

DAY LETTER



BE BRIEF

St. Paul, Minn., June 27, 1925.

C B Griffin - Glacier Park, Mont.
G W Noffsinger - Glacier Park, Mont.

Confidentially have sent Stephen T Mather at Glacier Park a long message regarding condition of horse and foot trails. Have asked Telegraph Department instruct operator furnish each of you copy for your confidential information.

Louis W Hill.

Copy to Mr. W. P. Kenney,
Mr. W. R. Mills.

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Who are members party with Secretary Work and Mr. Mather? What places in Park will they visit? Have they expressed themselves on trails being closed, etc? Keep me posted.

Louis W. Hill.

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Elk, Wash., June 27, 1925

(copy)

Mr. C. O. Jenks,
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

As per yours May 19th, I called on Mr. Hill Friday June 12th. What he wanted was mostly to look over the grounds at Belton and Glacier Park around the Hotels. I understood from him that his impression is that they are going down hill - the garden and lawn at Belton is in very bad shape all on account of water, - their pump down at the river needs repairs - probably a good overhauling of the pump would fix them out. The condition they are in right now is they have just enough water to take care of the hotel and to water a very small bed of flowers near the Belton Chalet. The lawn has not been sprinkled this year and the largest part is dried and burned out - and by the looks of their scrubbery I think this condition was about the same last year. At Glacier Park I would say the water supply is good but the distribution is wrong; they are trying to water the entire front grounds from one hydrant, with long leads of garden hose.

The gladioli bulbs he sent to Glacier Park - those planted in the vegetable garden - probably 700, are doing very good as are also the peonies planted in the vegetable garden -- but those planted in the front grounds are going to suffer with the grass for want of water. If I possibly could I would like to stay west until I help getting our perennials potted up and going so I will have something to work with next spring and even this fall; have several thousand young plants that need attention now or they will go back on us, they are in the seed boxes and should be transplanted to give them more room. I would like to save every one of them. I planned to come east to be at Minot several days before the 17th of July to see the grass was properly cut for the 17th.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Dishmaker

Mr. LW Hill - Copy for your information.

C O JENKS

GREAT NORTHERN RY. CO.

TELEGRAM

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

TELEGRAM

St. Paul, Minn., June 27, 1925.

Stephen T. Mather,

Glacier Park, Montana.

Account various requests that matters be taken up with you regarding trails, press would appreciate your consenting give out your reply as well as my message. Stop. Hope situation is such that you can do so to your advantage. Stop. Otherwise might not ask it. Stop. The remedy is so simple and easy, why not apply it by starting work at once? Stop. I would have been willing to pay for the work if given an early favorable opportunity. Stop. Too much money being spent for administration and so forth and not enough for tourists for whom Park was created. Stop. Reduce number of all government employes and rangers in uniform and take on a few working men with picks and shovels and you will get results for the people who visit Park and for whom it was set aside. Stop. Sorry to feel obliged to put this matter to you so shortly, but situation is one that needs prompt and effective attention.

Louis W. Hill.

Copy to Mr. W. P. Kenney,
Mr. W. R. Miller,
Mr. G. W. Noffsinger,

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Ice Berg open to within mile of lake, snow balance of way, over which
 tourists have to walk. Stop. Mount Morgan Pass closed account snow.
 Stop. Triple Divide, Dawson Pass, Logan Pass, Piegan Pass, Gun Sight
 Pass, Siyeh Pass, Indian Pass, Browns Pass, Flat Top and Sperry, all
 closed account snow. Stop. Ptarmigan closed account windfall and
 possibly snow. Stop. Understand at request we furnished your party
 a little special service Billings to Great Falls. Stop. Can't you
 give tourists a little special service and attention at this time. Stop.
 Understand other parks use powder and so forth to remove snow. Stop.
 Why can't Glacier Park, which is known by those familiar with it to
 be a snow district, do likewise? Stop. If my information is incorrect
 will be glad to be advised.

Louis W Hill.

Copy to Mr. W. P. Kenney,
 Mr. W. R. Mills,
 Mr. G. W. Noffsinger,
 c/o Park Saddle Horse Co.,
 Glacier Park, Montana.

FAST MESSAGE



BE BRIEF

44 WF P H

GLACIER PARK 915 AM JUNE 28 1925

LOUIS W HILL

ST PAUL

YOUR WIRE RE SECRETARY WORK PARTY PERSONELL AS FOLLOWS. DR. WORK SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, DOCTOR ELWOOD MEAD COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION SERVICE, COLONEL J H CARROLL, DR AND MRS CLARK, PHYSICIAN ACCOMPANYING COLONEL CARROLL, AND DR. WORK, W K DONALD PRIVATE SECRETARY TO DR WORK, HARRY BROWN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FOR SALT LAKE TRIBUNE AND SPOKESMAN REVIEW, M M CUTTING REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTRY GENTLEMAN AND E C LEEDY ALL VISITED TWO MEDICINE CHALET SATURDAY EXCEPT COLONEL CARROLL. DONALD BROWN, MR CUTTING AND DR AND MRS CLARK ALSO MR LEEDY TO MANY GLACIER SATURDAY AFTERNOON RETURNING TODAY. DR. WORK AND COLONEL CARROLL RESTING GLACIER PARK HOTEL TODAY. PERSONALLY I AM SO SORRY YOU COULD NOT MEET DR WORK. HE IS FINE STOP STEPHEN MATHER ARRIVES GLACIER PARK FOUR FIFTY FIVE AM MONDAY AND GOES TO BELTON SAME MORNING EIGHT FIVE TRAIN NO THREE, SECRETARY WORK AND PARTY ACCOMPANYING MATHER. ALL LEAVING HERE FOR BELTON TRAIN THREE MONDAY SUPT KRAEBEL ACCOMPANYING PARTY HERE AND ALSO WEST SIDE HAVE HAD NO EXPRESSION AS TO TRAILS OR GENERAL CONDITION IN PARK FROM PARTY.

C B GRIFFIN 1128 AM

FAST MESSAGE



BE BRIEF

42 WF P H

GLACIER PARK 925 AM JUNE 29 1925

L W HILL

ST PAUL

SECRETARY WORK PARTY LEFT ON TRAIN THREE FOR BELTON TODAY MATHER DELAYED
DID NOT ARRIVE SUPT KRAEBEL ACCOMPANYING PARTY COLONEL CARROLL WISHES TO
SAY THAT HE IS HAVING VERY PLEASANT AND SATISFACTORY TRIP WITH SECRETARY
WORK.

C B GRIFFIN

1127 AM

(COPY)

Lake McDonald, Mont.
June 29th, 1925.

Mr. Geo. Noffsinger,
Park Saddle Horse Company,
Glacier Park, Mont.

My Dear Mr. Noffsinger:-

The local trails on this side are all open now but no passes have been declared open to the east side. I have been compelled to turn down several parties who came in on purpose to make the trip to Many Glacier via Swift Current Pass. Early tourists are complaining of their inability to see the Park.

The Cobbs (This is Irvin Cobb family) rode to Sperry Sunday June 27th (Should be 28th) said there was two or three feet of honey combed snow between the creek and the chalet(This is close to the chalet) They left their horses at the old log cabin and walked up. We have a party of five for Sperry to-day and I have instructed Eayrs (guide) to get through to the chalet as the trail was reported open June ~~JUNE~~ 22nd. We will send parties over as soon as the Granite Park Swift Current trailis reported open.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Hagie.

St. Paul, June 30th, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill:-

Referring to your letter of June 4th to Mr. William H. Williams of the ^{Marion} Northern Pacific Railroad, regard trip of Albert O. Cluett and family to Glacier Park - notation thereon to me.

Mr. Cluett's ticket arrangements have been made through the W. I. Copeland Tourist Company at New York, and our people have arranged for Drawing Room A, Section 12, in Car 17 on Number 563, leaving Tacoma, 12:40 A.M. of the 11th, for Portland, - also Drawing Room A, Compartment B, Car B-6, on the Oriental Limited from Portland August 11th for Glacier Park, - also Drawing Room A, Section 11, Car No. 25, on Number 44, from Glacier Park, Aug. 19th for Billings.

Hotel reservations have been made at Glacier Park Hotel and at Many Glacier Hotel as per their requests.

Everybody has been lined up to give this party careful attention.

W. P. Kenney-

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Glacier Park, Mont.
June 30th, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill, Chairman,
Great Northern Railway Company,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Hill:-

Met the Secretary, Mr. Hubert Work, Sunday and on Monday accompanied he and his party to Belton and Lewis Hotel. Also met Co. Carroll and as soon as I found out who he was advised him of your keen disappointment over the fact that the trails were not open and gave him the same information about them that was furnished to you and he promised to go into the matter in detail with the Secretary. As you know Mr. Mather did not join the party here but was expected to at Spokane and the last information I had he had called Mr. Kraebel there for conference. I told Mr. Work of the importance of the Park Service having funds with which to open trails so that they would be ready when the season opens. Mr. Carroll seemed to have the party pretty well in hand and note he got site for Stevens monument.

While at Lewis hotel took the matter of trails up with my agent and told him that I wanted the exact truth about them and also asked that he write me a letter which he has done, a copy being enclosed herewith. There was a notice up in the hotel that the Granite Park trail was open June 22nd. These notices are certainly annoying and misleading but apparently put up designedly in respect to this particular trail. To get the real situation I took Mr. Kraebel over to my agent and told him that he wanted to know if he could sell a ticket to Many Glacier and if the trail was alright as he had four young ladies who wanted to make the trip. Mr. Kraebel said No for the reason that the chalet at Granite Park was not open and would not be until July 1st and evaded or at least answered him that way. Of course, he was right as regards the Chalet. He gave the same information as to Sperry.

I am certainly surprised and somewhat provoked at his attitude. Have always liked Mr. Kraebel and wanted to get along with him and do yet for that matter if possible. There is a nigger in the wood pile somewhere for it would look reasonable to me that he would welcome your interest in the matter as a means to an end, lay his cards on the table and tell the truth about the trails. Cannot understand it, either he is not interested or is at fault, certainly he is not thinking of the tourist.

Glacier Park, Mont.
June 30th, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill

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It may be that he regards a trail open if the windfall is cut out up to the snow. It occurs to me that snow is just as much an obstruction as windfall except that it will melt in time or they may with the proper care if possible travel over it.

Talked to Mr. John Lewis and he was complaining about the fact that certain trails were not open and I endeavored to get him to write a letter to this effect but he would not do this as he said he could not say definitely as he had not been over them personally.

The fact of the matter is our position is rather delicate. We have to live with the Park Officials and get along with them and personally I am not big enough to take a stand on this trail proposition. We, of course, get our concession from the Park Service and aside from this loss of business which they have caused apparently or they do not care to remedy they have been exceptionally fine to me. Am sure if I got after them about it they would regard it as antagonistic and in the long run I might suffer.

Mr. Kraebel told me Monday he was releasing some dope to the press but did not disclose it nor have I seen it in any paper as yet. He is considerably worried and is not sleeping well.

Have been very careful in any information that I have given you but it has worried me if later we should have to prove facts and have wondered if I had not better send a couple of men out on each trail for the express purpose of getting their affidavits to support our statements.

Certainly appreciate your interest as we are vitally concerned and trust that your efforts may get some results. It was suggested on the Belton trip that the Park not open until June 20th as a possible remedy. Col. Carroll stated confidentially that he did not believe Mr. Work regarded Mr. Kraebel favorably.

Will keep close tab on any further developments and keep you advised. Feel that an effort may be made to show a better trail condition existed than really did or does.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Thank for copies of message
to Mr. Mather. They were
appreciated and enjoyed.*

L.W.H.

J.W. Nappin

At Glacier Park
July 1, 1925.

Mr. L. W. Hill:

I have noted your telegrams of June 27th to Mr. Stephen T. Mather, Glacier Park, Montana, copy of which you mailed me.

On my way in from Spokane last night I was handed a copy of these telegrams and found that Mr. Mather missed his connection with Secretary Work's train, presumably because of the change in schedule and did not get to Glacier Park, but met him at Spokane yesterday morning.

Mr. Mather and Superintendent Kraebel rode back to Belton on No. 4 with me last night and their general conversation was along the same lines as you have always heard; - that there is a distinction between the removal of snow and ice from auto roads and the removal of snow and ice from horse-back trails; - that they have had the main roads open, but that they cannot afford and it would be impracticable to do the work necessary to open (by dynamite or other methods) the horse-back trails where there is a winter such as this past one, and that in other years of lighter snow, the trails will generally be open by the time the tourists arrive.

I don't know whether you received a reply to your telegrams. My recollection from the talk that I had with Superintendent Kraebel is that he showed your telegrams, addressed to Mr. Mather, to Doctor Work while he was in the Park; that Doctor Work stated no reply would be made.

Am enclosing a list of the trails opened in accordance with advice from the Government Park Service, on June 20th and June 24th.

W. P. Kenney. ✓

(with 7-1-1925)

Glacier Park, Montana.
June 20th, 1925.

The Glacier Park Hotel Company,
The Park Saddle Horse Company.

The following trails are now declared open for travel:

Glacier Park-Two Medicine, Mt. Henry Trail.
The lower trail, Two Medicine to Cut Bank.
All valley trails, Two Medicine valley.
All valley trails, Cut Bank valley.
All valley trails, Red Eagle valley.
All valley trails, St. Mary valley.
Iceberg Lake trail.
The Trails around McDermott and Josephine Lakes.

Trail to foot of Swift Current Pass.
Many Glacier-Belly River via Red Eagle Pass.
All valley trails Belly River.
All valley trails Waterton valley.
The trail to Granite Park will be open on the 22nd.
Trails to and over the passes will be open on or
about the following dates.
Mt. Morgan Pass, July 1st.
Triple Divide, July 10th.
To Dawson Pass, July 5th.
Piegan Pass, July 1st.
Logan Pass, July 5th.
Gunsight Pass, July 10th.
Siyeh Pass, July 15th.
Indian Pass, July 10th.
To Brown Pass July 1st.
Flattop, July 1st.

Mr. Hill

7-1-25

You wished to be reminded
about wiring Col. John Carroll
re Glacier Park trails.

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W. P. Kemney

On Line - Montana Division
July 2, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill:

I noted your letter of June 25th regarding the use of "Lignaphol" in Glacier National Park.

Talked with Mr. Aszmann at the Park yesterday and also when we were in there with the special train a couple of weeks ago, regarding the appearance of the balconies, window trimmings, etc., on the Many Glacier Hotel. He stated that the Many Glacier and the Glacier Park Hotels were both stained with "Carbolinium" in the Fall of 1923 and that last year - the Fall of 1924 - they did not expect to have to again stain these buildings and there was nothing to indicate that they were not in good condition.

He states all the people who have had anything to do with the Park, have said that this past winter was the worst winter they had ever gone through and that the buildings suffered more from the almost continuous wind, dirt and storms, than ever before, and that it was completely unexpected that these buildings would show such signs of wear this spring.

The Fall is the best time to do this work and they will, of course, be looked after this Fall, but apparently they received the usual investigation last Fall and under ordinary conditions they would not have needed treatment last Fall when they had had a thorough going over just one year previous.

W. P. Kemney. ✓

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WPK

St. Paul, July 8, 1925.

Mr. Louis W. Hill:

Referring to previous verbal advice relative to the Manville party from New York for Glacier Park.

The Manville party will leave New York at 2:45 P.M., Saturday, July 11th; leave Chicago on the Oriental Limited on Sunday, July 12th, 11:00 P.M., arrive Glacier Park Tuesday evening, July 14th. They will travel in the Pullman Private Car "Newport".

The party is designated on the railroad lists as "Allan Wallace and party" - Mr. Wallace being the Traffic Manager of Johns-Manville Company.

Their plan now is to leave Glacier Park on the Oriental Limited, Sunday, August 16th, arriving in New York 9:40 A.M., Thursday, August 20th.

W. P. Kenney. ✓

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Golf courses

St. Paul, Minn., July 13, 1925.

Mr. Ralph Budd:

Referring to your letter May 11, to Mr. Hill, with which you enclosed your file No. 11531, about proposed golf course in Glacier Park:

Before the Chairman left last Friday, I inquired what if any action had been taken and he said the land desired could not be obtained and there was nothing to do about the matter now except file the papers.

I thought best to return your file and advise you just what he said.

H W Kask.

St. Paul, Minnesota, July 13, 1926.

Mr. T. D. Hollahan

Referring to your letter June 3, to Mr. Hill and subsequent papers regarding use of Lignaphol in Glacier National Park.

Just before leaving, Mr. Hill suggested I send you copies of correspondence, if you did not already have them, and to advise you that whatever attention the buildings require should be taken care of so that the buildings will not deteriorate from lack of attention.

H. W. Kask.

Copy to Mr. E. P. Hickey,
Mr. W. B. Hills.

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SEATTLE 1125AM JULY 16TH 1925

L W HILL

CARE W E HUNT,

PORTLAND.

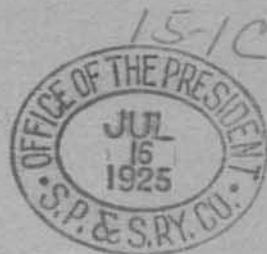
HAD VERY NICE VISIT WITH MR BROWN CHAIRMAN FRISCO SYSTEM THIS AM ALSO

MET WIFE AND DAUGHTER DISCUSSED matter mentioned your telegram and says that

he is very anxious to see plans carried out for possible Western Pacific connection and they would work with us in every way leaving this afternoon our five PM train for Sumas via Colebrook. Will be at Sumas visiting his brother for about three days A-35.

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M.J.Costello.





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