

WOOD LIKE GREELEY

Stenographers Were Perplexed but He Always Came to Their Rescue Gladly.

Leonard Wood's penmanship is his weakest point, but in that he has as prototypes, Horace Greeley, Napoleon and many other illustrious leaders of men. Clive Newcome Hartt, who was his stenographer at Governor's island, writes:

"And what a signature it is! Unless one knows in advance what it is supposed to represent, it might be looked at through a magnifying glass without being able to decipher it."

"But no matter how puzzling his chirography may be to others, it is always clear and legible to the general. I had occasion to learn this very soon. He would take typewritten pages I had turned in, revise them, and insert interpolations and changes in the most terrifying way, and then I would have to make a fresh copy of this changed matter. I was working over his notes one day when he bellowed:

"If you can't read that, Mr. Hartt, don't be afraid to ask me—and save time."

"He was quite right about it's saving time. It would take a whole board to read a page of his notes, and then one couldn't be sure that even one word was correct!"

"If this sounds like an exaggeration, let me convince you of the validity of my statement."

"During the winter of 1916-17 General Wood was traveling here, and there speaking in behalf of preparedness. It was part of Captain Johnson's duty—Captain Johnson being an aide to the general—to keep in touch with his literary. One day the captain came into the office and picking up the general's memorandum pad, scowled in perplexity at the words scrawled across the page in the general's illegible handwriting. The general watched him quietly for a few moments, then said:

"What's wrong? Fire away."

"That was his usual signal that he was ready to listen to what one had to say."

"Excuse me, general," said Captain Johnson hesitatingly, "but I don't quite understand the memorandum. This reads, 'Here for lunch,' while my slate says you are not in town tomorrow—and I don't quite understand—that is, I've made no plans for lunch for tomorrow."

"Let me see it," said the general. "He glanced quickly at the notation on the pad, and said disgustedly, 'That doesn't say anything about 'Here for lunch.' It reads 'Leave for Ithaca.'"

Marshall Field III, chairman of the Leonard Wood committee for Cook county, spoke for the organization which did so much to carry Chicago in the primary just before he left the city, with his wife, for Palm Beach. He said:

"We attribute the victory in Cook county to the enthusiasm of every one of our workers. They were inspired by the genuine conviction that the crisis before the country requires such a man as Leonard Wood at the helm of state. They worked like beavers in his behalf and spread the zeal they felt themselves throughout the city and county."

"We regard the down-state vote as a personal tribute from Governor Lowden's friends and admirers in his own state and not as an indorsement of the people generally as a candidate for president. We are more than ever convinced that Leonard Wood will be the choice of the convention in June and will be elected in November."

MRS. WOOD LIKES TOILERS.

New York, April.—Mrs. Leonard Wood gave a tea for business women when she was in New York with her husband.

"I am traveling with the general, but I am not campaigning," Mrs. Wood said when she dropped into the women's Wood headquarters at the Hotel Imperial and was pressed with a dozen invitations to speak at campaign rallies.

"I'd like to talk to the stenographers in the headquarters, though," she added. "They are the people who are doing the real work of the campaign."

So the clerks and stenographers were summoned and shook hands with the candidate's wife.

WOOD'S CHANCES INCREASE.

Leonard Wood's chances for the Republican presidential nomination were greatly increased last week as a result of his victory in Illinois. A number of prominent politicians in the East recently stated that if Wood could make a good showing against Governor Lowden in Illinois, and a good showing against Senator Harding in Ohio, he would fall heir to the delegation of 88 from New York.

That delegation "is going to ride a winner" and if Wood can show the same strength against Harding as he did against Lowden, he will be the man it will support.

HOPES WOOD WILL WIN.

A letter in a child's handwriting addressed to General Wood reads as follows:

"Dear General: I hope you are elected. My daddy was in the army with you in the Philippines. He is working for your nomination. Love,
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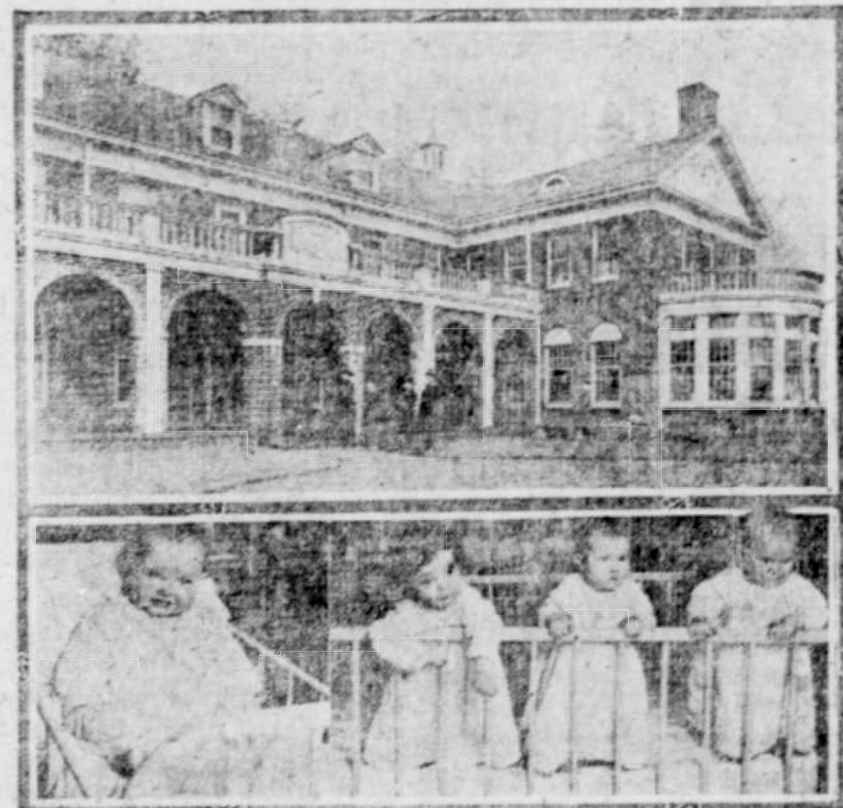
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SALVATION ARMY OPENS STATE RESCUE HOME FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS OF OREGON



Salvation Army Rescue Home and some of its babies.

The Salvation Army, as one of the big features of its Home Service Program for 1920, has taken over and opened the White Shield home in Portland as a rescue and maternity home for unfortunate girls. It is a state-wide care, where, under the most pleasant surroundings, with expert medical care the young mother is helped to shape her life anew. Last year, in the west alone, 1948 girls turned from the nightmare of despair to such Salvation Army sanctuaries as this. Of these, 900 were returned to the homes they left in their shame and, through the offices of the Salvation Army workers, were welcomed and their burdens lightened for them. The Portland home nursery now echoes to the delighted cooing of more than a score of babies whose mothers are sheltered under its roof and taught how to go out into the world and win a clean living for herself and her baby.



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