

DID NOT BUY PUBLIC SERVICE JOB, SAYS WOOD

Commissioner Indignant When Asked About \$10,000 Loan.

REFUSES TO TELL WHERE MONEY WENT

Contempt Proceedings Ordered by Sen. Thompson—Subpoena Issued for Witness's Mother.

Robert Colgate Wood strenuously denied to the Thompson legislative committee yesterday afternoon that he had bought his place as a member of the Public Service Commission. Wood's denial came after he had refused to tell the investigators what disposition he had made of a loan of \$10,000 which he had obtained from Beekman Winthrop, his uncle, and his brother-in-law.

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Senator Thompson again asked in the most kindly voice. Wood was silent.

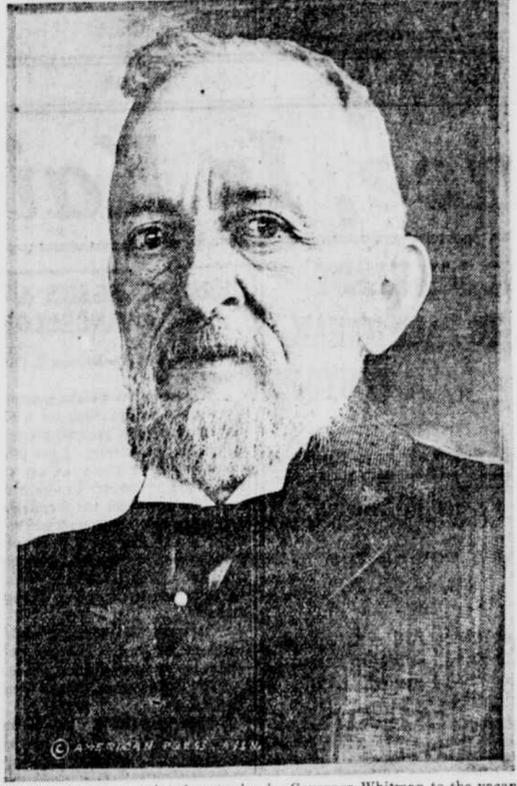
Refuses to Answer. "Do you refuse to answer?" queried Senator Thompson. "I do," Wood responded firmly. This colloquy occurred after a stormy interchange of questions and answers between the committee chairman and the Commissioner, the result of which so irritated Senator Thompson that he directed Deputy Attorney General Lewis, the committee's counsel, to proceed against Wood for contempt. He also directed that a subpoena be issued for Alice A. Wood, the Commissioner's mother, after Wood had refused to tell what he had done with the proceeds of a \$15,000 loan he had obtained from her.

Questioned About Checks. The knowledge of the loans which Wood had made came from the Commissioner's mother, as he endeavored to explain a series of checks on the Commissioner's Title and Trust Company, each of which was for \$450 or thereabouts, and which was drawn after he had deposited his semi-monthly pay check for \$625.

Contempt Proceedings Ordered. "Council for the committee will at once proceed against this man for contempt," Senator Thompson heatedly ordered. Mr. Lewis then took Wood in hand and asked him how he paid his brother the \$3,500 he said he had borrowed.

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EDWARD E. M'CALL'S SUCCESSOR.



Oscar S. Straus, appointed yesterday by Governor Whitman to the vacant place on the Public Service Commission.

not limited to the time you went on the commission." Questioned as to his safe deposit box in the Commercial Trust Company, of Jersey City, Wood admitted that the first time that he had a safe deposit box in the Central Trust Company, of this city.

Did Not Know It Was Brady Bank. He declared that he did not know that that bank was controlled by the Brady interests or that he had more than a casual acquaintance with Nicholas or James Brady. He also said he did not know that the Brady interests controlled the Kings County Lighting Company.

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No Question of Politics of Any Kind, He Declares, in His Appointment.

WILL QUIT WHENEVER JOB IS UNCONGENIAL

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"I do not understand that there is any question of politics in my appointment. I know there is no question of politics in my acceptance. I should regard myself unfit and unworthy to accept such a position if I let any question of politics of any kind, or any such influence, enter into the situation. I think I can give the public the assurance that politics will have no place in my administration of the Public Service Commission."

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MITCHEL HOME; PRAISES STRAUS

Has Reviewed Budget Cuts and Will Be at City Hall on Monday.

Mayor Mitchell returned from Atlantic City yesterday, much benefited by his week's stay at the seashore resort. He said he was feeling fine, and would resume his duties at the City Hall on Monday.

WOMAN'S CAR BARRED FROM OWN GARAGE

By Neighbor's Fence and Tree.

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MOTORMAN FINED \$100 FOR CRASH

Andrew Breslin, a motorman for the Union Railway Company, was fined \$100 yesterday in the Court of Special Sessions.

ONE YAWN SILENCES EDITOR

Jaws Lock While Apart and Doctor Unlimbers Them.

For a short time yesterday a New York editor went into the Great Silence. He did not talk. That was because he couldn't.

FAINTS AT ALTAR; FINDS HOST GONE

Priest Overcome by Theft of Communion Chalice—Worshippers Alarmed.

CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE CRIMINAL A CATHOLIC

One Unfamiliar with Sacristy Could Not Find Key to Closet, Say Church Heads.

Secaucus, N. J., Dec. 9.—Discovery of the robbery of the golden chalice containing forty communion wafers from the tabernacle of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Plank Road and Post Place, here this morning, was such a shock to Father Charles Marshall, pastor of the church, that he fell in a faint down the altar steps.

The church was crowded and there were about thirty parishioners at the altar rails waiting to receive communion when the priest fell. As news of the theft spread throughout the congregation many women fainted, and all were weeping as Sexton John Burke carried Father Marshall to the sacristy, where he was revived. Last night the priest, who is fifty-three years old, was still under a physician's care.

It was at communion during the 8 o'clock mass that the robbery was discovered. An unusual number of communicants were at the rail, because of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday. Father Marshall noted yesterday that there were forty wafers in the chalice as he locked it up in the tabernacle and hid the key in a corner of the altar known only to a few persons in the direct service of the church.

VILLAGE MODEL HAD TWO WIVES

Sunday School Teacher, Just Back from Honeymoon, in Cell for Bigamy.

Secaucus, N. J., Dec. 9.—William Doremus, the "model young man" of the town, who came from New York last March, was locked up in the Morristown jail to-day, charged with bigamy. Doremus attended the Methodist Episcopal Church, soon became a Sunday school teacher, and always refused to drink or smoke.

UNIONS THREATEN RAILWAY TIE-UP

Leaders Gather in Chicago to Consider Country-Wide Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Leaders of organized labor unions of the railroads arrived here to-day preparatory to holding a secret conference to-morrow to consider whether a general strike on all the railroads of the country shall be called next spring unless the transportation lines grant increases in wages for overtime and an eight-hour day.

TO GIVE NEWS FROM FRANCE

London, Dec. 9.—British military authorities have arranged to issue a daily communication from the western front in France, commencing next week.

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