

STRIKES COST \$25,000,000.

Assessments on New Buildings Show This Loss.

In round numbers and generally speaking, the strike bill of Manhattan and the Bronx for the year ended November 30 is \$25,000,000.

"AL" ADAMS BUYS REALTY

He Made \$1,000,000 Through the P. R. R. Tunnel Scheme.

Albert J. Adams, the former police king, who is serving a term in Sing Sing, is not permitting realty opportunities here to escape him.

TOLEDO'S CATHEDRAL NOT A RUIN.

Some Plaster Falls from Central Nave—Plans for Needed Repairs.

Madrid, Dec. 4.—Some plaster fell from an arch spanning the central nave of the cathedral at Toledo to-day, disclosing several gaps in the stone work.

MAIL POUCH STOLEN AND RIFLED.

Contents Found in Stable of Driver, Who Has Disappeared.

Postal Inspector James B. Cortelyou, of Jersey City, aided by Chief of Police Murphy, is making a search, thus far unsuccessful, for James B. Murphy, a driver, employed by James Sweeney.

MARRIED WITH A POLICE GUARD.

Bride's Brothers Want to Shoot Georgia Bridegroom.

Dublin, Ga., Dec. 4.—Miss Helen Twitty was married this morning to Edward Keene, a local railroad man.

CATTLE BUSINESS BAD IN KANSAS.

A Continuation of Present Conditions Will Kill It, Stockman Says.

Kansas City, Dec. 4.—William E. Weldon, of Clark County, Kan., said to-day: "The cattle industry in southwestern Kansas is at a standstill, and a few months of the market we have now will kill it."

TREAT PITTSBURGERS SHABEILY.

Butler Relief Committee Advises Physicians to Sleep in the Streets.

Butler, Penn., Dec. 4.—Pittsburgh physicians and nurses complain that they have been receiving shabby treatment from the relief committee here.

BATTLE WITH BURGLARS.

Possie Pursuing Them—Thieves Escape in Stolen Rig.

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 4.—The wife of I. J. Haines, postmaster of Clarksboro, a village a few miles below this city, was aroused early this morning by a muffled explosion in the store and postoffice, which adjoins the Haines home.

DOWIE WORTH \$100,000,000.

The Claims Against Him Only \$400,000, Lawyer Says.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Frank Helmer, who represents clients having claims of about \$100,000,000 against Dowie, said to-night:

BROOKLYN MAN THE HERO

He Saved the Submarine Boat After Off the Virginia Capes.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—The submarine torpedo boat Addee, in tow of the naval tug Peoria, arrived at the navy yard to-day after her thrilling experience in the storm off the coast of Virginia, when she broke adrift from the Peoria.

ROCKEFELLER'S NEW HOME.

John D. to Build Tarrytown House Near One Burned Down.

John D. Rockefeller is to build a house for his own occupancy in Bedford Road, North Tarrytown. It will be near the site of the house occupied by him which was destroyed by fire about a year ago.

SHOOT A HORSE FOR QUAIL.

SENATOR PLATT AT WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Platt, of New York, called at the White House to-day to discuss some appointments, but remained to talk over the New York situation.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Albany, Dec. 4.—Superintendent Cornelius V. Collins of the State Prison Department denied to-day the current report of a pending charge of assault and murder at Auburn State Prison.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—Ralph K. Hyde, of Providence, R. I., deputy collector under collector of internal revenue Frank W. Kennedy, who is employed in the Providence office, has resigned, to take effect December 7.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 4.—William Anderson Sweet, retired farmer of the town of Florida, Monticello County, committed suicide early this morning. He was found hanging in his bedroom. It was said that he suffered from cancer of the stomach, and this caused him to take his life. He was seventy years old, and leaves two children and a brother.

Boston, Dec. 4.—A leaky gas pipe in an apartment house in the Roxbury district endangered the lives of seven persons to-day. The house was occupied by three families. One of the occupants found the building was filled with the fumes. An alarm to the fire department was given, and the gas burst into the apartments and found several persons in a serious condition. All were saved.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 4.—The grand jury this afternoon brought in the bill of murder in the first degree against Mrs. Charity Slatery, who is accused of having murdered her husband at Sherman several weeks ago, by throwing it into a well. The information was furnished by her husband, Mrs. Slatery was brought from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to-day on extradition papers.

Ed St. Ferry Lighthouse Valley R. R. convenient for passengers to Buffalo and Chicago. Also Cortland and Desbrosses Sta.—Adv.

TIGER TRIES TO SNEAK.

Bronx People Will Not Permit Snap Port Chester Hearing.

Behind the resolution which was passed by the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday, authorizing Alderman Diemer, as chairman of the committee, to call another hearing on the application of the Port Chester road, was a plan to have a "snap" hearing at which the organizations in the Bronx which have been clamoring for action on the application would not be represented.

Then it was part of the plan to pack the hearing with a few Tammany workers, who would present alleged arguments against the application, and the committee would have an excuse for throwing the application over.

The plan for a "snap" hearing will be frustrated, however, because the people of the Bronx are too suspicious and watchful to be caught napping. Several organizations have sent letters to members of the Railroad Committee demanding to be informed a week in advance of the hearing.

The Throgs Neck Taxpayers' Association of which James B. Kelly is president and William Cokerly is secretary, made a similar demand, and added:

We are at a loss to find a legitimate reason for the holding of this hearing. It is held on the day which is the day of the holding of the hearing, which is in view of the unanimity of the public request in favor of the application at the last hearing.

THE QUESTION OF SENIORITY.

Senator Teller Has Made Considerable Capital Out of the Fact that General Wood was Promoted Over a Number of His Seniors.

Senator Teller has made considerable capital out of the fact that General Wood was promoted over a number of his seniors, but it is pointed out by a member of the committee that from the beginning of the government the duty of selecting brigadier and major generals has devolved on the President, who is entirely at liberty to make his selections from civil life if he chooses to do so.

MANY FALSE REPORTS AFLOAT.

The widespread report that a sub-committee would be sent to Cuba to take evidence proves to have been utterly without foundation. Not only the members of such a committee have no power to administer oaths or take evidence in a country over which the United States has no jurisdiction, but no evidence has been presented which would make such an undertaking appear for any reason desirable.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

That there will be a bitter fight against Wood's confirmation on the floor of the Senate, even after the Military Affairs Committee reports favorably on the nomination, is admitted, but it is further asserted that it will amount to nothing, and that the Senate will not repudiate the findings of its committee, which includes in its membership some of the most trusted members of the upper chamber.

It is said that the fact that President Roosevelt is in no way responsible for the rapid promotion of the former Governor of Cuba, and that his chief promotion is a delicate one, conferred on him seniority of rank over a number of officers who are his seniors in point of service, was given to him by President McKinley when he made Wood a brigadier general, that even the most partisan Democrats have come to understand that there is no political capital to be made out of the situation.

Considerable interest attaches to the Wood case in War Department circles, and especially to the position of Major Runcie, who has by his own testimony shown that he was party to a conspiracy to belittle his superior officer, General Brooke.

Another witness who will probably be subpoenaed for early next week is M. C. Frances, postoffice inspector, who investigated the charges of postal frauds in Cuba, and who is said to have written to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, making arrangements for the translation of Mr. Bristow's Cuban report into Spanish.

It is said that these witnesses will declare that when the accounts were first audited they were found to be in a condition which was afterwards excused by the War Department as justifiable because made following war, when everything was in a state of chaos.

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LIKELY TO CONFIRM WOOD

OPINION IN THE SENATE.

Favorable Committee Report Expected—Charges Not Sustained.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The confirmation of Leonard Wood as a major general in the United States Army is regarded as assured by trustworthy authorities in the Senate. The opposition, it is said, has presented practically all the evidence it can secure, and as the Military Affairs Committee now stands there will be only two votes against a favorable report on the nomination, one of which, at least, will be given by a Senator who was against Wood before the committee held its first hearing.

From the most authoritative sources, including members of both parties in the Senate, The Tribune correspondent learns that not only has the opposition to General Wood's confirmation presented no new evidence, but that it has succeeded in manifesting to every member of the committee whose attitude was not predetermined the intense personal animus which has actuated the attack on General Wood, and has induced men to place themselves in a pitiable light in their desire for revenge.

Every witness who could or believed he could present any facts germane to the examination has been permitted to make his point, the line being drawn only when a witness prefaced his remarks with some such announcement as this: "I have no personal knowledge of, but I have heard," etc.

Many members of the committee have found it difficult to restrain their impatience at the inane character of some of the testimony presented. Only yesterday Dr. Devereux, who was Rathbone's lawyer in his trial at Havana, under oath introduced in the Rathbone trial, and after dwelling on the inanity of admitting them, was compelled to admit that the trial had agreed that the depositions were proper evidence, and had used a considerable portion of them in his argument for the defense.

This is only one instance of the weakness of the arguments presented. Senator Forsaker has conducted the hearings with notable ability. Ray Stannard Baker, who appeared before the committee yesterday, ably refuted many of the charges which have been made against Wood, and it is known that Secretary Root, who will not be called until all the evidence for the opposition is in, will testify that he has examined all the charges against Wood in his capacity as Secretary of War and found none of them sustained.

WITNESSES IN WOOD INQUIRY.

Runcie to Be Heard Again Monday—Others Will Be Called.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The first witness to be heard on Monday by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, which is considering the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be a major general, will be Colonel Charles S. Diehl, assistant general manager of The Associated Press.

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HANNA WITH PRESIDENT.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Panama Canal and Wood Case Discussed—Their Relations Cordial.

Washington, Dec. 4.—An important conference was held at the White House to-night between the President and Senator Hanna. It occurred on the initiative of Mr. Hanna, and both he and the President say it was perfectly satisfactory.

Senator Hanna arrived at the White House at 9:30 o'clock, and remained with the President until 11. The results of the conference, which, it can be said, were marked by distinct evidences of sincere friendship and cordiality on both sides, neither the President nor Senator Hanna cared to discuss for publication.

It was said that the mutual discussion had not differed in any personal respect from other talks the President and Senator Hanna have had in the past and which they will have in the future. It was announced that the reports circulated that there had been or was likely to be a break in the pleasant relations between the President and Senator Hanna amounted to a "preposterous absurdity."

The conference to-night took a wide range. It dealt principally with pending and prospective legislation before Congress, particularly with that relating to the isthmian canal, and with general political conditions. Both before and since he became chairman of the Inter-oceanic Canal Committee of the Senate, Mr. Hanna has manifested deep interest in all that relates to the construction of that waterway.

He took occasion to-night to discuss the present situation, and especially its diplomatic phases, very fully with the President. Their agreement on the subject was absolute. Both, it can be said, are confident that the position taken by the administration will be approved by the American people.

The contested confirmation of General Leonard Wood was not considered, although an incidental reference to it was made. It is known that the President and Senator Hanna differ on that subject, but each fully recognizes that the difference is honest and sincere and it is believed by friends of both that it cannot possibly interrupt their relations.

Likewise, it can be said, no discussion took place concerning the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. It is known that President Roosevelt has expressed to Mr. Hanna his desire that he should retain the chairmanship. The Senator has not announced yet his final decision regarding the matter. It may be said that the state of Mr. Hanna's health is involved in the decision, and, indeed, will be the controlling factor in it.

As Senator Hanna left the White House he was besieged by newspaper men who desired to learn the result of the conference. He declined to make any statement, insisting that as it was merely a friendly talk over matters of mutual interest it was of no public significance or importance.

"I spent a very pleasant evening," he admitted finally. "That is about all there is to it. You can say, however, that all these stories about wide differences between the President and myself are absurd. I have no statement to make about the conference."

CHAFFEE ALARMS THEM.

The General Shakes Up Negligent War Department Employes.

Washington, Dec. 4.—General A. R. Chaffee, who is to succeed General Young as chief of staff of the army next month, created consternation in the War Department to-day by making an inspection of some of the rooms of the adjutant general's office. He ransacked the desks of clerks and asked all sorts of questions from employes. He reprimanded chiefs of divisions who have been in the service of the government for years for their negligent appearance, and he personally reproved messengers for failing to wash the windows and sweep the floors, and not winding a clock which had not been running for weeks.

One of the old enlisted men in the army, who is serving as a clerk, said it reminded him of a "barack room inspection." It was the first affair of the kind which has occurred in the War Department, and it nearly demoralized the institution. Nothing else was talked of after General Chaffee had made his tour of visits.

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TANGLE ON ADJOURNMENT

NOMINATIONS TO FAIL.

May Be No Chance for Recess Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Unless there is an agreement by both houses of Congress to adjourn the present session before noon on Monday, when the regular session begins, all nominations must fail, and if the present special session ends by limitation, thus preventing the President from sending recess appointments to the Senate, all pending recess appointments must terminate with the meeting of Congress in its regular session.

These considerations to-day furnished the incentive for a number of conferences looking to an agreement to adjourn on Monday, or even to-morrow, in order to permit the President to send in recess appointments. Friends of General Wood are vitally interested, and will try to bring about adjournment by concurrent action. Failure of action would mean General Wood's reversion to the rank of brigadier general, and have a similar effect on the appointments of 167 army officers, advanced by reason of General Wood's promotion, all of whom have assumed the rank and pay of their new appointments in the same manner as though their nominations had been confirmed by the Senate.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW.

The situation also has been canvassed at the War Department, and considerable alarm is felt over the disturbance that will occur regarding officers who were promoted in the recess and whose rank depends on the view of General Wood and other officers. In view of this situation, it is possible that the administration will suggest sine die adjournment. One reason given by the leaders of the House for not passing a resolution of adjournment was that it would be discourteous to the President to adjourn a called session without completing the work for which it was convened. Members of the Senate say they were ready to adjourn ten days ago, and a resolution of adjournment probably would have been sent to the House if it had not been reported and not denied that the House would not give consideration to a resolution of adjournment.

The situation is said to be without precedent in the Senate. It had been argued that if the nomination of General Wood should not be confirmed through the failure of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs to complete its hearing of charges, or for other cause, that the nomination would be again sent to the Senate for action at the regular session. This programme was suggested on the theory that nominations and recess appointments have the same effect. An examination of the rules, however, shows that a nomination does not carry authority for the President to clothe the nominee with rank and pay of the office to which he is appointed.

AS TO RECESS APPOINTMENTS.

In the case of a recess appointment the appointee has the rank and pay of the place for which he is named, but under the Constitution the commission continues until the end of the next session of the Senate. The last paragraph of Section 2, Article II, of the Constitution of the United States is as follows:

The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which will expire at the end of their next session.

It is argued by Senators who have given serious thought to the questions involved that, inasmuch as the Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day, a recess must occur between the termination of the present extra session and the beginning of the next session, in order to relieve the embarrassment resulting from failure to confirm the army nominations referred to. The merging of the special into the regular session would leave only an infinitesimal recess, not sufficient, it is feared, for recess appointments to be made.

Both the Senate and House will be in session to-morrow, but no recess will be taken, and neither body cares to take the initiative, and the outcome is uncertain. The Senate Committee on Military Affairs will meet on Monday at 11 o'clock, to resume its hearing of the Wood case. If the hearing should continue until one minute after 12 o'clock, the committee would be in the remarkable situation of investigating a matter which was not pending before the Senate.

MURPHY TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

Mayor-elect McClellan Recovering from His Illness.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Charles F. Murphy is expected in Washington to-morrow. He has accepted an invitation to attend the dinner of the Gridiron Club to-morrow evening. Representative McClellan is recovering from his illness, and was at his capital to-day.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OUT TO-DAY.

Double number of the Commercial Advertiser, with 32-page pictorial Review, all newswriters. Various safety devices to be adopted in the subway. See to-morrow's Tribune.—Adv.

THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.

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THE MAIL AND EXPRESS WILL ISSUE ITS CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Mail and Express will issue its Christmas Number, in double number, to-day. The latter will consist of thirty-two pages of interesting matter. Among other subjects it will contain a description of the plant of the Elevator Company now in the course of construction in Jersey City.—Adv.