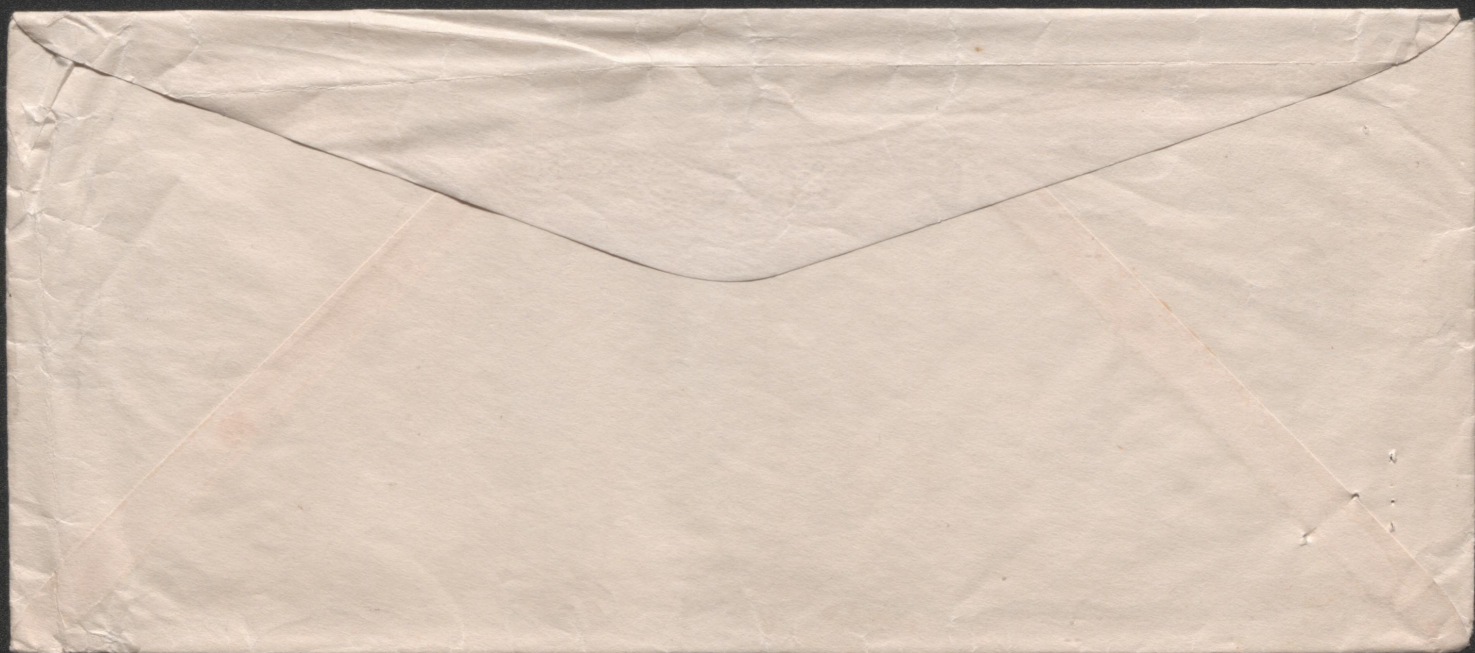


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BECAUSE OF MRS LLOYDS INSISTENCE FOR THREE MONTHS THAT I
MARRY HER AND HER STAY HERE TOGETHER WITH OTHER MATER AS WELL AS YOUR
AND MRS ROSE RELATIONSHIP WITH CANEY WHICH IS SPURIOUS I AM
GOING TO EXPOSE THE ENTIRE THING MONDAY WHAT IS YOUR DEFENSE ANSWER
HILLTOP INK

CHARLES E CAKE.

TELEPHONE NO.

TELEPHONED TO

12:20 PM W. C. 12:40 PM
Office

Case #1323
Operatives #1, 3, 102.
Sept 17th, 1918, & Sept 18th, 1918.

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to submit the following from the report of Operatives #1, 3, 102, for Tuesday, and Wednesday.

"Operative #1 upon receiving a telephone message from Hon. John E. Bruce to call at his office in the Masonic Temple Building N. E. Corner 3rd & Walnut. I called there and upon my arrival I was shown a letter from Mr. Frederick E. Bruce of 644 Prospect Avenue S. E. Cleveland Ohio, also a copy of a telegram sent from Cincinnati September 15th 1918 to Mr. Frederick E. Bruce Cleveland Ohio from one Charles E. Cake of a threatening nature.

Hon. John E. Bruce requested a thorough investigation made as to who Charles E. Cake is and to be done in a diplomatic way not to cause any newspaper notoriety or publicity of any character pertaining to this investigation. I immediately returned to our office and in company with Operative #3 went to the Government building and consulted Mr. Edward Bruce, U. S. Assistant District Attorney, and outlined to Mr. Bruce a course of our intentions to pursue in this investigation, and he heartily agreed with us. We then called upon Mr. Morgan Griswold Post Office Inspector, and explained our mission, and he readily agreed to co-operate with us in our undertaking. We then called an automobile and went to Walnut Hills, and went to the Hill Top Inn, 3529 Gilbert Avenue west side of street, a short distance north of Peebles Corner, and found that this was a fashionable boarding house conducted by a lady by the name of Haslam. Its a three story stone front and is owned by Stanley Lawson, President of the National Brass Works, who resides on Granden Road, east Walnut Hills. We made inquiries for one Charles E. Cake and was told that he had a room there, but was not in and did not know when he would return, and they had no idea if he was employed or not, and that he was in the habit of sleeping until very late in the day and did not return until a late hours of the morning, but had been seen

frequently in the neighborhood by other guests of this boarding house going in and out of saloons. We then put in several hours taking in the neighboring places including the Hotel Alms, in search of the subject.

At the Hotel Alms we were told that the subject had been there frequently for the past ten days or so, and that the last time he was there was Monday night September 16th, under the influence of drug, and that he had not been there since, and that on September 11th a lady by the name of Lloyd in company with another lady had been at this Hotel for luncheon, and put in considerable time around the Hotel that day telephoning, and that the night clerk of the Alms Hotel, Ed Scott seemed to be very much interested in these ladies, as Scott was an old friend of Cake's, they had served in the army together. On the night of the 11th Scott disappeared abandoning his position as night clerk after robbing the cash drawer. We were told at the Hotel by the manager that they had reason to believe that Scott had left Cincinnati in company with Mrs. Lloyd and her companion for Kentucky, after robbing their money drawer. We then took up the investigation with reference with Scott and found that he had roomed at 2600 Alms Place, with a lady by the name of Burke. We called upon Mrs. Burke and was told that Scott had disappeared very mysteriously without leaving any word as to his intentions or any forwarding order for his mail. We then returned to Hill Top Inn and inquired if subject had returned, and was told that he had not. It was then after 7 P. M., we called the office for another Operative to be sent for the purpose of covering this house until subject returned. They sent Operative #102, and upon his arrival we told him to cover this place and gave him a description of this man as had been given to us by a number of parties that we had interrogated regarding the subject with instructions to remain there if necessary all night, which was done. The subject arrived at the Hill Top Inn at 4.30 A. M., this morning, and appeared to be either under the influence of liquor or some drug. Operative #102 called up the

principal of the office and informed him that the subject had just entered the Hill Top Inn. Operative was instructed to continue to watch this place and in case subject attempted to leave there to take him in to custody and to take him to our offices, and to remain there until 7 A. M., when we would have the relief for him or be there ourselves.

At 6.30 A. M., I called an automobile and went to Mr. Griswalds home in Oakley, and told him that the subject was at his rooming place. We then drove to Gilbert Avenue and upon our arrival found both Operatives #2 and 102. Operative #102 then explained to us that the subject was still in the house whereupon Operative #2 and Mr. Griswald entered the house and went to subject's room which was on the second floor front, an alarm was given by knocking on the door several times and no response from within, we entered, and found subject lying on top of the bed with his clothing all on who seemed to be in a stupor. We awoke him and told him that we wanted him to accompany us to the Government building, he wanted to know what the trouble was, he was told that that would be explained to him upon our arrival at the Government building. Before leaving this room this man took three drinks of whiskey out of a bottle we also noticed a stick of caustic, a small syringe, and a bottle of liquid that is used for venereal diseases. Later on subject acknowledged that he had the gonorrhea and a very bad case at that. Upon our arrival at the Federal Building this man Cake was asked what he meant by sending a telegram to Mr. Frederick E. Bruce as he had done, and asked him if he realized what he was doing at the time. He immediately stated that he had been drunk and wasn't responsible for his act. We then asked him that he wasn't addicted to some drug, and he said yes, we then asked him for his check book, and after examining same found a number of doctors names on the stubs showing that he had been giving checks to the amount of one and two dollars to quite a few physicians, for the above amounts. Among them was Dr. Smith, Dr. Hatfield, and Dr. Grimes. He acknowledged that this

money was for hypodermic injections of morophine, that he was addicted to this drug habit.

This man Cake was recognized in the Post Office Inspector's office as an individual that had called there some time ago and made complaint against some one that was interfering with mail that he was sending to Mrs. Alice Geddes Lloyd At Pippapass, Knott County Kentucky. They made anotation of it there and took the matter up with the Post Office Inspector in charge of the district that Post Office is in. We then gave this man Cake to understand that if he attempted to blackmail any of the persons interested in this school at Caney Creek Community Center, or molested them in any way or caused any notoriaty, publicity or humiliations of any character that he could rest assured of being arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The subject then stated, 'I realize that I have made a mistake, that I have been full of whiskey and dope of late.' We then asked him to turn over the bank book and all of the correspondence that he has with reference with Mrs. Lloyd which he readily consented to do, and also sign a voluntarily statement severing all his conections with the community school, and not to draw any further checks on the bank of Wayland, Ky., and never molest or bother any of those that are connected with this school at Caney Creek,

Upon the subject signing these statements in the presence of witnesses we permitted him to depart, after being admonished again, of what he could expect in case he violated any of the promises that he had made."

Respectfully submitted.

Cal Grim Detection Agency

Word:- Bill will be set tomorrow

I have all letter sent him by Am L Ed

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1918.

Caney Creek Community Center,
Pippapass, Knott County,
Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

I hereby voluntarily sever all connection with your community and the work in connection with it in which I have been engaged, and hereby state that I will draw no further checks upon the Bank of Wayland, Wayland, Kentucky, on the deposit in the name of the Caney Creek Center.

Yours truly,

Subject:

Post Office Department

Inspector

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

CASE No.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1918.

Mr. Frederick E. Bruce,
Electric Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to state to you now unqualifiedly that any statement that I may have made to any one, or intimated in my telegram to you, that the work at Caney Creek, or your work in connection therewith, was spurious, is unqualifiedly and absolutely false.

I wish further to state that from my connection with said work that in my judgment it is of the highest and most worthy, charitable character, and that all the people connected therewith are doing their work conscientiously, faithfully and honestly, and individually are of the highest character.

I wish to apologize to you and to every one connected with the movement for anything that might be interpreted to the contrary contained in my telegram to you. I was in such condition, physically and mentally, being under the influence of liquor and drugs, that I did not know what I was doing when I sent the telegram.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Carr.

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Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Cace

Oct. 8, 1918.

Mrs. Alice M.G. Lloyd,
Caney Creek Community Center,
Pippasess, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

Your letter of October 1st has been very carefully studied by Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Thrift and myself. There can be only one course for me to take, as you fully understood and agreed that you were to give Cake up for the good of the mountain work; that he was not to return to Caney or be identified in any way with the work. My resignation was the alternative and you have chosen to break faith with me, consequently as you knew I would not continue to be associated with the work, my resignation as trustee and supporter is hereby insisted upon for your acceptance.

You, no doubt, thought that the personal arrangement with him referred to in your letter would get around my objections to his connection with the work. This does not change or alter your agreement or my decision. Mr. Thrift remarked that he understood your work was the rehabilitation of the mountaineer and that he considered it a serious mistake for you to allow such a person to come to Caney.

You have doubtless overlooked the fact that private affairs become matters of public comment when one is in a prominent position of honor and trust. It is evident we cannot work in harmony, consequently my decision is positive and final. I insist that no further letters be sent out with my name as trustee.

You may find some one to act as trustee who will not object to your plans, whatever they may be.

I will explain to Mrs. Harris and others why I have resigned, as I have already notified Mr. Welch, Mrs. Rose, Miss Budd, Williard Smith and Wayne Paulin.

Mr. Selby told the entire Multigraph

[Frederick E. Bruce]

Oct. 8, 1918.

#2.

Mrs. Lloyd.

force of managers at a dinner here of the Cake episode at Cincinnati and Mr. Thrift was very much surprised that you would have anything to do with such a person. By this you will see that your acts of those of Cake's have already injured the work.

Your argument that a Kentucky Congressman could get drunk and hold the respect of his political followers, is no argument in favor of retaining a man in a philanthropic, social service and high Christian moral work, who is a periodical drunkard and certainly a very poor example to set up before your friends and the mountaineers as a co-worker.

I am returning your check for \$100 as first payment on a Chandler & Price press, as I do not care to lend my name and influence to a work where my advice is so completely disregarded. I ordered five dozen lamps sent to Caney last week, these with the extras will net \$6.00 per dozen. This I will pay, but it will be the last bill I will assume. I stated to you that Cake should be made to pay the bill of \$48.00 caused by his insulting and threatening telegram, this you agreed to take care of.

I have written to Mr. & Mrs. Jones recalling Mrs. Bruce's invitation to speak here at a meeting, explaining why we can not consistently make arrangements to present your work further.

You cannot take refuge in trying to place the blame on me for my action in resigning, nor accuse me of being unfair, because you knew that I would resign if you insisted on carrying out your plan to have Cake return to Caney or identified with the work in any way, which I believe would be detrimental to the work. At the end of six months there would be no guarantee that he would not lapse again. His record is such as to cast reflection on your judgement as to proper co-workers and he is too dangerous to experiment with in such important work.

You will please consider this final and I do not care to enter into any discussion as to my reconsidering my decision. I will refuse to meet any personal envoy in the matter.

Yours very truly,

[Frederick E. Bruce]

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April 7, 1922.

Mr. Frederick E. Bruce,
2683 Leighton Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You have been mentioned to us as one who has looked into the affairs of Caney Creek Community Center, Pippapass, Knott County, Kentucky, and are well informed relative to the work of Mrs. Alice Spencer Geddes Lloyd, Founder and Resident Executive. *not recommended*

We would greatly appreciate a letter from you regarding this Community Center and its promoter if you can find time to so favor us.

Thanking you in advance for your kind help,

I am

Very truly yours,

Walter R. Colby

Assistant Secretary.

WRC:RJH

Hindman School
I have recommended that any help
be turned over to you -
F. E. Bruce