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General Wood Says Manila Reporters
"Faked" Story of Moro
Massacre.

HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT

Washington, March 20.—Secretary Taft has received two cablegrams from Major General Leonard Wood at Manila relative to the Mount Dajo fight. The first reads as follows:

"If more detailed information concerning the facts connected with the Mount Dajo fight is desired I suggest that Major Hugh L. Scott be called upon. He is thoroughly familiar with the situation, having spent eight months in the attempt to get these people off the mountain without fighting."

The Major Scott referred to has been on leave of absence in this country and has just arrived in Washington in answer to the secretary's summons. He was referred to in some of the Manila cablegrams as having really caused the present trouble at Mount Dajo by reason of the exercise of too great leniency toward the brigand Moros.

The second dispatch from General Wood reads as follows:

"Sensational cables sent to the United States relating to the Mount Dajo fight were made up in Manila. There has been no reference in any cable from Mindanao to the killing of women and children. On receipt of Colonel Andrews' condensed report from me in Washington the American newspapers cabled for details. The reporters here had no other information than was contained in my report to Colonel Andrews and supplied sensational features."

Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

Washington, March 20.—The house committee on postoffices and postroads has reported the postoffice appropriation bill to the house. It provides for an expenditure of \$191,373,848 for the fiscal year 1907, or \$913,221 less than the modified estimates of the postoffice department. This amount exceeds the appropriation for 1906 by \$10,351,755.

OFFICIALS INTERFERE.

Russian Elections Not a Free Expression of Opinion.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—As the elections proceed there is more and more evidence of the virtual exclusion from participation of the radical elements of the population. The preliminary stages of the elections will rob the national assembly of much of its national character. Its authority to speak will be absolutely denied by the proletariat organization, which bore the brunt of the fight for liberty.

Complaints of interference and duress in the country districts are increasing. Many flagrant instances are cited of local officials preventing a free expression of the peasants and often practically compelling the selection of priests and village elders.

USING REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

Russian Government Trying to Stop Strike Agitation.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The government is using the most repressive measures to stop the agitation for a strike of railway men and telegraphers. A meeting of the former at Rostoff-on-Don was surrounded and invaded during the day by Cossacks, who fired into the assemblage, killing two persons and wounding eight.

At Moscow troops are now guarding all the railway stations and several factories, including the Abrikosoff works, where the workmen are restive.

Another Line to Winnipeg.

Duluth, March 20.—It is understood here that the Great Northern surveyors, who had previously been reported as surveying a line from Hibbing to International Falls, are in reality heading from Dewey Lake to Warroad, on the Canadian Northern. This looks like another line from Duluth to Winnipeg in connection with the Canadian Northern.

OIL HEARINGS RESUMED.

Officers of Waters-Pierce Company Expected to Testify.

St. Louis, March 20.—The postponed hearing of the ouster suit instituted by Attorney General Hadley against the Standard, Republic and Waters-Pierce Oil companies was resumed during the day before Special Commissioner Anthony. Among the witnesses expected to testify are E. Clay Pierce, former president of the Waters-Pierce Oil company; A. M. Finlay, vice president, and C. M. Adams, secretary of the same company.

William T. McKee, secretary of the Republic Oil company of Cleveland, O., was the first witness. He brought with him books of the company in accordance with the order of the Missouri supreme court. He told of having lived in Denver and of his employment under Wade Hampton of 26 Broadway, New York, auditor of the Republic Oil company. He denied knowing Hampton as general auditor of the Standard company, but said Hampton had offices in the Standard building in New York. Witness stated that Cleveland was the distributing office of the Republic Oil company and said that the home office of the company was at 75 New Street, New York. He told of having audited books of the Waters-Pierce company. A stock book of the Republic Oil company was shown McKee, but he denied ever having seen it before.

GENERAL THAYER DYING.

Life of Once Prominent Nebraskan Slowly Ebbing Away.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—John M. Thayer, ex-United States senator and ex-governor of Nebraska, is barely alive and the attending physicians express the belief that he will not live through the day. Throughout the night General Thayer was kept alive by the use of heart stimulants. The serious condition of General Thayer is attributed solely to his extreme old age.

CLOUDS HAVE DISAPPEARED

An Agreement Expected at Next Meeting
of the Moroccan Conference
At Algerceris.

GERMANY TO MODIFY ITS DEMANDS

London, March 20.—The clouds which have been hanging over Algerceris for the past week have practically disappeared and in the opinion of the foreign office the basis of an agreement on the Moroccan question will be reached at the next session of the conference. This agreement will be based on a modification of the German demands with respect to the police, while France will concede part of what she has been asking for in regard to the Moroccan bank system. The details will not be published until the meeting of the delegates, in fact France will not state what she is willing to concede until Germany has placed her cards on the table.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE FIRM.

Insists on International Control of Moroccan Police.

Berlin, March 20.—The German attitude at Algerceris is a passive one. She is ready to consider in a friendly spirit any proposition for the supervision of the Moroccan police embracing the international principle, but beyond that Germany will not go. She would prefer to have the conference adjourn without an agreement than give up the international idea.

MANY FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Town of Northwood, Wash., Destroyed by Forest Fires.

Lyndon, Wash., March 20.—Northwood, four miles north of Lyndon, in Whatcom county, has been destroyed by forest fires. The Northwood lumber and shingle mill was totally destroyed and many families are homeless.

The fire is within a mile of Lyndon and grave fears are felt for that town. Hundreds are fighting the fire and the Bellingham department was sent out by special train to aid the threatened city of Lyndon and the surrounding farmers to subdue the conflagration.

Louis de Lange, a playwright, whose home was formerly in Philadelphia, committed suicide in New York city by cutting his throat.

TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED.

Severe Snow Storm Raging in the Middle West.

Dayton, O., March 20.—Snow to the depth of eight inches on the level has fallen since midnight and traffic of all kinds throughout the Miami valley is paralyzed. Street car and interurban service is badly crippled and the team railroads are operating under the greatest difficulties ever experienced in this valley.

Chicago, March 20.—The heaviest snow storm of the winter is in progress here. In twelve hours four inches of snow fell and, being driven by a high wind from the northwest, it drifted badly and made operation of street cars, particularly in the suburbs, a matter of considerable difficulty.

Decatur, Ill., March 20.—Eighteen inches of snow fell in the last fifteen hours. This is the heaviest snowfall ever known here. All business is suspended. Street cars and interurban lines are blocked and there were no passenger trains on some railroads.

Philadelphia, March 20.—The most severe snow storm of the winter is raging throughout Eastern Pennsylvania. It is feared that the mines will have to suspend unless the snow ceases.

St. Louis, March 20.—A heavy snow storm prevails here and has seriously inconvenienced traffic of all kinds. At 9 o'clock the fall of snow measured nine inches and it was then snowing hard.

SUCCEEDS BELLAMY STORER.

Charles S. Francis Named as Ambassador to Austria.

Washington, March 20.—The name of Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., former American minister to Greece, has been sent to the senate as ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer. Mr. Francis' father was formerly ambassador to Austria.

F. L. ROBBINS IS DISPOSED

Will Not Lead the Bituminous Operators
In Conference With Mine
Workers.

ANTI-PEACE FACTION IN CONTROL

MANY LIVES IMPERILED.

Two School Buildings at Haverhill, Mass., Destroyed.

Haverhill, Mass., March 20.—Fire in the Haverhill manual training school and high school annex imperiled more than 150 boys and girls and although mainly because of the coolness and generalship of the teachers no lives were lost several pupils had their hair burned and one girl injured her leg by jumping from a second story window. Instructor John Bourne, intent upon the escape of the children, after they were all out found his own egress cut off and he was compelled to leap from a window on the second floor of the training school. He was not injured in jumping, but previously he had been burned about the head and hands. The training school formerly was a factory and it was a three-story frame building whose beams and flooring were ready food for the fire.

GRAVE DISORDERS FEARED.

Five Hundred Miners on Strike at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Great Falls, Mont., March 20.—The strike of the coal miners at Lethbridge, Alberta, Can., has caused so much uneasiness among the citizens that they have called upon the Dominion government for assistance. The Northwest mounted police have been placed in control of the town and martial law practically prevails. This action appears to have irritated the miners still further and the citizens fear grave disorders.

More than 500 men, members of the union, are on strike and there are still 100 at work under police protection. These are greeted daily by volleys of snowballs and stones as they go to work.

ROOF OF CAR BARN COLLAPSES.

One Man Killed and Several Injured at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 20.—The roof of the street car barns collapsed during the afternoon under the weight of the heavy snowfall. One man was killed and several were seriously injured.

Negro Lynched for Killing Cow.

Plaquemine, La., March 20.—William Carr, a negro, was lynched at Bayou Plaquemine for stealing and killing a cow. Constable Walter Marlonneaux and V. M. Patureau were on their way to the jail at this place with the negro when they were stopped by a crowd of about thirty-five masked men, who overpowered them and took the prisoner and hanged him to a railroad bridge.

Indianapolis, March 20.—Bituminous coal operators to the number of 400 met during the day at the Claypool hotel to endeavor to formulate a united policy for their line of action in the joint conference with the miners. Before the meeting began it was apparent that the operators were widely separated in their views, some favoring granting the miners an increase in wages, others standing positively against any increase whatever.

F. L. Robbins, who has long been the leader of the bituminous operators in their dealings with the United Mine Workers of America, announced that he would not be a candidate for continued leadership.

A revolt against him has been moved by operators opposing his moves in favor of peace.

J. P. Winder, president of the Sunday Creek Coal company in Ohio, the second largest bituminous coal producing concern in the country, has been brought out by the anti-Robbins faction of bituminous coal operators for the chairmanship and leadership of the Central competitive field operators.

Winder Succeeds Robbins.

The operators' meeting represented the Central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Robbins called the meeting to order and announced that while he had been misunderstood and misrepresented he still believed it best that he retire as chairman of the operators and he asked to be relieved. On motion of Frank S. Peabody of Chicago J. P. Winder was elected chairman and will be the leader of the operators in the joint conference.

After the operators adjourned it was stated that a crisis was imminent. It was stated that F. L. Robbins was opposed to the unit rule, which requires that all voting on wage matters shall be recorded as unanimous, and that Mr. Robbins threatened to bolt the conference and operate his mines independently. There was danger that the operators would not be able to agree sufficiently to warrant a joint conference with the miners.

TROOPS ON THE SCENE.

Trouble Feared in Connection With French Miners' Strike.

Liens, France, March 20.—Many detachments of troops, including artillery and dragoons, have arrived here in order to be ready for any eventualities which may arise as a result of the miners' strike. About 46,000 men are now out and are parading the towns, carrying red flags. Several minor collisions have taken place.

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