UNEARTHS NEW STEALS IN CUBA

General Wood Comes to Washington to Report a Military Scandal.

Engineer's Department Involved in Charges of Gross Frauds in the Letting of Contracts.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, July 25.—The visit of Governor General Wood of Cuba to Washington had one object which the authorities did not care to disclose. He came to report personally upon another scandal which is hanging over the military government in Havana. This time it is the engineers' department which is the nest of fraud and corruption.

The general charge was made in Havana papers several weeks ago that an investigation of the engineers' department would lead to discoveries of dishonest practices and fraudulent contracts. This charge was met by an assertion from Colonel William M. Black, chief of the engineers, that he challenged an investigation of his department. In response to this charge and challenge definite and specific charges of stealing in the department were made to General Wood. A preliminary investigation, it is asserted, showed that the charges were true.

This fact was on the point of becoming public, when it was decided to make a determined effort to hush up the scandal. One contractor was sent for and ordered to make restitution of the amount of an over-payment, which was so transparent that no trick of bookkeeping would cover it. This was done the day before General Wood left Havana. The amount of this restitution, which was made directly to the engineers' department, was not large, amounting to less than $1000, but the facts connected with the original over-payment are declared to show gross negligence, or worse.

This contractor has been doing business with the department for many months, practically ever since American control in Cuba began, and his opportunities have been great. His accounts will be subjected to a careful inspection. The accounts of the entire department are undergoing secret investigation by experts. It is the intention to secure restitution of all fraudulent payments that have been made.

OFFICIAL REPORT ON NEELY'S CUBAN POSTAL PECULATIONS

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The Postmaster General has made public the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who investigated the Cuban postal frauds. Mr. Bristow finds that Neely's embezzlements aggregated at least $131,713 and says he was justified in recommending the removal of Director General Rathbone. Whether or not the latter was guilty with Neely, he says, there can be no doubt that in the matter of unauthorized per diem allowances, personal expenses and warrants cashed and unaccounted for, he unlawfully appropriated to his own use the money of the United States. For this, Mr. Bristow says he believes Mr. Rathbone should be required to answer.

Mr. Bristow explains that the bureau of finance inaugurated by Director General Rathbone, of which Neely was appointed chief, was started July 7, 1899. This bureau was charged with the custody of all stamps and postal supplies. The division of postal accounts, changed July 1, 1899, to a division of the Auditor's office, was in charge of Dr. W. H. Reeves, who was appointed by the Secretary of War. The report says that no accounts of the unbonded postmaster were required, remittance being entered as cash sales, and the only information the Auditor's office had of these transactions came from Neely himself. There was no check whatever on his transactions. From the accounts examined the report says the minimum of Neely's embezzlements may be summarized as follows:

Shortage as shown by his own records, $30,600; excess of credit by destruction of surcharged stamps definitely ascertained, $101,113; total, $131,713.

This will be increased by the discovery of sales of surcharged stamps, but will not exceed $150,000 in the aggregate.

The report says that Rathbone appointed Neely, who had custody of the stamps; Reeves, the only man who could have a check on Neely's transactions, and D. Warfield, chief of the bureau of registration, a commission to destroy the surcharged stamps, of which Neely had $52,000, and that Neely and Reeves entered into a conspiracy to report a larger quantity of stamps destroyed than were actually destroyed.

But, the report says, Neely's fraudulent transactions were not confined to these embezzlements, and while the amounts were small, compared with the latter, "they show the same official depravity and utter disregard of the interests of the public service."

Mr. Bristow submits evidence that Neely's thefts began a month after he went to Cuba.

The report says that C. M. Rich, who was brought to Havana as Neely's assistant, told Mr. Rathbone that Neely was "crooked." Rathbone denied any such information. The report says:

Rich claims to be innocent, but he at least had knowledge of Neely's embezzlements long before he claims to have told Rathbone. Reeves confessed that Neely paid him $4600 for concealing the fraud in the destruction of the stamps. Both Rich and Reeves protest against any criminal designs. How much credit should be given to their statements it is difficult to determine.

Rathbone claimed that it was the custom of all countries that officials should be furnished with attendants and that they should be clothed at the expense of the public revenues. When the character of these purchases by him became known to the Postmaster General the latter wrote to Director General Rathbone as follows:

"I have to-day, for the first time, seen certain of your bills as Director General of Posts, which were brought here by Colonel Burton. Some of these bills are not only without authority or justification, but are scandalous and never should have been passed or paid. The auditor, who is responsible to a different department, was inexcusable in allowing them, and your action in presenting them for allowance was grossly reprehensible. Without waiting for a review and reconsideration of these bills by a rightful audit you should at once reimburse to the island treasury the sums thus improperly paid."

SUPERIOR JUDGE J. W. HUGHES OF SAN DIEGO DEAD

THE LATE SUPERIOR JUDGE J. W. HUGHES OF SAN DIEGO.

WASHINGTON, July 25. — Superior Judge J. W. Hughes of San Diego, Cal., who has been ill of cerebral meningitis at the Garfield Hospital here for about a week, died at 6 o'clock this evening. A brother-in-law was with him during his last hours.

SAN DIEGO, July 25.—J. W. Hughes, whose death is announced at Washington, D. C., was born in Virginia fourty-four years ago and received his education in that State. He came to this city from Gainesville, Tex., in 1887 and soon became prominent as a lawyer. In 1886 he was elected Superior Judge. Two years ago he was a prominent candidate for Supreme Judge before the State Democratic Convention, but was defeated by Conley of Madera County. Judge Hughes leaves a widow and three children.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED IN LUZON

Alcalada and Municipal Council Send Greeting to President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—General MacArthur has cabled the War Department announcement of the successful erection of another municipal government in the Philippines under the terms laid down by the Philippine Commission. This particular Government is established at Vigan on the northwest coast of the island of Luzon, at a point made memorable by the landing of Young's forces during the pursuit of Aguinaldo, when that leader was last in strength. The Alcalada referred to in General MacArthur's dispatch corresponds to the Spanish alcalde or mayor. The message reads as follows:

MANILA, July 25.— Adjutant General, Washington: Following telegram from Alcalada of recently formed municipal government Vigan, Luzon, is transmitted: "President, Washington: Alcalada and municipal council Vigan, installed under General Young's supervision, salute you and tender firm allegiance. Rivero, Alcalada." MACARTHUR.

OFFICIALS NOMINATED BY MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS

DETROIT, Mich., July 25.—Hon. William C. Maybury, Mayor of Detroit, was this evening tendered the Democratic nomination for Governor of Michigan by the Democratic convention with a unanimity that rendered useless the taking of any ballot.

The resolutions adopted by the convention deplore "the corrupting influence of wealth upon our social and political machinery, as displayed in the recent campaign of three millionaires for the office of Governor."

The nominees are: Governor, William C. Maybury; Lieutenant Governor, Judge James G. Ramsdell; Secretary of State, John W. Wing; Treasurer, Charles F. Sundstrum; Auditor General, Hiram B. Hudson; Attorney General, James O'Hara; Commissioner of Land Office, Major George Winans; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Stephen H. Langdon; Presidential Electors (at large)—Lawrence Hubinger and Philip B. Wachtel.

GOLD-WING DEMOCRACY DRAWS OUT

Votes Against Placing a Ticket in the Field This Year.

NO FUSION WITH THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

Haldeman Places Himself on Record as Opposed to Free Silver, but Asserts That He Will Vote for Bryan.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 25.—By unanimous vote of the National Committee of the National Democracy this afternoon, the scheme of fusion with the anti-imperialistic movement, originating with the recent mass meeting at the Plaza Hotel in New York, was defeated, as was also the plan to place a Gold Democratic ticket in the field this year.

Of the members of the national committee, there were present nineteen, two of the committeemen holding several proxies. The hour of 4 p. m. had been appointed for the conference with the Plaza Hotel committee and at that hour the latter committee made its appearance and a sub-cimmittee presented an address setting out the proposition for fusion and a third party ticket with the reasons coming down from the New York meeting.

Eastern and Western men opposed the proposition, taking the ground that there had been disaffections and withdrawals from the ranks of the National Democracy; that the placing of a third ticket in the field this year with the new issues now before the country would in no way tend to an accomplishment of the end and aim back of the organization of the national Democratic party in 1896. It was urged that those Gold Democrats who stand to-day where they stood in the campaign of 1896 on the money question and against "Bryanism" would be left free to vote in support of the Republican platform, which was unchangeably in favor of a sound and stable money system.

When it came to Mr. W. D. Haldeman, proprietor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, a sensation was sprung. Mr. Haldeman, in 1896, contributed valuable aid in actively raising funds for the organization and maintenance of the work of the Gold Democracy and was a member of the auditing committee of that party. When he had concluded he withdrew from the room. In the course of his speech he said:

In 1898 I took upon myself abundant abuse from Kentucky Democrats and I did it because I believed, with my friend Henry Watterson, in the righteousness of a refusal to compromise with dishonor on the question of a sound and stable currency. The free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, without the consent of any other nation, has been relegated to another generation by this nation. It is a past measure.

My heart goes out to those who struggle for liberty in every nation, and I applaud and approve the expression in the Democratic platform sympathizing with the Boers. I am compelled, with a sense of what is due to free America that I love, to earnestly, actively support an American whom I believe loves his country, and whom I believe the highest and best type of the American citizen, and thus believing, I shall vote for and support William Jennings Bryan.

The committee appointed at the conference held in the Plaza Hotel, New York, called a mass convention to be held in this city August 10 to 14, at which a President and Vice President will be nominated on the following platform:

Independence and protection to the inhabitants of Cuba, the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico and Hawaii.

A single gold stadard and a sound banking system.

Abolition of all special privileges.

A public service based on merit only.

The call is addressed to all those opposed to the candidates and platforms of the Republican and Democratic parties.

KANSAS DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS FUSE

FORT SCOTT, Kans., July 25.—At their convention to-day the Kansas Democracy surrendered to the demands of Populists, and thereby made possible the tightest and most harmonious fusion that has ever existed in this State. The Populists had demanded from the Democrats the office of Associate Justice in exchange for that of Attorney General, although the former office had previously been granted the Democrats in what was supposed to be an air-tight agreement. After an all-night session of the conference committees the question was left open to be settled by the Democratic convention at its gathering to-day.

The State ticket completed by the different conventions was finally indorsed by all three—Democratic, Populist and Silver Republican. It follows:

Associate Justice—David Martin, Populist; Governor—John W. Breidenthal, Populist; Lieutenant Governor—A. M. Harvey, Populist; Secretary of State—Abe Frakes, Democrat; Treasurer—Conway Marshall, Democrat; Attorney General—Hugh P. Farrell, Democrat; Superintendent of Insurance—Webb McNall, Silver Republican; Electors at Large—R. W. Turner, Silver Republican; J. B. Fugate, Democrat; First District—James Faloon, Silver Republican; Second District—J. B. Goshorn, Democrat; Fifth District—C. P. Carstensen, Democrat; Seventh District—H. J. Roetzel, Democrat.

The platform adopted by the Democrats demands among other things the creation by law of a "public tribunal clothed with all power necessary for the complete and efficient regulation and control of railways" and legislation for the regulation of passenger and freight rates is demanded, as well as the appointment of a railway auditor, with power to examine the books and accounts of railways. The platform refers to Mr. Bryan as "the unconquered hero, the lion of the West."

HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND PANAMA

Government Troops Continue to Hold Their Ground, but Their Cause Seems Hopeless.

United States Government Protests Against a Bombardment of the City by Insurgents.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, July 25.—Consul General Cudger at Panama has been instructed by the State Department to protest against the proposed bombardment of the city of Panama by the insurgent forces in Colombia.

A dispatch was received at the State Department to-day from the Consul, saying that there was continuous fighting between Government forces and the insurgents, and that it had been determined to bombard the city of Panama. He was at once instructed to protest in the name of his Government against the proposed bombardment as an act that might endanger free transit across the isthmus.

COLON, Colombia, July 25.—A terrific engagement continues between Government troops and the insurgents around Panama, but the former are holding their ground. Many have been killed and wounded and a four hours' armistice was agreed upon to attend to the wounded and bury the dead.

The steamer Bernard Hall arrived at Colon from Savanilla at 3 o'clock this afternoon with reinforcements for the Government forces numbering 1000. They were brought by General Serrano, Governor of the Department. The cable between Colon and Jamaica was repaired to-day.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, July 25.—A reliable passenger by the steamer Darien, which arrived here to-day from Colon, confirms the statement of the Captain of the steamer Flandaria to the effect that under an arrangement Panama was to have been formally surrendered on July 23, the rebels having surrounded the city. The Government's cause, the passenger said, is hopeless.

With the fall of Baranquilla, which is expected to occur soon, the revolution will end in favor of the rebels.

CHARLES HOYT, THE PLAYWRIGHT, IN AN ASYLUM

Has Failed Rapidly Since the Death of His Wife.

Attending Physicians Say He Is a Wreck Mentally and Physically and His Condition Is now Critical.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Charles Hale Hoyt, actor, manager, politician, capitalist, bon vivant, has at last been declared insane. Broken in health from grief over his wife's death a few years ago and unbalanced by the strain of overwork in his profession, he was taken to Hartford Retreat for the Insane on Tuesday. After a consultation of experts his condition was declared critical.

Known through his merry farce comedies, "A Parlor Match," "A Texas Steer," "A Trip to Chinatown" and others, the playwright's misfortune causes sincere and deep regret. Broken down mentally and physically, that his condition is serious, is sadly admitted by those who knew him well.

The death of his wife left a bright entertainer without a relative in the world. He fell ill from acute nervous prostration. Close friends anxiously watched for him to rally from the effects of his sorrow. He went to Florida for rest and recuperation. The future seemed uncertain, but there were strong hopes for his ultimate recovery.

There were many sensational rumors persistently circulated about the playwright. It was said he had been seen sitting in the corridors of New York and Washington hotels asleep with his jaw hanging on his breast, a picture of a mentally broken down man and the center of a wondering, pitying crowd; that he walked the streets aimlessly and almost unconsciously at night, and that when he sat in a box at Washington Theater, where his latest farce, "A Dog in the Manger," was produced, he imagined he was in New Haven, and a few days afterward had no knowledge, that the piece had been performed anywhere. He went South and then followed the story of his removal to an asylum or sanitarium.

Friends have long refused to believe that Mr. Hoyt needed restraint. He enjoys the freedom of hotels in this city as well as in the South. He came here recently from his summer home in Charlestown, N. H. While on his return he began sending strange telegrams to his former associates. "Hoyt is failing," they told one another. His friends went to his beautiful country home in New Hampshire. They tried to comfort him in his misfortune. They finally sent for the family physician. Other physicians came and a long consultation was held. It was finally declared that the playwright is insane.

SUICIDE OF A LAWYER.

Herbert Stimpson, Charged With Embezzlement, Ends His Life.

WICHITA, Kans., July 25.—Herbert Stimpson, a lawyer and prominent criminologist, committed suicide here to-day. He shot himself in the head.

He had just been arrested charged with embezzling $625, given him by a client to quiet a title on real estate. He had been decorated by King Humbert of Italy for scientific works. He won the cross of the Legion of Honor by blowing up the gates of Dahomey.

SPANISH FLAGS PREDOMINATED IN PORTO RICO

An Elaborate Celebration of the Feast of St. Jago.

Marked Contrast to the Observance of the Fourth of July, Which Passed Almost Unnoticed.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, July 25.—The streets of San Juan were a labyrinth of glittering Spanish flags to-day in honor of St. Jago, the patron saint of Spain. Banners and bunting, suspended from house to house covered the thoroughfares and everywhere the balconies were richly decorated.

There was no attempt whatever to display the American colors. The celebration of the Fourth of July was totally eclipsed to-day. Then the citizens were unable to raise a dollar for the purpose of demonstrations. To-day there was no difficulty in carrying through a programme which must have cost $5000. Possibly six native houses displayed the stars and stripes. On the other hand it is estimated that no fewer than 2500 Spanish flags were flung to the breeze.

Last evening there was a grand concert in the plaza, attended by 3000 Spaniards, and this was followed by patriotic addresses, received with great enthusiasm, at the Casino.

To-day dawned with the ringing of church bells, followed by street parades. Business was entirely suspended. An elaborate ball at the Casino this evening concluded the festivities.

The real feeling of the people was expressed by bands of hoodlums, who paraded the streets in the less respectable quarters of the city carrying Spanish flags and shouting "Viva Espanol." The fact that the day was the second anniversary of the landing of the United States troops under General Miles seemed to be forgotten here. Although at Ponce, Mayaguez and other points there were slight observances of the anniversary, it was apparent that the local celebration had been carefully arranged to eclipse that of the Fourth of July, which was scarcely observed at all in Porto Rico.

A prominent Porto Rican, discussing the celebration from that point of view to-day, said:

"Our people should not be blamed by the Americans for expressing their feelings in this way. The United States constitution has not been extended to the island. The privileges of citizenship have been denied them. In such circumstances Porto Ricans cannot appreciate American institutions, and naturally would not observe American holidays. To-day's celebration, however, was purely Spanish and many native Porto Ricans did not participate."

Tesla Coal Mine Road's Report.

SACRAMENTO, July 25.—The Alameda and San Joaquin road's report was submitted to the State Board of Equalization to-day. The report shows operating expenses amounting to $24,000, and receipts amounting to $16,334 22. The operating expenses were the same last year and there were no receipts given. The road is a feeder for the Tesla mines and is owned by the mining company. The value of the rolling stock is given at $20,000 this year, as against $35,800 a year ago. H. H. Griffiths, for the company, said the road would soon be on a paying basis, but that it was dependent altogether upon the mines and that the work there was now entirely one of development.

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