

WOOD DENIES THE CHARGES OF RATHBONE

Defends His Course as Governor of Cuba.

Says the Military Was Above Laws of the Island.

War Department May Ask for an Inquiry Into Accusations.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, March 22.—In a statement filed to-day with the Secretary of War, Brigadier General Leonard A. Wood entered a complete denial of any improper acts while serving as Military Governor of Cuba, as charged by Major Rathbone, formerly Director of Posts of Cuba.

The first accusation made by Major Rathbone was that General Wood violated the Spanish Penal Code by indulging the Cuban courts in the postal frauds and other crimes.

General Wood replies to this that the military government, of which he was the head, was supreme in the island during the period of occupation and that its authority was superior to any set of laws in force prior to the Spanish War.

Major Rathbone's second charge was that General Wood violated the Penal Code by accepting from the Jai Alai, a sporting institution, gifts of precious gems and a silver service.

General Wood replies that it was his right, as it was that of any other official or private citizen in Cuba, to accept presents from the Jai Alai or any other source, provided there was no implication of bribery. He says the Jai Alai was not a lottery or gambling concern, but a simply conducted, legitimate sport, on which large wagers were made by speculators, just as they are made on horse racing in this country.

Replying to Major Rathbone's third charge, that he violated the customs then in force by admitting free of duty silverware which was imported from New York, General Wood says that it was customary to admit duty free articles of merchandise intended for the personal use of American officials.

General Wood's answer may be construed as a declaration that, as Military Governor, he had authority to disregard all existing laws and regulations whenever he pleased.

The question is now what the Secretary of War will do with Major Rathbone's charges against General Wood. Two courses at least are open to him. He may disregard the charges, in view of General Wood's denial, or he may order a court of inquiry to investigate them. It is within General Wood's right to ask for such a court, which would relieve the Secretary of War from the embarrassment of directing it. It is expected that within the next twenty-four hours some action will be taken by the War Department.

General Wood declined to-night to make any statement in regard to the charges or his answer. He said he would sail, as he had planned, from Boston for Gibraltar, en route to the Philippines, on March 28. This is taken to mean that he has no intention to ask for a court of inquiry.

There is an intimate friendship between General Wood and President Roosevelt. In view of Judge Tyner's recent dismissal from the Postoffice Department for alleged friendly feeling for the St. Louis Terf Bureau, Wood's case becomes all the more interesting.

LA SOUFFIERE PRESENTS AWE-INSPIRING SPECTACLE

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, March 22.—The eruption of La Soufriere, which began yesterday, continued and increased in activity during the night until it became most violent at 7 o'clock this morning. At 8:30 this morning its violence was unabated and the spectacle was awe-inspiring. The crater is belching forth dense black clouds, which rise heavenward, accompanied by loud roaring and flashes, which send the spreading pall of smoke, that now envelops the entire island in darkness. Electrical discharges occurred at intervals during the night, while at daybreak the sunlight playing on the stupendous volcanic clouds produced exceedingly beautiful effects.

Kingston, although covered with heavy clouds which completely obscure the sun, is not in danger, the population shows no alarm. According to advices from Chateau Belaire dark and falling fire, and Point-a-Pietre reports that strong detonations were heard there throughout last night and this morning.

DERELICT SCHOONER SIGHTED BY DAUNTLESS

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 22.—Captain Toel Smith of the schooner Dauntless reports that on March 20, in latitude 45 degrees 6 minutes north, longitude 125 degrees 12 minutes west, he sighted a derelict.

The Dauntless stood by and the captain sent the first mate aboard, and it proved to be the sealing schooner George W. Prescott, from Victoria, B. C., fitted with stores.

The masts and bowsprit were gone. The crew had evidently started a fire before leaving the ship, but it had died out. The vessel continued to drift northward.

STRIFE IN RANKS OF THE RED CROSS

Miss Clara Barton Refuses to Relinquish the Presidency and Congress Will Be Called Upon to Make an Investigation



HEAD OF THE RED CROSS ASSOCIATION, WHO IS OPPOSING THE EFFORT TO RETIRE HER FOR THE REASON THAT SHE IS SAID TO BE LACKING IN BUSINESS METHODS.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, March 22.—In refusing to surrender her position as president of the National American Red Cross, Miss Clara Barton has defied the plans of those who were anxious to restore harmony in the association. There is now no hope of a settlement of the differences until Congress shall have investigated the charges of those who declare they are anxious only for a practical business management of the Red Cross.

Miss Barton has filed with the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House, which has the matter in hand, a voluminous reply to the charges that, through irregularity, she has so amended the constitution as to give her absolute power over the association. Congress probably will be asked at the next session to annul the charter or amend it.

Friends of Miss Barton who have stood by her loyally for years and who are still admirers of her noble work are anxious for her to give up active management of the association. While there are many who criticize the management of the affairs of the Red Cross, none cast the slightest asperion upon Miss Barton. It is some of those associated with her that criticisms are directed, especially for their failure to account for funds expended. J. W. Flather, treasurer of the Red Cross, resigned because money was

TREASURE FROM PEN OF FIELD

Widow of Late Poet Finds an Opera Manuscript.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 22.—The arrival in this city of Eugene Field Jr. and Fred Comstock Field, sons of the dead poet, caused the announcement to be made that a comic opera from the pen of Eugene Field will be given a production in New York next fall. The production of "The Buccaneers, or the Begum of Pura," in three acts, has been arranged for and the music is being written by a well-known composer of light operas.

The manuscript, which has been forgotten, lay buried among a file of old papers pertaining to Field's connection with the Denver Tribune until it was accidentally stumbled upon by the poet's widow recently.

It is said that the widow was offered \$3500 for the manuscript, which covered sixty-five pages of closely written matter, but refused it, and for some time the manuscript has been in the hands of the composer.

RELATIVES OF MRS. FAIR HAVE NOTHING TO SAY

NEWMARKET, N. J., March 22.—Abe Nelson and William Smith, the half and full brothers of the late Mrs. Charles Fair, refused to-day to discuss a report that the claims of the relatives of Mrs. Fair had been settled for \$250,000. A friend of the family, who is in a position to speak, said he doubted that such a settlement had been effected. If the report said the settlement was on the basis of \$250,000 to each of the relatives of Mrs. Fair, he would place some reliance in it. From his manner of talking it could be inferred that negotiations to settle on that basis are in progress. It is stated that a representative of Mrs. Oelrichs recently made several trips to this place and to Plainfield.

URUGUAY'S WAR ENDS SUDDENLY

Rebels Agree to the President's Terms of Peace.

MONTEVIDEO, March 22.—Peace was signed to-day between the Uruguayan Government and the rebels. There is general rejoicing here. The peace arrangement leaves the position of the Government and presidential parties virtually the same as before the outbreak.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Confirmation of the termination of the revolution in Uruguay has been received by Mr. Herrera, the Uruguayan Charge d'Affaires in Washington. The dispatch announcing that fact contained no particulars.

The trouble in Uruguay arose from the failure of the new President to recognize an agreement made six years ago with the "whites," by which representatives from that party were to be appointed to six of the Governorships. The termination of the revolution leads Mr. Herrera to assume that the President has acceded to the demands of the "whites."

Mrs. William A. Duer Dies.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Mrs. William A. Duer, mother of Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay and of Miss Caroline Duer, today died in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel of a stroke of paralysis. The body was removed to Mrs. Mackay's home on Madison avenue. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the funeral will take place Tuesday or Wednesday. Mrs. Duer was Miss Liza Travers, a daughter of the late William R. Travers, and granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Johnson.

ASKS CASTRO TO CONTINUE AT THE HELM

Congress of Venezuela Declines Resignation.

Dictator Insists Upon Being Relieved of Office.

Agrees to Show Lawmakers a Way Out of the Dilemma.

BRITISH SHIP AGAIN SEIZES THE GUNBOAT

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PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 22.—The British cruiser Fallos has seized the Venezuelan warship Restaurador on the ground that she is a pirate. The case against the Restaurador cites that soon after she was handed over to the Venezuelan authorities by the German commander she began again acts of piracy and robbery on the high seas. It is charged that she seized the cargoes of vessels and then dismantled and abandoned the craft.

A Port of Spain newspaper says editorially of the Restaurador's course:

"Such piratical acts prove the unwisdom of the generosity of the allied powers." The paper expresses the hope that retributive justice will be swifter and more effective than on the last occasion.

The Restaurador was formerly the yacht Atalanta. She was built for Jay Gould.

CARACAS, March 22.—The Venezuelan Congress by a unanimous vote declined to accept President Castro's resignation and passed a resolution requesting him to reconsider his decision.

The delegation appointed by Congress called at noon to-day at the President's residence, Miraflores Palace, and transmitted to President Castro the resolution requesting him to reconsider his decision. President Castro in reply declined to change his mind, but after being urged by his personal friends he offered to present another message to Congress, which he will meet on Thursday to suggest a solution of the situation.

The French warship Troude has left La Guaira. Her departure is taken as indicating that there is no reason to fear international complications as a result of President Castro's resignation.

VALEDICTORY OF CASTRO.

The Congressional hall was crowded yesterday and all the members of the diplomatic corps were present when President Castro read his message to Congress. President Castro first passed in review the terrible conditions which prevailed in the country and denounced the errors of his countrymen.

"But," he continued, "if it is painful to consider how much blood has been shed and how many tears, it is a consolation to think that their bitter stream, by the law of compensation, will fecundate something that should correspond to present-day aspirations, since every struggle begets an idea and every victorious idea justifies the supposition that an onward step has been taken on the road to human perfection. Our victory, citizen legislators, over the great adversities which have just oppressed us must terminate the tumults of our life; otherwise we shall reach a shameful dissolution."

Touching then on the question of the recent foreign intervention, President Castro said it has been brought about by a league of people who, unable to submit their claims to the impartiality of the tribunals, had employed force, and that because he refused to submit to the Anglo-German exactions they, acting in collusion with the revolutionary General Matos, endeavored to get rid of him. In confirmation of this statement President Castro cited a letter written by the commander of the German warship Stosch.

OPENS WAY TO PEACE.

President Castro pointed out that the sovereignty of the nation had been safeguarded, and said:

"I now deliver my abdication in order that you may proceed legally to call on him who should take my place, so that there may remain to no Venezuelan the slightest pretext for any hostility to his country or for connivance with the foreigner, who without any grounds that have force fell upon unfortunate Venezuela, trampling under foot reason and justice, to the detriment of civilization and right. With head uplifted and with a tranquil conscience I return to the efforts of toll which honor and dignity. All the energies and possibilities of my life are at your service should it become necessary to arise and defend our coun-

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BANISHED AMERICAN DENTIST TALKS OF THE SAXON SCANDAL

Dr. O'Brien, Compelled to Leave King George's Realm, Denies Reports Connecting His Name With That of Princess Louise and Excuses Her Conduct on the Ground of Mental Trouble



ONE-TIME MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF SAXONY, WHO ELOPED WITH M. GIRON, AND THE AMERICAN DENTIST WHO WAS COMPELLED TO LEAVE THE KINGDOM BECAUSE OF SCANDAL.

"We must begin life anew," his wife said, hopefully, and her bright brown eyes gazed up at her husband, who is six feet tall.

At first glance, taken when the observer is standing before him, Dr. O'Brien somewhat reminds one of James J. Corbett, perhaps due to the fact that his long hair is brushed from his forehead in pompous fashion. And in the hair may be noticed glints of silver, for the dentist is 42 years old. When his profile is seen there comes the suggestion of William J. Bryan. His features are mobile and there is a peculiar charm about his countenance when he converses.

Dr. O'Brien entered into a long explanation of how the Princess visits to his

DIRE WOE FOR HIM WHO SINS

Bishop Huntington Says Torment Awaits.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 22.—Bishop F. D. Huntington of the Episcopal diocese of Central New York expressed views today concerning punishment after death, and hell which have caused much discussion. He affirmed his belief in a hell, and bitterly criticized the minister who figures out an easy time after death for sinners.

SECOND DAUGHTER AT THE MACKAY HOME

Young Millionaire and His Wife Give Welcome to a Tiny Visitor.

NEW YORK, March 22.—At Harbor Hill, Roslyn, L. I., to-night a second daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay. Late to-night it was said that both mother and infant were doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackay's first child was born on February 5, 1900, and christened Katherine Duer Mackay, after her mother. Her nurseries, both at Harbor Hill and Mr. Mackay's town house, 99 Madison avenue are entire suites of rooms and are said to be like a fairy realm in luxurious appointments. The elder little Miss Mackay's christening robe of lace was valued at \$1500.

MURDERER OF WOMEN IS CAUGHT

"Jack the Ripper" Awaits Death in London.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, March 22.—A story is printed here, stating that the police have discovered a quantity of circumstantial evidence tending to prove that George Chapman, who was convicted of murder last Thursday and sentenced to death, is really a Pole of the name of Klosowski, and that he is identical with "Jack the Ripper," the mysterious, untraceable perpetrator of revolting murders in the Whitechapel district in 1888.

Part of the evidence comprised the discovery that Klosowski, soon after the Whitechapel atrocities ceased, went to Jersey City and opened a barber shop, his residence there being contemporaneous with the "Ripper" murders in that city. It is said that Klosowski's real wife informed the police, since her husband's stage name of Alice Roseland, died suddenly at her home in this city to-night. She was 29 years of age. In the room where the woman died the police found a bottle nearly full of wood alcohol. The body was removed to the Morgue.

Actress Dies Suddenly.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Mrs. Cora Wilber, an actress, the wife of Arthur R. Wilber, manager of Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" Company, and until three years ago a star in that production under the stage name of Alice Roseland, died suddenly at her home in this city to-night. She was 29 years of age. In the room where the woman died the police found a bottle nearly full of wood alcohol. The body was removed to the Morgue.

office for treatment were misunderstood. He denied that he went bicycling with her, but admitted she had sent for him to come to the palace and play tennis.

"Now," said the doctor, "I want to say that my sympathies are all with the Princess. I do not know anything of the stories that her husband was cruel to her and I don't want to exonerate her for running away with this man Giron. But my wife will bear me out when I say that the Princess is one of the most charming and delightful of women, with a much higher intelligence than you would expect from her class. She has a knowledge of medicine and chemistry and composes music and writes songs."

"Yes," interjected Mrs. O'Brien, "but you say she is not right mentally."

"She is erratic at times," her husband went on, "but she is loved, and if she went back the people of Saxony would welcome her with open arms. Now, as for those letters she wrote to me. Why, there are twenty-two other men in Saxony who are in the same position as I am and letters to them written by her were found

in her effects and have been used in the divorce suit which was instituted by the Government."

After O'Brien had gone to look after his luggage Mrs. O'Brien said:

"No Princess can take my 'king' from me. There is no happier couple on God's footstool than we are. He has no vices, belongs to no clubs, is not out at nights as most men are. Yet, here he is, 42 years old, having to give up a practice which was worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year and forced to begin life anew. I suppose I ought to hate the ground the Crown Princess walks on, but I have no right to be down on her. I think she is a good woman, but my husband says he thinks she is not right at times."

GAS ENDS THE LIVES OF THREE

Babe Is Murdered and Parents Commit Suicide.

CINCINNATI, March 22.—There was a mysterious triple tragedy here last night at the home of A. M. Betty, local manager of the Washburn Grosby Mills of Minneapolis, but it was not known until to-night, when the bodies of A. M. Betty, his wife, Lulu, and their boy, Harry, aged 20 months, were found by neighbors. A note written by Betty was found in which he accused his wife of having killed the babe and the police believe the woman killed the little one and herself on account of domestic troubles. It is said that divorce proceedings had been instituted two years ago and were withdrawn before the birth of their boy. Betty, it is believed, found his wife and child dead on his return home last night and then took his own life.

The body of the babe was found in a basin, with no marks on it whatever. It is believed that Betty took it from its crib and tried to revive it by turning on the water. When he found it was dead he lay down beside his wife's body to die from asphyxiation and in that position their bodies were found. The odor of the gas led to the search this evening that disclosed the tragedy.

There is nothing to indicate how any of the family came to their death except the line left by Betty and the fact that the gas was turned on.