted, after which the court adhered to the opinion proviously rendered and its mandate was filed in the lever court, July Si, 1914. The defendant was notified to appear August 7, 1914.

On August 7, 1914, the trial on the prostitution counts was set for Outsber 3, 1914, and new bond in the sum of \$15,000,00 was ordered within twenty days. On Outsber 8, 1914, then the once was called, the defendant failed to appear, thereupon a proceeding was instituted by the United States against the defendant, and a conditional Judgment was entered against Johnson and his bendance. On November 19, 1914, the above judgment was made final and it was subsequently paid, evidently with interest, in three installments as follows: September 7, 1918, 54,044.00; December 18, 1915, \$2,180.00; June 12, 1917, \$9,372.04.

Pollowing the conviction Johnson fled to Trance and on June 14, 1914, at Paris, defeated Frank Herans. He west to take later and an April 8, 1915, he was defeated by June Villard in tenety-six remains at Harisame, leading by this fight the champtenskip of the world. He then returned to France where he a defeated champion he was no larger the drawing early he had been. His income deinfiled and finally he occupied a prospert at Hatrid, spain, for his return to the United States, and servived at Harman, Cuba, an Harch 1, 1986. He then proceeded to Harisag where he gave beeing metal by Pederal Justice of Inspectionia, States, the United States, the United States being metal by Pederal Justice of Inspection of the Pederal Hurses of Inspection by telephone and expressed a desire to surrounder. He stated, homeour, that he would surrounder only an condition that he was not to be placed under arrout, would be taken at once to thiologic, Illianing and would not be headenfulled on the trip to that place or subjected to any insignition. The Greetal Agent of the Pederal Bureau of Installation from justice; that if he orecast the berdurints the United States he would be apprehensed, and that the precedure fate the Datted States he would be apprehensed, and that the precedure religiousing his arrount would be excluding in accordance with the law-

in July 20, 1,20, Johnson, surrendered at Tim Jame, Mexico, to the Shoriff of Lee Angeloe, Galifernia, and accompanied the Shoriff to the Mexican border, where Johnson was turned over to a Deputy United States Marshal and a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Johnson thereafter being placed in the County Jail at Lee Angeloe, California.

On July 21, 1920, Johnson was brought before the United States District Judge at Los Angeles, California, who erfored Johnson removed to Chicago, Illinois. He left Los Angeles on July 21, 1920 for Chicago, where he was delivered to the United States Harshal at that place.

On September 14, 1980, Johnson use brought before United States District Judge George A. Carpenter and re-contended to serve a year and a day at the Federal Positentiary at Leavenmenth, Kaness, and pay a fine of \$1,000,000. On the same date a mello present use entered as to sounts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9, which were the prestitution counts in the indistance. On September 19, 1980, Johnson use Solivered to the Warden of the Federal Femitentiary at Leavenmenth, and on July 18, 1981, the first of \$1,000,000 use paid by the Sefendante

The Possible of the Identification Division of the Pologial Surem of Importagation reflect no other orinizal record for Johnson other than his imprisonment in the United States Positiontiary at Leavenurth, Ennes, in compution with this case. These records indicate that he was received at the United States Positiontiary, Leavenurth, Rannas, on September 19, 1988, and was gifteness therefrom on July 9, 1988, upon expiration of his combance.