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MAE C. WOOD

BECAUSE former Senator Thomas C. Platt is unable to appear in court the trial of Mae C. Wood, charged with forgery and perjury in connection with her suit against the aged statesman, will not take place at the present time of general sessions in New York. Miss Wood's suit against Mr. Platt was based upon an alleged marriage which she swore took place in a New York hotel. The trial was full of sensations, but ended unpleasantly for the plaintiff, since then Miss Wood has been living on a ranch in Colorado.

BARONESS GOES FROM BRUSSELS

LEOPOLD'S CONSORT IS TOLD TO DEPART

Thousands Continue to View Body of Dead Monarch, and Many Are Trodden On in Panic at Palace

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20.—Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold made his queen in fact, if not in name, quietly left Belgium today, her reign ended, her power collapsed, accepting the hint of the government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled from the country. The baroness packed up those magnificent furnishings of her chateau which were the personal gifts of King Leopold and sent them across the frontier. She took a train for France, and to the Belgians this good-looking young woman with brown hair and gleaming black eyes was always a great mystery, but they accepted her departure without other whims of the determined and self-willed king. They have thought for years of her residence besides the king's, of the famous floral bazaar linking the two domains. They have discussed with unconcern her absolute dominion over the king's private life. Now, with the king dead, they have been driven to a civil marriage in Italy, it might create potential rights, but it is argued, the absence of all records and especially the fact that Leopold never proclaimed Baroness Vaughan his legitimate wife effectually dispose of the question.

Marriage Doubted In spite of dispatches from Italy and other countries asserting that King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan had been married according to rites of the church in their disbelief of this, while they characterize the stories of a civil union as pure nonsense, whatever his faults in private life, would never destroy the official dignity of the king. The twentieth century, a semi-official paper, points out that the Belgian code stipulates that the rights of succession to the throne pass to direct descendants of legitimate birth. If there was a civil marriage in Italy, it might create potential rights, but it is argued, the absence of all records and especially the fact that Leopold never proclaimed Baroness Vaughan his legitimate wife effectually dispose of the question.

Prince Albert's plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled today. As Baroness Vaughan passed out forever from Belgian life Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city and was officially greeted at the station and acclaimed by the people. She was conducted with royal honors to the chateau Belvedere, which henceforth will be her official home. Again today a vast crowd viewed the body of the late king. Many people who came in from the provinces were incensed that the gates were closed at 2 o'clock, and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic people were trodden on, garments were torn and women fainted. Quite a number were injured. Finally the palace was reopened and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque. Arrangements for the funeral and the swearing in of the new sovereign are proceeding rapidly. An army of workmen has taken possession of the cathedral, which is being draped. The chamber of deputies is being rearranged for the ceremonies on Thursday. (Continued on Page Two)

TAFT TO END BALLINGER PINCHOT FEUD

President to Investigate Charges Which Have Caused Breach

ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN

Secretary Insists on Immediate Action and Important Revelations Are Probable Very Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Taft today yielded to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger this afternoon served upon the president virtually an ultimatum to the effect that such an investigation was indeed the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear that he was no longer willing to sit silent and wait for the thing "to blow over." Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted the disappointment of his hope that the country at large would accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of the charges brought against the secretary of the interior by I. R. Glavis, former special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides was inevitable. Mr. Ballinger's attitude in this matter has the support of leading Republicans in both branches of congress—senators and representatives—who feel that, entirely apart from the merits of the controversy itself, a festering sore of this character must poison the whole system of the party in power, and that it is high time to resort to the lancet.

To Cleanse Wound These leaders, determined that a cleansing of this wound is necessary, do not hesitate to go to the White House and impress their views on Mr. Taft. Conferences in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of congress and the president himself have participated, have been held in the last few days. They culminated today when Secretary Ballinger, General Wickliffe and Postmaster General Hitchcock met in Mr. Wickliffe's offices and proceeded to the White House, where the matter was laid before the president.

Mr. Ballinger told the president, it is said, that the situation had become intolerable to him, and that though constant charges against him could no longer sit supinely by, and in justice to himself he felt compelled to insist upon an investigation. The president was given to understand that Mr. Ballinger's demand carried with it the indorsement of both Mr. Wickliffe and General Hitchcock. It is known tonight that he has the sympathy also of other members of the cabinet.

Tomorrow is cabinet day. There can be little doubt that this will be one of the important subjects of that meeting. Presumably this is one of the principal reasons why the investigation, backed by the administration, will probably be held before the congress before its adjournment tomorrow for the holiday recess. Several things have served to bring the matter to a head. The speech of Representative Hitchcock (Democrat), Neb., in the house a few days ago, demanding action upon his resolution providing for an investigation of the land office, was a factor. Mr. Ballinger, it is said, feared that this resolution might be laid upon the table by the Republican majority and that such an action would be construed by his enemies as an effort on the part of the administration to "whitewash" him.

A few days ago he received pointed advice from a close personal friend, a man who has recently left the government service, who has himself been an investigator of the department of justice, and who is an expert on land laws, urging just such an ultimatum as Mr. Ballinger carried to the White House today. He impressed upon the secretary the conviction that the time had come when he must either demand an acquittal or retire to private life. Four important aspects of the situation are taken into consideration by party leaders:

First—The effect upon the future of the Republican party and of the Taft administration if attacks upon the integrity of a member of the president's official family is allowed to pass unheeded.

Second—The possibility of the controversy between adherents and opponents of Secretary Ballinger becoming so bitter as to endanger party legislation.

Third—The practical standstill of the whole policy of conservation of natural resources in the present conflict.

Fourth—The desire to do justice toward the cabinet officer whose personal and official integrity has been assailed. So the decision has been reached to the effect that it is better to leave in the public mind not the slightest doubt of its thoroughness and impartiality. Mr. Ballinger is impatient of delay and is said to have urged that a resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented in the senate tomorrow. It is understood tonight that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of de-

Colonel Biddle and Marine Force Which Has Been Rushed to Corinto



COL. WILLIAM BIDDLE, U. S. M. C.

SECRETARY KNOX'S notice to Enrique C. Creel, Mexico's special envoy, who went to Washington with the hope of delaying operations against Zelaya of Nicaragua, to the effect that neither Mexico nor any other country must interfere put a decidedly warlike phase on the isthmian situation. The firm stand of the secretary of state was hailed with delight by the Nicaraguan revolutionists and added to the various navy yards of the United States. When Senator Creel visited the department of state a copy of Mr. Knox's letter to the today, regarded minister was handed to him, and he was told in politely diplomatic but unmistakably firm terms that the

United States was prepared to deal with Zelaya without any outside assistance. At the same time it was reported that a Mexican cruiser had been ordered to Corinto to be ready to take Zelaya aboard in case he was forced to flee from the Americans. Upon the heels of this report came an order from the navy department for the battleship Missouri to get ready to sail at a moment's notice. A further detachment

of marines was ordered to Nicaragua from the New York navy yard. This force is in command of Colonel William B. Biddle, who will be the ranking marine officer in Nicaragua when he arrives. These reports show Colonel Biddle's command to board a tug at New York preparatory to taking ship for Central America. The men were all in high gear at the prospect of seeing active service.

MADRIZ ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

ZELAYA'S CANDIDATE GIVEN HIGH OFFICE

Former Judge of Central American Courts Wins Contest—Estrada's Troops Advance—Battle Imminent

MANAGUA, Dec. 20.—Gen. Estrada in command of the revolutionary forces, began his forward movement against the Zelayan troops all along the line this morning. The battle will be in the bush. MANAGUA, Dec. 20.—Dr. Pose Madrid, former judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, and Zelaya's candidate to succeed him, was elected president of Nicaragua by the unanimous vote of congress. The session was stormy, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madrid, and when official announcement was made there was a vociferous cheering and cries of "Viva Madrid!" "Viva Leon!" "Down with monopolies!" Dr. Madrid will assume the presidency at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. He was escorted to the balcony of his hotel, where he greeted the great gathering with a brief speech, urging harmony and co-operation. He pledged that he would uphold the rights of citizens, granting free elections, and establishing a policy of equal opportunities for all. Congress first accepted the resignation of Dr. Madrid as judge of the Central American court and Panagua Brado was appointed to succeed him. The committee that had the resignation of Zelaya in hand then recommended its acceptance and the formulation of an address of thanks to Zelaya for his services to Nicaragua. The adoption of this report was followed by the election of the new president, the nomination of Dr. Madrid being greeted with much enthusiasm. The strength of his following in the house was attested by the fact that on the call for a standing vote every member rose in the affirmative. The election of Dr. Madrid as chief executive has been expected, for influential delegates strong in his favor have been pouring into Managua from Leon, the stronghold of the Liberals; Chinandega and Granada, and they came with the avowed purpose of carrying the candidacy of their man to victory. On his arrival here the president-elect said that he had been in conference with former President Cardenas, who is now in Costa Rica, leader of the conservatives and head of a strong force which, it has been reported, was ready to carry out an expedition against Managua.

It is known to both Zelaya and Madrid that Estrada, leader of the

PRESIDENT TAFT APPOINTS MANY

SEVERAL CALIFORNIANS ARE AMONG HONORED

Robert Devlin Retains Office as Northern District Prosecutor—Mills Governorship Confirmed by Senators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Taft today sent to the senate the following nominations of ministers and ambassadors: Robert Bacon of New York, ambassador to France. Richard C. Kerens of Missouri, ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Henry Lane Wilson of Washington, ambassador to Mexico. Charles Page Bryan of Illinois, minister to Belgium. William J. Calhoun of Illinois, minister to China. Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania, minister to Chile. Henry T. Gage of California, minister to Portugal. R. S. Reynolds-Hill of Illinois, minister to Panama. John B. Jackson of New Jersey, minister to Cuba. Fenton R. McCreery of Michigan, minister to Honduras. Edwin V. Morgan of New York, minister to Paraguay. Lauritz S. Swenson of Minnesota, minister to Switzerland. It was said at the White House no decision had yet been reached with regard to the post at Great Britain, now filled by Whitelaw Reid. President Taft also sent to the senate the nominations of the following United States district attorneys: Joseph E. Morrison, for the territory of Arizona. Robert T. Devlin, for the northern district of California. Arba D. Van Valkenburgh, for the northwestern district of Missouri. New Mexico Marshal The president also sent in the nomination of Creighton M. Foraker to be United States marshal for New Mexico. President Taft named the following registers of land offices: Frank Buren, at Los Angeles. Stephen Carpenter, at Helena, Mont. President Taft named John F. Vivian as surveyor of the port of Denver, Colo., vice E. Boynton, deceased. Judge Horace H. Lurton was confirmed by the senate as an associate justice of the United States supreme court. No opposition appeared. The senate also confirmed the nomination of William N. Mills of East Las Vegas to be governor of New Mexico. Among the United States marshals named by Taft was Creighton M. For-

BELIEVE ROBBER WAS POLICEMAN

SAN FRANCISCO BANDIT IS IDENTIFIED

Corpse Found Mutilated on Railroad Track Declared by Holdup Victims to Be That of Thug

SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—Walter F. Carroll, the San Francisco policeman who was killed under the wheels of a train in this city last Friday night, was identified by Dr. Henry Noland tonight as the San Francisco drug store bandit. After seeing the body Noland exclaimed: "It is undoubtedly the robber, but I don't want to take the responsibility for the identification alone. Send for Gleason; he couldn't make a mistake." It was discovered today that Carroll's death was not accidental, but that he deliberately killed himself. The discovery was made through a note found among his effects. SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 20.—A body now lying at the morgue in this city, which was at first supposed to have been that of Former Policeman Carroll of San Francisco, was today declared that of the bandit who held up the Gleason-Courner drug store in San Francisco by Dr. Noland, one of the men who was in the store at the time. Noland is here with Detective Burke of the San Francisco force, who also declares that the body answers in every way the description of the bandit. The police believe that the lone "drug store" bandit, whose operations have terrorized the city for two weeks, possibly may have been Walter R. Carroll, formerly a member of the San Francisco police force, whose body lies at the morgue in San Jose. Partial identification was made today by Dr. Henry Noland, clerk of Gleason's drug store, which was twice visited by the robber, and by Detective Thomas Burke of the local force. "Dr. H. Gleason, who also faced the robber's weapon, will go to San Jose tomorrow, and if he identifies the body as that of his unwelcome visitor the police state that they will have no reason to doubt that the bandit has been found. Carroll was killed by a train last Friday. Whether he committed suicide or fell under the wheels while stealing a ride has not been determined. He was identified by means of papers and a police revolver found on the body as the man who resigned from the police force last October following the death of his wife from a gunshot wound. Immediately after the inquest Carroll resigned his star to accept a position in the government employ at Yerba Buena island. He was not heard from again until his death at San Jose was reported.

THUGS BEAT TRAINMAN AND ROB HIM

Pacific Electric Crew Suffers for Second Time in 24 Hours

POSSES ARE ON HUNT

M. D. McMann, Brakeman, Is Brutally Assaulted by Three Highwaymen

PASADENA, Dec. 20.—For the second time within twenty-four hours, a member of a Pacific Electric train crew of train No. 51 was brutally beaten and robbed between Oneonta Junction and Arcadia at 10 o'clock tonight. The injured man is M. D. McMann, brakeman, living at Francisco apartments, 531 Francisco street, Los Angeles. He is now at the Pacific Electric Emergency hospital here and is seriously injured.

McMann was a member of the freight crew that was held up near Arcadia at 2:10 o'clock this morning in which Brakeman Cox was beaten and robbed of \$37. After regaining consciousness, he said that the attack on him was made by three unmasked men at San Marino Junction, two of whom he had seen and identified as the men who robbed Cox early this morning. The third man he said was tall, wearing a black mustache. Two Poses Out One posse from Pasadena and another posse from the sheriff's office in Los Angeles are now searching for the robbers. McMann is rear brakeman on the Pacific Electric freight train that runs between Los Angeles and the towns along the line toward Monrovia. There is a switching station at San Marino Junction, three miles east of Oak Knoll, close to the place where Henry E. Huntington, president of the road, is building his handsome country home. Tonight the freight was in charge of Conductor T. A. Fisher and McMann had been put in the harness to replace Brakeman Cox, who was hit over the head early this morning and robbed, and Motorman Frank Strong. There was switching to be done at San Marino Junction, and McMann was sent back down the track to protect the rear of the train and signal. When the switching was completed the motorman whistled for McMann to join his train, but he failed to appear. Fearing that something had happened to the brakeman, the rest of the train crew walked back along the track and found McMann lying unconscious on the right of way with his body partially across the rails. Heavy Instrument Used The brakeman evidently had been struck across the back of the neck with a heavy instrument and, after being rendered unconscious, robbed. He was wearing overalls. These had been pulled down and his pockets turned inside out. A hurry call was sent to the Pasadena police and to the Pasadena car barns, where a car had been held in readiness in expectation of a repetition of the early morning holdup. Four policemen were sent out on the car, and other officers were picked up in South Pasadena. Los Angeles also was notified and a special car was sent to the scene with a posse from the sheriff's office. McMann was taken to the Pacific Electric emergency hospital here, and at midnight, two hours after the hold-up, he was still unable to stand on his feet. The physicians fear that the blow on the back of his neck injured his spine and were unable to give an absolute statement as to the extent of his injuries. "I only had a second to see these fellows," said the injured man to one of his trainmates after he reached the hospital. "I heard one of them say: 'You're brakeman on No. 51. I guess we'll get even with that bunch.'" "Two of the men were the same two that did up Conductor Cox on the run this morning. That I'm sure of. None of them was masked, and there was a third man with a black mustache. I don't believe they got more than a half dollar or so out of me. I only had some small change in my pocket, but they cleaned me out."

TWO HIGHWAYMEN ASSAULT AND ROB FREIGHT CONDUCTOR

When word was flashed to Los Angeles police headquarters shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning in regard to the holdup of Brakeman Clarence E. Cox, it was interpreted to mean that two highwaymen had held up a passenger train near Arcadia and had jumped a freight train bound for Los Angeles. This report afterward proved to be untrue, but the fact that a Pacific Electric freight train would stop at the Anderson and Aliso street crossing, and that a patrolman was requested to be on hand, caused a detail of six patrolmen and two deputy sheriffs, un-

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