

PLATT IS IN A FIX

Miss Wood Gives Out His Love Letter.

OLD MAN'S TENDER WORDS

But They Contain No Promise of Marriage to Clerk.

BRIDE-ELECT MUCH PERTURBED

She Moved to the Same Roof That Shelters Her Prospective Husband—Detectives Watch for Trouble-Maker.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—(Special.)—

"Dearest: I cannot keep my engagement with you tonight. How can I live without seeing you? But such is the life of a politician."

"Of course, I never intended to marry Mrs. Janeway. I have never loved any one but you. Do not be disturbed by malicious reports."

These are extracts from more than 100 letters Miss Mae C. Wood alleges Senator Thomas C. Platt wrote to her, and upon which she has sued him for \$25,000 damages for breach of promise.

It was reported here today that a suit for breach of promise has actually been filed in Washington by Miss Wood.

Senator Platt, when told that the suit had been filed, said: "Absurd."

The Senator made his first appearance at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 8:30 o'clock in the reading-room. He greeted a reporter who approached him with the words:

"Go away. I won't answer any questions. I don't want to see anybody."

"Will you answer this question: Is it true that a suit for \$25,000 for breach of promise has been brought against you by Miss Wood?"

"Absurd," replied Senator Platt, with emphasis. "It is not true. I won't answer any more questions; that is all." Then he hurried into an elevator and was whisked upstairs.

Mrs. Janeway Moves.

In order to escape from the numerous inquiries consequent to the unpleasant notoriety caused, Mrs. Janeway has given up her rooms in the Holland House and taken refuge at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, under the same roof which shelters her prospective husband.

Both are keeping themselves in practical seclusion and the usual guard of detectives is in evidence.

That his marriage will take place at noon tomorrow is already announced. Senator Platt is determined, and he has

taken every precaution to prevent any possible interruption of the ceremony. It is said here that Mr. Platt's sons have exerted their influence to get Miss Wood to New York at this time. They are violently opposed to the marriage of the venerable Senator to Mrs. Janeway. These young men have known of the acquaintance of Senator Platt and Miss Wood for some time and have urged her to assert her claim now, for the obvious effect it would have on the Senator's marital projects.

The story in detail is that Miss Wood has been on very friendly relations with the Senator for the last three years. She was brought from the New York office to Washington by the Senator. Last Summer she announced to her friends here that she was preparing her trousseau, and made a trip abroad to effect her purchases.

Platt Met Her at Steamship. On her return she was met at the steamship by Senator Platt and the pair crossed New York to the Jersey City depot very hurriedly. Senator Platt's engagement to Mrs. Janeway had been previously announced. Miss Wood alleges the Senator took pains that she should not see any of the papers.

It is also stated that Senator Platt requested the Postmaster-General to see to it that Miss Wood was not granted leave of absence again under any circumstances, but she evaded this dictum by receiving a telegram from her sister, calling her at once to her deathbed.

Those who have seen the letters assert that nowhere throughout the voluminous correspondence does Senator Platt promise to marry the fair young woman.

The missives are as tender and rhapsodical as those of an ardent youth, but the structure of a breach of promise to marry will have to be built on other evidence than the written documents.

Platt Is Much Perturbed.

Senator Platt and his bride-elect, Mrs. Janeway, were greatly perturbed when they learned of the presence in New York of Miss Wood. Miss Wood went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel to see the Senator, and since then not only the employees at the doors of the hotel but several special detectives have been on the lookout for her, with instructions not to allow her to pass under any circumstances.

It is reported she expressed a determination to humiliate Mrs. Janeway in the event of the Senator's persisting in having the wedding celebrated. The arrangements for the wedding were perfected before Miss Wood's advent.

Miss Wood's friends intimate that she will see the Senator, and if no satisfactory compromise is reached she will publish to the world the interesting facts on the crookedness of the Postoffice Department with which she is familiar. Miss Wood is much younger than Mrs. Janeway, whom the Senator is to marry. She is a tall, prepossessing woman, about 27 years of age, and is extremely well educated and given to discussing legal subjects and questions in which the average woman takes no interest.

Mrs. Janeway seemed surprised when Miss Wood's name was mentioned to her. "I know all about Miss Wood, or Mrs. Wood, in Washington," she added. "You will have to see Senator Platt if you wish to learn anything about her. He is able to attend to any claim that may be made against him."

PEACE APPEARS IN SIGHT.

Miss Wood and Senator Platt Sing

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Miss Mae C.

Wood, to whom has been attributed the purpose of instituting a suit for breach of promise of marriage against Senator T. C. Platt on the eve of his marriage with Mrs. Janeway of Washington, arrived at the Manhattan Hotel this afternoon from Ontario County, New York, where she had been at the bedside of a sick relative. Miss Wood expressed herself in terms of indignation concerning published rumors, and said she was not interested in any person's matrimonial affairs.

"The only persons who are apt to get into trouble," she added, "are those who are at the bottom of those silly rumors."

When asked if she knew Senator Platt, she replied:

"Of course I know him. I have known him for several years. He has always been friendly to me and I esteem him highly. I regret the publication of these ridiculous stories as very unfortunate and distressing."

To a reporter Senator Platt said:

"I have seen the statements about Miss Wood in newspapers and regret that anything should have been published to her discredit. Of course all the suggestions in regard to lawsuits are absurd. I have known Miss Wood for a long time, and with the senators from her own state recommended her for a position in the postoffice. So far as I know, she has performed her duties satisfactorily. I regard her as a lady of fine attainments."

NEGROES ARE TORTURED

Texas Federal Official Asks Governor to Protect Them.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 14.—Webster Flanagan, United States Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, today appealed to Governor Latham asking that the state render protection to the negroes of Rusk County, and aid in bringing to justice the white men guilty of torturing to death two innocent blacks.

Mr. Flanagan, who returned today from Rusk County, says all publication of the news of the horrible treatment of the negroes has been suppressed. He said:

"No one can portray the cruelty to which the negroes of Rusk County have been subjected. If the state does not take prompt action, I shall appeal to the Federal authorities. A few nights before my arrival two of the most peaceable and inoffensive negroes were stripped and tied to trees and then whipped."

"One of the negroes died Saturday night and the other cannot recover. They want to make it a white man's church."

WANTS SMOOT OUSTED.

John Willis Baer, of Endeavorer Fame, Appeals to Women.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 14.—John Willis Baer, ex-general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society, addressing the Indiana Presbyterian Synod tonight, said:

"I appeal to the women all over this Federal land to rise in earnest protest and opposition to the admission of Reed Smoot to the United States Senate as they did to the Mormon Roberts."

"I object to Smoot among other things because should he take the oath in the United States Senate he could not be true to that body or the nation if he remained a true follower of his church."

PLACES HEAD UNDER TRAIN

Blacksmith First Attempts Suicide by Leaping Fifty Feet.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 14.—After an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself, W. A. Atwood, aged 30 years, a blacksmith from Everett, Kan., committed suicide here today in a sensational manner. First he leaped from the Fifth-street viaduct to the railway yards, 50 feet below. Although badly hurt, he was able to walk away unassisted, and before any one could reach the spot, Atwood, kneeling beside a passing freight train, placed his head under the wheels. He was decapitated. He was dependent over domestic troubles.

ZIONISTS ON MOVE

3000 Dowietes Leave Chicago for New York.

LEADER TRAVELS IN COMFORT

Restoration Choir of 600 Voices Inspire the Departing Hosts—Nearly All Caucasian Races Represented in Crusade.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—The "restoration host" from Zion City began its movement upon New York City today. At intervals of one-half hour trainloads of the followers of John Alexander Dowie left the North Shore city, eight trains in all, bearing over 3000 crusaders.

At the blowing of the fire whistle every inhabitant of the city was ready to kneel and pray for a safe journey, and over 7000 women, men and children gathered at the railway station to listen to the final instructions of their leader. The cars were decorated only with a Zion banner at the rear of each train. Uniformed guards were distributed throughout the cars, while the Zion band, the restoration choir of 600 voices and the children's choir gathered about to inspire the departing hosts.

The trains proceeded over various lines, passing round Chicago. The band and choir trains were the last to leave, the latter bearing Dowie's private car, the Arcadian.

Among the crusaders are representatives of nearly all Caucasian races, while there is a sprinkling of Asiatics among the guards. The Orient is represented by several Japanese and Syrians. Old men with long, flowing beards; old women, middle-aged and youth, even some with infants in arms, crowded the cars. Two Pullman coaches were attached to the rear of each special for the accommodation of the more well-to-do Zionists.

Dowie, who, with his wife and heads of departments, are traveling in comfort in special cars, were the last to leave.

Dowie's plans contemplate the arrival in New York of all the trains at the same time. Upon leaving the trains the crusaders will spread themselves over the city in search of the quarters which were assigned to them several weeks ago. Once established, the work of proselyting will begin in preparation for next Sunday's meeting in Madison Square Garden.

Dowie Refuses to See Any One.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 14.—Alexander Dowie's "restoration" train, bearing himself passed through Fort Wayne on the Nickel Plate road at 9 o'clock tonight. The train stopped only long enough to change locomotives. Dowie secluded himself in his private car, and a guard stood at either door to bar out reporters and others. Deacon Stern said: "Dr. Dowie will see no one until New York is reached."

There was a great crowd at the station in hopes of seeing the leader of the "restoration host," but they were disappointed.

Philadelphians to Participate.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14.—Local Dowietes, led by their elder, Gideon Hammond, are preparing for participation in the Zionist invasion of New York Friday. Sixty strong, they will leave on the Pennsylvania Railroad in a special car, at 7 o'clock Friday morning. Arriving in New York, they will meet Dowie, their leader, at Madison Square Garden, and after a

preliminary religious session will assist in the door-to-door canvass of Gotham.

Preparing for the Restoration Host.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Madison Square Garden is being prepared for the use of John Alexander Dowie and his adherents, who are expected to arrive Friday to undertake a reformation. Workmen today began to build at the east end of the Garden a platform with seating capacity sufficient for "Zion's" 200 officers and choir of 600. In front of the platform will be a baptismal pool 10x15 feet in diameter.

Zionist Colony for North Dakota.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Oct. 14.—L. D. Farr, of Rockford, Ill., was in Aberdeen last night on his way home from North Dakota. He announced that he has closed a deal for 25,000 acres of land in southwestern North Dakota to the Dowietes of Chicago, who propose to colonize the land and establish a Zion in Bowman and Billings Counties.

INSULTS TO MINISTER.

Press Severe on Spanish War Deed—Against Venezuela.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Oct. 14.—Passengers arriving here from Caracas, Venezuela, confirm the reports of attacks made by the government newspapers on the umpires of the mixed tribunals who have given decisions adverse to Venezuela.

The passengers add that the conduct of President Castro, and the official press shows that Venezuela does not understand select Caracas as the seat of the tribunals, umpires, and say it was a mistake to select Caracas as the seat of the tribunals.

After Minister Bowen's Mexican protocol was signed, and the King of Spain, as requested, appointed Senor Gaytan de Ayala, the Spanish Minister to Venezuela, as Mexican umpire, Venezuela was pleased, but the newspapers of Caracas have recently insulted him, owing to his having rendered a verdict in favor of Mexico.

Senor Ayala, who is rich and independent, could not be suspected of partiality, but in spite of this the Caracas press, when he rendered his decision, caricatured him, representing the Minister with bags of silver in his hands and saying "the balance of justice went to the side of Mexico in consequence of the weight of money which Mexico gave him."

Senor Ayala, paper represented the Spanish Minister as an ass sitting in an umpire's chair. El Nacionalista, the organ of General Hernandez, the Venezuelan Minister at Washington, which has been most bitter in its attacks on foreigners, on one occasion said:

"The award is the outcome of rancor due to the conduct of Venezuela toward the Spanish Consul at La Guayra, or of bad faith or ignorance."

Incidentally, it is stated on good authority that General Iribarren, the Venezuelan Commissioner, recognized the validity of the Mexican claim, which was also approved by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. President Castro alone opposed it.

Another newspaper of Caracas said: "It is strange that Mexico, of the same race, language, continent, religion and history, should dare to ask money from her sister republic, Venezuela."

Finally the Spanish Minister became so incensed that he decided to leave Caracas on October 8. He turned over the Spanish Legation to the secretary, Senor J. Gildardo, and made his preparations to embark for Spain October 18.

One of the passengers from Caracas said that as a result of President Castro's policy trade in Venezuela was stagnant, the people having no confidence in his administration.

Prices on the stock exchange are daily falling, and complications are feared after the closing of the mixed tribunals.

Arbitration Treaty is Signed.

LONDON, Oct. 14, 12:35 P. M.—The arbitration treaty between Great Britain and France was signed here today by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and the French Ambassador, M. Cambon.

SAYS SCHWAB WRECKED IT

DRESSER GIVES MORE STARTLING SHIP-TRUST TESTIMONY.

Ex-President of the Steel Trust Alleged to Have Withheld Profits From Bethlehem Works.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The inquiry before a referee into the affairs of the stranded Shipbuilding Company, at the instance of the Bondholders' Protective Association, was resumed today, and was productive of fresh developments that will claim the attention of the financial world and those who follow its fortunes. It developed that yesterday D. Le Roy Dresser, late president of the Trust Company of the Republic, who last week divulged much of the inner history of the formation of the combination, made an effort to communicate with Charles M. Schwab with a view to obtaining some concessions as to the Bethlehem Steel Works that would render easier the scheme for rehabilitating the partly wrecked concern.

The message of Mr. Dresser was delivered to Mr. Schwab by Mr. Harris, of the broker house of Harris, Gates & Co., which marketed part of the shipbuilding stock, but Mr. Schwab declined to see Mr. Dresser.

W. D. Guthrie, counsel for Mr. Schwab, brought the facts of the incident out at the hearing in a series of questions directed to Mr. Dresser. His aim was to show that Mr. Dresser had sought to plead with Mr. Schwab, and had threatened to make certain disclosures when recalled to the stand that would reflect upon Mr. Schwab. Mr. Dresser denied he had gone to plead with Mr. Schwab or to threaten him, for he had no additional information to divulge, but had sought to approach him in the hope that something might be done to save the shipbuilding company.

Dresser asserted that the shipbuilding company had been wrecked because Mr. Schwab had withheld the profits of the Bethlehem Company. This declaration he twice spiritedly repeated when at the end of the cross-examination by Mr. Guthrie he was given an opportunity to explain.

Deny Move to Annual Mortgage.

TORONTO, Oct. 14.—Representatives of Speyer & Co. emphatically deny that a motion to annul their \$500 mortgage has been made at New York. The denial is supported by the following dispatch from L. C. Henderson, counsel for Speyer & Co.:

"No proceedings pending here or anywhere else to set aside Speyer & Co.'s agreement. The Consolidated Company and the receiver have agreed to give us the possession of the \$500 properties."

Absorb and Reopen Smelter.

SALIDA, Colo., Oct. 14.—The Ohio & Colorado Smelting Company, at its annual meeting, formally absorbed the Public Smelting Company, of Leadville, and ordered the plant, which has been closed for years, rehabilitated and enlarged, and announced that it will be reopened as soon as possible. Two new lead furnaces were ordered added to the Salida smelter, which is one of the company's plants.

CANADIAN PRESS SCORED

Legislator Declares It is Beneath Contempt, Not So With American.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 14.—In the House of Commons today it was pointed out that while Lord Alverstone had contradicted the statements attributed to him in regard to the Alaska boundary case, Mr. Aylesworth had not done so. It was therefore suggested that the Premier should communicate with Mr. Aylesworth. Premier Laurier replied that no one intimated that Lord Alverstone had said what was attributed to him and no one thought differently of him because of his denial. It

was the circulation of these stories by the Canadian press service that was creating the trouble, he said. This led Mr. Gourlie, M. P., to remark that while the service received through the United States was not just what was desired from a Canadian point of view, still it was reliable. That was more than could be said of the new Canadian service, which he said was beneath contempt.

MILLIONAIRE IS ILL.

William L. Elkins in a Serious Condition at His Country Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14.—William L. Elkins, the millionaire traction owner, is seriously ill at his country home, a few miles from Philadelphia. Mr. Elkins, it is said, is suffering from organic troubles and worry has added to his unsatisfactory physical condition.

It is also stated that Mr. Elkins' illness began with inflammation, caused by a tight shoe irritating a corn on his toe. This trouble became so serious that at one time it was feared his leg would have to be amputated. No one is permitted to see the patient and a physician is by his bedside constantly. A report was circulated that Mr. Elkins was dying, but at his home the only announcement made was that his condition was extremely serious.

COMPETITOR TO TRUST.

Crucible Steel Company Will Prepare to Fight Large Combine.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 14.—Since the United States Steel Corporation has declined to take over a half interest in the Clairton Steel Company, now owned by the Crucible Steel Company and after a contract has been made to do so, the officers of the Crucible Company have announced that they will go ahead with the original plans to make this great property a powerful competitor of the combine, and will themselves raise the necessary funds to do so. The company has its own ore lands, coking plants and coal mines.

The Crucible Steel Company has a capital of \$30,000,000, half preferred and half common.

Alaskan Commission Adjourns.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Alaska Boundary Tribunal adjourned this afternoon until Friday.

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Castile Soap, 2-lb. bar, 14c

Packer's Tar Soap, cake, 12c

Shaving Soap, cake, 10c

Kirk's Glycerine Soap, Boxes of 3 16c

Piver's Soaps

AZURIA SOAP, 43c

SAFIRANOR SOAP, 43c

ROSEHIS SOAP, 43c

Castile Soaps

IMPORTED CASTILE, regular 30c; special 4c

HONOLULU, regular 30c; special 6c

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FAIRY SOAP, dozen 33c

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