

WOOD'S FATE IN BALANCE

Senate Committee Nearing Conclusion of Its Hearings on President's Pet.

MORE DAMAGING EVIDENCE

Witness Testifies That General Wood Was Untruthful in Matters Affecting Public Affairs.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs resumed its hearing in the General Wood case today with Major J. E. Runcle as the first witness.

Statements made by Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, concerning the article reflecting upon the administration of Major-General John B. Brooke made it necessary for the recall of Major Runcle. He was asked a number of questions concerning the origin of the article in question and stood by his former testimony to the effect that General Wood had knowledge of the story and that it was prepared practically at his suggestion and dictation.

The second witness to-day was General George H. Burton, inspector general of the army. He occupied the position of inspector general in Cuba under the administration of General Wood as governor general and it was he who discovered the postal fraud. He was called to the stand for the purpose of telling the committee the date of that discovery and also the date General Wood made the order, revising the judicial system of Cuba, for the admission of ex parte testimony.

General Burton said that the discovery of the postal fraud was made in April, 1906, and that it was two weeks or more later when the order was issued by General Wood, changing the jurisdiction and power of court.

Alexis E. Frye, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction in Cuba, told the committee that the schools of Cuba were organized under laws issued by General Brooke and that an order making a cut in salaries of teachers was issued by General Wood. He declared that there had been a breach of faith on the part of the committee, which interfered with the efficiency of the schools. He asserted that General Wood was untruthful in many matters affecting public affairs.

Secretary Root will be called by the committee on Monday. Affairs to-morrow.

JUDGES GET MORE MONEY

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When the ordinance increasing the salaries of the four city judges so as to make them \$4,000 per year, President Turpin (Mr. Allen in the chair) declared that it was the most inexcusable request he had ever heard of, and that he would resign his seat before he would vote for it.

Mr. Minor spoke at some length for the ordinance, and declared that the judges were entitled to the increase asked. He said Virginia did not pay her judges as much as they were worth, and it was remarkable that such a high class of men and lawyers had been so treated.

Mr. Turpin often interrupted the speaker as they had several little colloquies over the subject. Mr. Allen advised the ordinance, but it failed—yeas, 13; nays, 4. Mr. Minor changed his vote from "aye" to "no" and moved to reconsider and lay on the table.

When the ordinance raising the salary of the keeper of Riverview Cemetery to \$750 came up, Mr. Allen moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to be considered along with the next budget. The motion was opposed by Messrs. Turpin, Gunst and Satterfield, and lost, and the ordinance concurred in.

The ordinance fixing the salaries of certain City Hall employees, Mr. W. J. Gunst moved to amend by giving the engineers \$100 per month and the firemen \$90 each, but this was lost.

The ordinance was finally amended so as to give the engineers \$90 each and the firemen \$90 each, and the ordinance, as amended, was concurred in.

TURPIN'S WARM SPEECH

The rules were suspended, and Mr. Minor offered a resolution providing for the borrowing of \$50,000 for meeting these bonds, and for practically carrying out the McCarty plan, and not touching the \$200,000 now in the sinking fund.

In speaking on the subject, Mr. Turpin submitted the following remarks: Mr. President, within seventeen days from the hour I now speak to you the city may face the most unwise and the most deplorable situation in its history; \$50,000 of bonds are due on January 1st, and not one dollar available for their payment; not one bond ready to be issued for their redemption; not a single cent adopted to meet the crisis.

For many weeks this matter has been under fierce discussion, opinions of the city attorney, opinions of the special accountant, lengthy documents printed, committees reports and talk going on in the City Council is sounding in the waters like a huge derelict, and no man can tell the issue. The trouble started in an unfortunate opinion of the city attorney, a fatal misconception on his part of the law.

REGARDED HIGHLY. I say this with respect for him as a man and a lawyer. I hold him in high esteem, both as a man and a lawyer. He gave the unfortunate opinion that we were compelled to take the sinking fund and place a block of bonds full due to chip pieces from the fund, large or small, as the occasion required. At one time it would be to \$50,000; at another, \$300,000, and so forth. His opinion amounts to this, substantially, that if a man has a deed of trust on his house, he must sell it and use the proceeds to pay the debt, though he had in his pocket ten times the necessary sum and preferred to pay out of this cash. This opinion is the weed seed wherein has

spring all the trouble. This trouble has been egregiously enhanced by those City Councilmen who have keener noses for the track of extravagance than for healthy economy. Men who, not content with the huge income of the city, are casting longing eyes on bond issues for current purposes. These men do not wish the sinking fund to grow so fast—indeed, verily—the fund that now is \$200,000 short! Until a fund catches up with its shortage, it can hardly be said to grow very fast.

On the other hand, there are those of us who have made up our minds that we will see the stars fall before we will touch a penny of the sinking fund, this sacred fund, until it has grown to its lawful proportions.

FOR SPEEDY ACTION. Unless swift action be taken or a miracle intervenes, within three weeks the Associated Press will wire to 5,000 newspapers and every money center of this country that Richmond defaults in the payment of her bonds—a thing that never happened before in our history. Should this occur, it will not only be a disgrace, but an utterly unnecessary disgrace. We have ample means to meet the bonds on the tick of the watch, if the City Council will only find the brains to find the means. If there were enough civic pride in this community to fill the thimble of a hillputian girl, we would be aroused from our stupid maundering, and made to do our duty, and that without another day's delay.

Mr. Allen said he did not think the matter should have been discussed in this manner now, and he reserved the right to submit some remarks on the subject at the next meeting.

JUDGES WIN OUT. The ordinance increasing the salary of the clerk to the police justices from \$100 to \$120 was concurred in, and Mr. Gunst moved to take from the table the ordinance to increase the salary of the city judges.

Mr. Turpin opposed this, and said some one had been converted, and that he could put his hands on the man. The motion to reconsider was lost, and the regular work proceeded with.

Mr. Minor moved to take from the table the question of raising the judges' salaries, and this time it prevailed—yeas, 15; nays, 3—and the ordinance was concurred in. Mr. Turpin twisted the majority and asked Mr. Minor if he was sure his convert would stick. The ordinance now goes to the Mayor.

MAY PASS BILL AGAINST VAGRANTS

An effort will be made in the Senate to-day by Mr. Halsey, its patron, to secure the consideration of the bill to punish vagrancy as a misdemeanor. The bill has been favorably commented upon by the press of the State, and expressions in legislative circles have been so favorable that it is thought that it will occasion no debate, but will pass both houses without opposition. The Senate Committee on Courts of Justice voted unanimously yesterday afternoon to report the bill favorably.

BARELY ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—The residence of Mr. B. F. Smoot, Jr., at Bowling Green, Caroline county, together with all furniture and other contents, was destroyed by fire last night. Smoot was awakened about midnight by smoke in the room, and the family scarcely had time to escape with their lives. It is not known how the fire originated. The loss is over \$3,000; insurance, \$500.

Two of the three negro brothers, Charles and Woody Walker, charged with having committed an assault on Dr. Lloyd Norland, at Port Royal, were arrested at Stiff's Wharf, on the Potomac River, yesterday, and taken to Bowling Green last night, and lodged in Caroline county jail to await trial. The other brother, Jeff Walker, is still at large.

Return True Bill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEBESBURG, VA., Dec. 15.—A special grand jury summoned on Monday to investigate the killing of Johnnie Virts, son of James V. A. Virts, of Hillsboro, in that place, on November 14th, brought in a true bill of indictment against Humphrey Potts, of the same place, son of Harry C. Potts, both of which had a close relationship, and about the same age. Virts, who was under bail for \$40,000, renewed his bond to appear for trial at the January term of the County Court.

Funeral of Mrs. Kessee.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Kessee took place from the home, No. 62 North Eighth Street, yesterday morning. Rev. Dr. Tudor conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Spooner. The former paid a brief, tender tribute to the beautiful Christian character of the deceased. Captain Frank Cunningham sang very sweetly "How Firm a Foundation." The interment was made in Hollywood.

Funeral of Miss Davies.

The funeral of Miss "Pearl" Davies took place from St. John's Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The church was well filled by friends of the young lady and of the family. Rev. R. A. Goodwin, rector, conducted the services. Within the past few weeks he had read the obituary of his sister and the father of this young lady.

TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL OF MINES

Bill Introduced Appropriating \$10,000 for Such an Institution in Each State. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—Representative Tate, of Georgia, is preparing a bill of importance to the Science of Mineralogy. Its main features will provide for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the establishment in each State of a school of mines and mining, with \$1,000 added each year to the appropriation after the school has been established, until the total of \$20,000 shall have been reached, for its maintenance. The bill is regarded with favor by a number of congressmen who have discussed it.

HE DEFENDS PRESIDENT

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis Discusses Canal History. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The conditions which resulted in the recent establishment of the Republic of Panama were discussed to-night at the banquet of the Quill Club, held at the Hotel Manhattan, by Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, and M. Philippe Banua-Varilla, minister from Panama. Among those present was President Frissel, of the Hampton Institute.

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I hereby certify that Mr. Jaroslav Sula is personally known to me as the Official Chemist of the Experimental Station for the Brewing Industry of Bohemia, and has this day executed and signed the above document in my presence. Prague, November the third, nineteen hundred and three. J. U. DR. JOHANN SLAMENIK, Imperial and Royal Notary, Prague.

I certify that the foregoing authentication is under the official seal of J. U. Dr. Johann Slamenik, Imperial and Royal Notary, and is entitled to full faith and credit. In testimony whereof I, Arnold Weissberger, Vice and Deputy Consul of the United States of America, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this consulate to be affixed. Done in this city of Prague this third day of November, 1903. ARNOLD WEISSBERGER, U. S. V. & D. Consul.

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Action of Administration Entirely Justifiable and Praiseworthy, Says Mr. Loomis.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FISHERIES BOARD

An Increase in State's Income. Recommendations Made.

The sixth annual report of the State Board of Fisheries, compiled November 21, 1903, and addressed to the Governor, has just been issued. The report, which has already been referred to from time to time in the press. The financial report for the year shows receipts from all sources for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1902, and ended October 1, 1903, were \$3,074.17. Total expenditures for the year ended September 30, 1903, \$2,853.12; net revenue due the State for year ended September 30, 1903, \$4,455.43. This is the largest revenue ever returned to the State from its fish and oyster interests in the history of the State. The maintenance of the four police boats cost \$15,588.50 during the year, and the salary and expenses of the board for the year aggregated \$3,555.59.

VICTORY FOR PROTECTION

Results of By-Elections Considered Triumph for Chamberlain Policy.

A HEAVY VOTE IS POLLED

Chamberlain Candidates Elected by Large Majorities Where Free-Traders Hoped to Win.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 15.—Favorable results of recent years have evoked a little of the interest shown in to-day's contest in the Dilwich division of Camberwell and Lewisham, both conservative districts for years. Dr. F. Rutherford Harris (Conservative), who was confidential agent of the late Cecil Rhodes and C. F. G. Masterton (Liberal), contested Dilwich, while Major Coates and J. W. Cleland represented the Conservatives and Liberals, respectively in the Lewisham borough.

The issue question was prominent throughout the campaign. In the borough of Lewisham, Major Coates was elected by a majority of 2,012. At Dilwich, Rutherford Harris was elected by a majority of 1,437. Joseph Chamberlain to-night expressed himself as delighted with the result of the contest in Lewisham and Dilwich and the Protectionist dailies claim the results as a complete triumph for Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

Both constituencies polled very heavily. These reductions are of small significance, however, in the face of the fact that the Chamberlainite candidates secured large majorities where the Free Trade party undoubtedly hoped to win. This double victory will be of great advantage to Mr. Chamberlain, who returns to his campaign to-morrow night at Leeds, when he will address a big gathering.

"Spray" Partly Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 15.—The tug "Spray," belonging to Councilman James McCuen of this city, was partially destroyed by fire this morning as she lay at her dock, at the foot of Princess Street. The damage is estimated at about \$50, and there was no insurance on the tug. The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock this morning, but how it originated is not known.

Captain Charles C. Moore.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 15.—Captain Charles C. Moore, the father of Assistant State Auditor R. Led Moore of Richmond, died this morning at the Alexandria Hospital, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His remains were sent to Richmond this afternoon for interment.

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HAYES IS PRESIDENT.

Head of National Negro Suffrage League of the United States.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The meetings of the National Negro Suffrage League to-day was devoted largely to a discussion of whether the negroes of the country should support President Roosevelt for re-election. The report of the Committee on Permanent Organization, which was adopted, provided that the organization should be known as "National Negro Suffrage League of the United States," and that the purpose should be to preserve negro citizenship and suffrage, and cement and concentrate negro influence. It provided for the following officers: James H. Hayes, of Virginia, president; S. L. Corrothers, of Washington, D. C., first vice-president; W. H. Riley, of Pennsylvania, secretary; James E. Dixon, of Rhode Island corresponding secretary; J. Anderson Taylor, of Washington, D. C., treasurer.

GROWTH IN EMPEROR'S THROAT BENIGNANT

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The statement published in the London Daily News this morning that it had learned from well informed quarters that a second operation had been performed on Emperor William's throat, and that a third operation may be necessary, is erroneous.

Further matter taken from the wound was submitted to twenty-two of the greatest specialists in internal growths, every one of whom reported it to be benignant.

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