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Collection Summary
Title: George Sabin Gibbs Papers
Span Dates: 1896-1947
ID No.: MSS22723
Creator: Gibbs, George Sabin, 1875-1947
Extent: 1,500 items
Extent: 4 containers
Extent: 1.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mn79022723
Summary: Businessman and army officer. Correspondence, a field notebook, telegrams, reports, memoranda, military records, clippings, and printed matter. Most of the material concerns Gibbs's career leading up to his appointment as chief signal officer in 1928. Includes personal correspondence as well as correspondence relating to his vice presidency of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and his presidency of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company in 1931.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Behn, Sosthenes, 1882-1957 -- Correspondence.
Davis, Dwight Filley, 1879-1945 -- Correspondence.
Greely, A. W. (Adolphus Washington), 1844-1935 -- Correspondence.
Mitchell, William, 1879-1936 -- Correspondence.
Russel, Edgar, 1862-1925 -- Correspondence.
Wainwright, Jonathan Mayhew, 1883-1953 -- Correspondence.

Organizations
International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation
Postal Telegraph-Cable Company.

Places
Philippines -- History -- Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Occupations
Army officers.
Businessmen.

Provenance
The papers of George Sabin Gibbs, businessman and army officer, were given to the Library by his son, David P. Gibbs, via the Signal Corp Historical Division in 1957.

Transfers
Some maps have been transferred to the Library's Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of these papers.
Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Sabin Gibbs is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of George Sabin Gibbs are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, George Sabin Gibbs Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of George Sabin Gibbs (1875-1947) span the years 1896-1947. They consist of correspondence, a field notebook, telegrams, reports, memoranda, military records, clippings, and printed matter.

The bulk of the material concerns Gibbs’s career leading up to his appointment as chief signal officer of the United States Army in 1928. Included are papers relating to his service in the Philippines during the Philippine American War and his service as chief signal officer for the Cuban Army of Pacification, 1907-1909. The collection reflects the evolution of Signal Corps policy, although there is little material in the collection reflecting Gibbs’s service as chief signal officer. Gaps in the collection also occur during the World War I period, and there is no material related to Gibbs’s career subsequent to his retirement in 1939. The papers include correspondence relating to his vice presidency of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and his presidency of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company in 1931.

Correspondents include Sosthenes Behn, Dwight F. Davis, Adolphus W. Greely, William Mitchell, Edgar Russel, and Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
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