

P. S.

The S.D.O. is postponing orders on the 188, I.P.C. case until Saturday. I told the G. P. to ask for a nominal sentence but Mr. Gandhi has said that he will go to jail rather than pay a fine of even one anna—so on the whole I thought it better to move the Court to postpone deliveries of order until Saturday.

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[No. 29.]

*Extract from the Indian News Agency Telegram, dated 18 April, 1917.*<sup>1</sup>

News received from Motihari this evening states Mr. Gandhi appeared before Magistrate to-day to answer charge of disobeying notice under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code. Mr. Gandhi pleaded guilty and Magistrate postponed passing orders. Mr. Gandhi has agreed not to go to villages until Saturday pending Government orders.

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[No. 30.]

*Telegram No. 40 C.T., dated Puri, 18 April, 1917, from Lt. Governor of Bihar to District Magistrate, Motihari.*<sup>2</sup>

Please wire whether press report is correct that action taken against Mr. Gandhi under section 144 and, if so, send full report immediately with copy to Commissioner.

[No. 31.]

*Letter No. 69-C., dated Motihari, 18 April, 1917, from W.B. Heycock, District Officer of Champaran, to Chief Secretary to Government of Bihar and Orissa, Puri.*<sup>3</sup>

As directed in your telegram of today's date <sup>4</sup>, I have the honour to submit the following report with reference to the notice under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, which has been issued by the District Magistrate against Mr. Gandhi.

On the 16th of April I was informed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police that Mr. Gandhi had arrived at Motihari by the

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<sup>1</sup> Political (Special) Department file no. 1571 of 1917 (this Telegram was received by the Lt. Governor at Puri.)

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid* A copy of this was sent to Commissioner, Muzaffarpur.

<sup>3</sup> Political (Special) Department, file no. 1571 of 1917.

<sup>4</sup> Vide No. 30 ante.