

Gen. R. H. Pratt,

Washington, D. C.

CHICAGO, June 10th 1914

My dear General: Glad to hear from you and know that everything is clearing up for the best interest of the Carlisle school. It was a glorious stroke on the part of the Joint Committee to dismiss Friedman and get a new atmosphere. It seems that everything had gone to pieces, no system but keep the machine going. It shows that they had no object only to keep themselves in office, as I had always contended. Athletic overshadowed everything. It may have been called Indian Athletic School.

By all means Warner ought to go. He has carried himself in a way that will do no good to the school, even the football boys are against him. I cannot see where he can justify himself to remain at Carlisle.

I want you to know that I mentioned McKenzie, not because I want him at Carlisle while I was writing I happened to have him on my mind. You know better than any man whom to place there to run the school right. I think it is well for Supervisor Lipps to do all the changing instead

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of a new Superintendent

The other day I had a talk with Miss Burgess. She is delighted with what is being done at Carlisle. In a few months she expects to leave her business and accept another position. She said to me that her heart is for the Indians and that if she could get a position at Carlisle, she would go there and do most anything. General, I believe there is a grand woman to have at Carlisle. Even though she is somewhere 50 years old, she is strong and healthy and just as ambitious as ever. She looks just as young as when she left the school. As you know she left Carlisle for principle. She has a wonderful character, and she real means what she says about the Indians. Why not correspond with her and find out yourself, and I believe she would make a good addition to the school.

Some weeks ago Thomas Sloan stopped with me over night. He was on his way to Nebraska. From him I was informed of Carlisle hearings. It seems that he has been misrepresented by Wm. E. Johnson

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and he may take legal action against him. From what I know of Sloan I think he is loyal to the Indians and ^{what} the paper said of him was all wrong. If there is one strong legal Indian man in the country I believe Sloan is the man. He is in with Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Geay. After a long time to think over that matter, I think after all they have stirred up things and the Indians have been profited. When you get a woman bad, she will act and do something, so I think Mrs. Laura Kellogg and Mrs. Geay have done during the past year, and poor Tom Sloan has been in with them. No wonder the Indian Bureau and Society of American Indians do not like them. Even though I may have something against Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Geay, yet they may be doing good work for the Indians. They did good work to inform the Joint Committee in their work because of their past experience.

I hope you and Mrs. Pratt are well during this awful hot spell.
Remember us to Mrs. Pratt.

Sincerely,
Carlos Montezuma

Gen. R. W. Pratt
Washington, D. C.

CHICAGO, July 8 1915

My dear General: How good your letter of 7th inst was to me and Mrs. Starnes to-day also a letter from Parker. I did as you asked and received very good reply from Parker that my article was in the hands of the printer and would come out in the next issue. He so nicely explained "not let my Spanish suspicion run away with me" and told me to wait. So that explanation is enough that he is all right with my article. I did not know that the Magazine did not publish all of your article and I presume that they will not publish all of mine. At Madison the Society decided that nothing will be published until it is looked over besides Parker. That means I presume President Coolidge and others. So I think your article was looked over by others besides Parker. President Coolidge is weak and is influenced

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by the Missionaries that he left out
 part of your article. Other members
 want the good will of the ^{CHICAGO} Commissioners
 and representatives from various countries.
 It is a bad policy for the Society of
 American Indians to follow, but that
 is the case so far as I know. As
 you say, let us see what they will
 do, all we need to do is to fire
 at the old spot and lay low. That is
 what I am going to do. So far I have
 faith in Parker. He has a level head
 but others, who they may be, have not
 such a good head.

There is too much sentimentality in the
 present administration and I believe if comes
 from Missionaries. The liquor question,
 the agricultural routine of farm
 exhibits, the doing away with Indian
 measure of migrant characters and
 habits of the Indians are secondary

and the Commissioner is creating unnecessary disturbances on Reservations. It is all due to the missionaries on Reservations. For example, the Commissioner sent letters to the McDaniel Indians that they must not receive any one to speak to them, they must not dance etc., and referred to my visit and their dance in my honor. Now you know I would not encourage anything that would not better in the least. As far as I know nothing happened when they held an innocent dance in my honor but the Commissioner laid a great stress on my visit as an example of bad thing to hold the innocent dance. He does not know unless it was reported to him by Superintendent in Charge of McDaniel. He does that in order to have something to say to the Commissioner. I understand the Farmer on that Reservation has left and the Indians are satisfied with him. (the new Farmer) You can see the bad what was made out by the ex-Farmer.

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It is plain to see that Coe Supt. of the Salt River Valley in charge of McDowell is against me & McDowell Indians. He wants the McDowell Indians to move to Salt River Reservation and speaks for the Phoenix people and us ~~at~~ ^{is} doubt in hands of Senator Ashhurst and Smith. I do not know why the Indian Bureau insist on the McDowell Indians to move to Salt River Valley Reservation unless they are influenced by interested parties from Phoenix or from the State of Arizona in order to get clear title to Verde River and the site of Fort McDowell. My people want that beautiful place because it was their former home memorial. Were they to go down to Salt River Reservation, they would not have anything but 10 acres of barren soil & give away their title to Verde River. I understand the McDowell Indians are to be allotted to pasture land on McDowell if they move to Salt River Reservation. That is a trick on the part of the Indian Bureau to take away the Indians title to Verde River by law. There is where Mrs. Lattin

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and I am protecting those Indians. After the secretary fishes for the order to allot the Indians on McCannell, the Department has given permission to build a dam above the reservation. Mr. Sells is aware of that and that is why he is so persistent to move the Indians or acts in that way. If a dam is built above the reservation that does not hinder the Department to give the McCannell Indians ^{water} from that dam.

Since you have had words with Commissioner Sells, you can see that he is only guided from the field and he has an idea that is the best policy for him to go by and disregards the voice of outsiders. That being the case I doubt very much whether it is the best thing to put at the head of the Indian Bureau a person who does not know anything about Indians. If Sells continues that method he will find out in the long run he will make a poor Commissioner for the Indians and a poor

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one to the interested parties. The Indians of Salt River Valley & McDowell are ready to receive the Commissioners but so far he has not been out there.

When you told him (the Commissioner) about your ^{Indians} friends, I have no doubt he had in mind Sloan & Mrs. Kellogg. So far as I know Sloan & Mrs. Kellogg are doing good work in the interest of the Indians but they cannot work without being paid. Sloan is a lawyer, his profession calls him to stand up for his clients, whether it be against the Indian Bureau or not. When Sloan explains himself you cannot help ^{but} to admire his work. Mrs. Kellogg is not so frank but she is loyal to the rights of the Indians. As the Indians progress in life, it is natural that they cannot work on charity, they must receive pay and work on the same basis as any body else. I presume that is what the Commissioner calls graft. I am loading up for him on the McDowell matters. I have given him enough time to explain himself - and not a word to this date.
Regards to Mrs. Pratt. Sincerely,
Carlos Montezuma