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General Wood's Work in the Philippines

The Manila correspondent of 'The London Times' contributes to the paper the following account of General Wood's achievements in the Philippines:

On May 4, 1921, General Leonard Wood, chairman of the special mission to the Philippines, arrived in Manila. With him was associated the Hon. Cameron Forbes, a former Governor General of the islands under the second Roosevelt and the Taft administrations.

The purpose of the mission was to investigate political, economic and social conditions in the islands and to determine the fitness of the Philippine people for sovereign independence.

The most disastrous effect of the entry of the government into business during the Wilsonian Administration was the collapse of the financial system of the islands and the consequent impairment of credit and paralysis of business.

When Things Went Wrong The mission further found that since the year 1913 (when President Wilson sent Mr. Burton Harrison to Manila as Governor General) the civil service and the courts had seriously deteriorated in efficiency and integrity.

'Women Among the Clergy' To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The editorial 'Women Among the Clergy' in to-day's issue calls for a short comment.

John G. O'Keefe To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: By the death of the late John G. O'Keefe the community has lost one of its most useful citizens.

The Tower

ASPIRATION IF MEN at threescore years and ten Can watch with steady heartbeats when The vagrant, fragrant southern breeze Plucks petals from the apple trees;

If men at seventy can see, Unmoved, the moonlight's mystery; If nothing in their bosoms thrills To dusk and chanting whip-poor-wills;

Somehow, you can't help pitying the man who has commuted all summer on the Erie and returns to the city, high of heart and filled with relief, to ride on the subway in its present condition.

It might even drill the guards in telling the stalled patrons Break-Down Stories.

Faith, Ltd. He has great faith in the human race. He does not believe the movie people are a bad lot because of the actions of a few.

THE VILLAGE SPINSTER The next door children drove me mad— 'Twas whack and bawl the livelong day;

THE CIRCULATING SISTERS (Found by H. E. W. in The Kingston, N. Y., Freeman) Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. H. Trowbridge.

After the Fire Here's a prospect most distressing; Trousers, stained and needing pressing;

A Pat on the Back To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I remember being an interested ten-year-old hearer of a somewhat heated dispute between my father and one of my uncles on a hot day fifty years ago.

Indelible Guilt To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The recent letter in The Tribune entitled 'Futile Pacifism' was one of the most interesting you ever have published.

Breakfast and Brains Shattered is the superstition that there is a causal relationship between the meager French breakfast and Gallic sprightliness.

Needed Amendment The pure food law ought to insist that on every bootleg liquor label the wood alcohol content be plainly printed.

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of the advantages of Allied concert in dealing with Germany and Russia, as well as with Austria.

'Willing' It will not be charged that the landlords of New York who are represented by the Real Estate Board are laggard in willingness to diminish coal consumption in their buildings.

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No Seniority for Strikers The principle that a railroad striker cannot retain seniority rights or preserve his status as a rail employee before the Railroad Labor Board was reaffirmed by Chairman Hooper last Monday at the track workers' hearing.

Chairman Hooper, according to The Tribune's dispatch from Chicago, sustained this protest, saying to Mr. Grable: "Employees who go on strike can be considered only former employees and have no standing before this board."

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Risking Lives for Dollars In order to take in a few thousand dollars extra in customs dues the Senate Finance Committee loaded up the tariff bill with a vicious and dangerous shipping amendment.

The committee amended Sections 3114 and 3115 of the Revised Statutes so as to extend a tax now levied only on ship repairs made in Canadian yards to ship repairs made anywhere outside the United States.

Why should Congress begrudge a little repair work at Hongkong, or Singapore, or in the Mediterranean, or in Buenos Ayres, if a ship needs it? The American merchant marine outgrew such apron-string tutelage when it set out to carry our flag into the seven seas.

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In a letter to The Tribune Mr. Hirshfield first denied that Mr. Racusin existed and then requested that he appear at the City Hall and testify to his knowledge of conditions in the Department of Markets.

Mr. Racusin yesterday appeared at Mr. Hirshfield's office, prepared to tell all he had learned. He acted in good faith, and the desire of the newspaper he represented was to give Mr. Hirshfield information upon which he might act in his official capacity.

Mr. Racusin was not heard. He was told by Mr. Hirshfield's deputy that the Commissioner of Accounts did not care to investigate while an investigation into the same department was being conducted by District Attorney Ruston of Kings County, who, like The Tribune, is trying to discover just why a horde of collectors has been loosed upon the pushcart peddlers.

The deputy remarked that he did not want to pull Mr. Ruston's chestnuts out of the fire. He said that he was interested in graft, but not in the way pushcart peddlers made their living.

It becomes clearly apparent, therefore, that Mr. Hirshfield and his deputy desire to hear nothing about the Department of Markets that reflects on its conduct. So far from discharging the duties which have been laid down for him by the city charter, the Commissioner has become a combination of press agent and whitewasher for the Hyian administration.

The Tribune will proceed with its own investigation and make the facts public as they are discovered. It is willing to give them to Mr. Hirshfield or to Mr. Hyian at any time, but it has not much hope that it will be invited to do so.

The Public's Right The argument that in cases of economic disputes which involve basic industries there are three interests to be considered, and not merely two, has seldom been more strongly stated than by Governor Miller in his coal message.

Not only are there three parties in interest, but the concern of the third—the general public—is the supreme concern. The public cannot submit to being the victim of warring minorities which sooner or later tend to adjust their quarrel by combining to pass on the cost of their war.

Not only is the public interest paramount, but, as the Governor makes plain, the government, the only agency which represents the majority, must be conceded a commanding influence either in preventing disputes or in bringing them to an end when they become intolerable.

Here is no new doctrine. Indeed it lies at the very basis of democratic institutions. We hold elections and choose public officers to prevent the minority rule in which always lurk tyranny and injustice.

Public rule is no party question. Men of the most divergent points of view agree as to it, William J. Bryan entertaining the same opinion as Governor Miller, for Mr. Bryan also denounces a system under which 600,000 miners and 400,000 coal property owners, together representing only 5 per cent of the population, rifle the pockets of the other 95 per cent of the population.

But in the message to Albany one looks in vain for one item—namely, that the financial benefit of the coal saving shall accrue to the chilled tenants, thus equipping them to meet supplementary heating bills. This detail is overlooked—doubtless because of the haste with which the conservation program was prepared.

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