

Senate Committee Favors His Promotion.

VOTE WILL BE EIGHT TO TWO

Secretary Root Goes on Stand and Warmly Defends Him.

REPLIES TO EVERY CHARGE

He Declares Wood Acted on Advice of War Department in Granting Jal Alai Concession, and Produces Data Supporting It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate committee on military affairs tonight concluded its investigation of charges against General Leonard Wood, filed for the purpose of preventing his confirmation as Major-General. Secretary Root was the only witness today. He was on the stand for two and a half hours at the forenoon session and occupied the attention of the committee tonight from 8 o'clock until 11:20 this evening. The committee will meet tomorrow to prepare its report. It is understood confirmation will be recommended by a vote of eight to two. A minority report will be made by the opposing members of the committee.

The testimony of Secretary Root is practically the only defense that has been made of General Wood in the hearing, which has extended since about the beginning of the extraordinary session of Congress. This testimony, however, covered the entire range of the evidence produced against General Wood and was supported in many instances with correspondence and other data subsequently taken from records at the War Department covering the period of General Wood's administration as Governor-General of Cuba.

Secretary Root undertook to assume the whole responsibility for the orders issued by General Wood affecting the judicial system in Cuba, and concerning the concession granted to the Jal Alai Company at Havana. He justified the acceptance by General Wood of the present of a silver set from the Jal Alai Company.

At the forenoon session of the committee Secretary Root was given every latitude in telling his story of the affairs in the island and refuting the charges that had been made by a number of witnesses, but at the evening session, questions were asked by Senator Teller which confined the Secretary to the Runcie letter, the Jal Alai concession, the Rathbone trial, General Wood's friendship for Beltrami and the question of military service. Many of the questions were pointed, and in some cases severe upon General Wood, but in every case General Wood found a warm defender.

Replies to Rathbone Charge. Secretary Root was asked especially about the charge which Major Rathbone made that General Wood had influenced the courts in the prosecution of Rathbone and had tampered with the jury. The Secretary explained, at some length, the court system in Cuba, saying the court of first instance was in reality an officer directed to prosecute and obtain evidence. He was something like a grand jury in finding evidence, but was further empowered to go out and obtain evidence, mingle with the people, procure affidavits and otherwise collect evidence against alleged offenders. He said he knew what General Wood was doing in this matter and approved it.

The Secretary said that in fact he directed that the prosecution of the offenders be vigorous and General Wood was acting in this matter under orders from the War Department.

The Jal Alai Concession. The Secretary took up the subject of the Jal Alai Company concessions, and said this was not a gambling company, nor was the game of roulette, but a game of chance, more than a horse race or a game of baseball. Men could bet on the results as upon other games of skill. He said the concession of right of the Jal Alai Company was granted before the American occupation, and that the concession for which General Wood had been criticized was more of an addition to the building of the company. The question in regard to this grant was whether it would be contrary to the Foraker amendment.

The whole matter was referred to the War Department by General Wood. The subject was first considered by Judge Magoon, law officer of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who after a most careful review of the case had held the extension did not come within the Foraker amendment preventing the granting of a franchise in Cuba. The Secretary said he reviewed Judge Magoon's opinion, and was of the same opinion. The authority granted to the company was then approved by the War Department, so that General Wood in this matter acted under the instructions and with the approval of the War Department.

BLAME ON HEATH.

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First Assistant Postmaster-General, without the past three years. It is probable this recommendation has already been in great part and purpose anticipated by the action of the present Postmaster-General; but we are not at the moment prepared to say so. The report fully informed as to the scope of the departmental inquiry now for several months in progress under his orders, and we venture to submit it. We have been favorably impressed by the zeal, fidelity and intelligence of the postoffice inspectors, and deem them fully competent, under the supervision of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, to conduct an investigation, as is here suggested.

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Merritt Letter Considered.

A supplementary report is appended to the original, embodying consideration of a letter from Postmaster Merritt, "making grave accusations against Mr. Tuloch." These accusations are considered in detail, and the conclusion reached that they do not require modification of any of the

conclusions or recommendations heretofore made. The supplementary report also gives consideration to a letter from ex-Postmaster General Smith to the President, in which certain comments are made on the original report, and says the Smith letter contains nothing leading "to doubt the correctness of the conclusions announced in the original report." The report adds: "Mr. Smith's letter shows to our minds not only that there was, as we said, a failure on his part, while in office, to appreciate the gravity of the situation disclosed by the warning he received, but that he still fails to appreciate this situation."

HEATH FURTHER IMPLICATED

Bristow Mixes Him Up in Scandal Over Canceling Machine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The full report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow was made public today, with the exception of the exhibits which are withheld because of the pending criminal cases. The report reveals many new facts brought out by the month of investigation and not embodied in the official abstract made public a fortnight ago.

Edward S. Allen, now a clerk at the Cleveland postoffice, testified that reports he made on the merits of the Hampden canceling machine were not satisfactory to First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath, and that he was forewarned of this by his brother, then chief clerk to the First Assistant Postmaster-General, and thereafter, Allen testified, he simply installed machines and refrained from any comment, as the machines proved worthless.

Declares He Had Promise of Heath.

The report says H. J. Truesdell, of Binghamton, N. Y., of the canceling machine company, told inspectors that before the order of June 20, 1900, was given for 100 Doremus canceling machines, 200 shares, \$30,000 worth, of the stock of the company was transferred to First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath. Heath promised to order not less than 200 machines at \$25 each. In his affidavit, Truesdell states that Green, a State Senator from New York, told him he had made this agreement with Heath at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel one Saturday night and that he thought Truesdell and Doremus should "whack up with him." Truesdell states he agreed to contribute his share, and that he transferred 50 shares of his stock to Green for that purpose.

Truesdell further states that Green, at the time, submitted to him a telegram or letter from Heath, acknowledging the receipt of the certificate of stock and that afterward he, Green and Doremus discussed the matter and Doremus agreed to contribute 50 shares of his stock.

Doremus denies any knowledge of stock having been given to Heath, but states he did contribute 50 shares of stock, par value \$500, to Green to be used for the best interests of the company.

Truesdell further states that Green, at a subsequent date, purchased back from Heath this stock. Doremus admitted to the inspectors that Truesdell told him subsequently the stock which Green asked them to contribute was to be transferred to Perry S. Heath in consideration of receiving a large order for machines.

Said Heath Was to Get Part.

Truesdell said the payments made to Beavers were cashed at the bank by the former bookkeeper, Mrs. Ida E. Crowell, she bringing the currency to Beaver at the office of the company here, and then absconding with the money. The currency was called to receive the currency; that the payments were made by the company as "commission account," and that the payments which Beavers alleged were to be divided with Perry S. Heath were made with the good knowledge, approval and approval of George E. Green and W. Doremus. The evidence against Heath was submitted to the grand jury here, but the District Attorney decided it was not sufficient to warrant his indictment.

The report quotes section 10 of the Revised Statutes, prohibiting contracts with Congressmen, and says Beavers, nevertheless, made contracts with members of Congress for the rental of premises, either in their own names, the names of their agents or some members of their family. Mr. Bristow says: "A careful investigation, however, does not show that the Government has been defrauded by the payment of excessive rentals to members of Congress either directly or indirectly. I recommended, however, that all leases where a member of Congress is a party, be canceled and leases executed in conformity with the law."

"There is no evidence to indicate that Beavers' reckless and high-handed proceedings in the matter of leases was the result of any general scheme of corruption or blackmail on his part. His purpose seems to have been to place members of Congress and influential politicians under personal obligations to him."

The report also states that Assistant District Attorney E. E. Baldwin at New York, charged with knowledge of a fraud against the Government and insultingly refusing information to inspectors, has been held in contempt of court by the United States District Court at New York, and that the case of his father, Judge Baldwin, Consul at Nuremberg, who Mr. Bristow says "probably knows as much about the business of the company," is referred to the Secretary of State.

WOULD LEAVE OUT NO NAMES

Conrad and Bonaparte, However, Generally Indorse the Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on their examination of the Bristow report, but non-concurs as to certain passages and recommends prompt publication of the report. It suggests that the Bristow report should note how gravely the statute of limitation has interfered with the punishment of notorious offenders exposed in the report, and suggests that the statute term be lengthened to at least five years. The report in referring to a transaction, says: "The question of the legality of a contract with a Senator-elect is a matter that should receive consideration in connection with this case."

Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte suggest that the Senator-elect's name and the material facts in the transaction should have been given. They also say the omission of the names of the members of Congress with whom Mr. Bristow says Beavers made contracts for the rental of premises is hardly just to Congressmen generally. Exceptions are also taken to Mr. Bristow's reference to Consul-General Baldwin at Nuremberg as "probably knowing as much about his fraud as any other party." Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte let him know that while the connection was planned, he is fairly entitled to a suspension of judgment until he has had the opportunity to explain, as he is a man of good reputation.

MAY BE ORDERED TO ISTHMUS

Commander of Marine Corps Slated to Take a Reconnaissance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Brigadier-General George E. Elliott, commander of the Marine Corps, may be ordered to the Isthmus of Panama, to take a reconnaissance of the country and, should the situation demand, to assume command of the marine forces there. The matter has not yet been decided, but it was said by a high official of the Navy Department today, that the subject was receiving serious consideration. The decision to send General Elliott will depend largely upon whether he can be spared here at this time.

Recognition in Practical Way.

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prevail on Panama, through the Washington Government, to assume her portion of the Colombian debt. It is not expected that Great Britain or the Netherlands will take any steps toward officially recognizing the new Republic. It can be stated, however, that Great Britain and the Netherlands regard the isthmian incident as a closed chapter of international history to which they have already subscribed their unofficial approval.

REYES WILL MAKE NO COMMENT

Speech of Loomis Will Cause No Change in His Work for Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill Club, in New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty, was the subject of considerable gossip here today, and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of General Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia now in Washington. When seen today General Reyes admitted he had read Mr. Loomis' address, but declined to make a statement. "I am a diplomat," said he, "and it would ill become me to make any comment."

General Reyes is still engaged in the preparation of the statement he is to submit to the State Department, and while refusing to disclose the nature of it, said much of it will be devoted to an argument setting out the reasons why the United States should see to it that Panama assumes her share of the Colombian debt. General Reyes is uncertain when he will file the document with the department, but he says probably it will be within the next few days.

MORE MARINES FOR COLON.

Moody Issues Orders for the Formation of a Battalion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—At the instance of Secretary Moody, Brigadier-General George F. Elliott, commander of the Marine Corps, has issued orders for the formation of a battalion of marines to be known as the Caribbean Sea Battalion. This battalion will be regularly attached to the Caribbean Sea squadron, though its immediate destination is Colon. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as rapidly as possible. The Dixie already has left Colon to return to that place with the new battalion.

Rear-Admiral Coghlan, in a cablegram to the Navy Department, dated Colon, December 15, says all is quiet on the northern coast. It is assumed that Admiral Coghlan's dispatch that the Atlantic and the Mayflower have completed their reconnoiter, and that he is thereby enabled to give the department positive information.

CANAL TREATY RETURNED.

Panama Minister in Charge of It Until Approved or Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, enclosed in a large steel box, to the State Department today. He also had two tinbound boxes which contained keys to the big steel box, and to the smaller box contained within, enclosed in the treaty. The treaty was opened, the State Department officials cannot tell whether the enclosed treaty is the original treaty, drawn here, counter-signed in Panama and returned, or whether it is the assembly ratification treaty supposed to have been exchanged in Panama.

Minister Bunau-Varilla will remain in technical charge of the treaty until the United States has either approved or rejected it. If the treaty is approved, he will exchange this copy with one proposed by the State Department, thus completing the negotiation and putting the convention at once into force.

Heavy Fighting at Cape Haytien.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 16.—Heavy fighting in which the revolutionists were repulsed, has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, according to a special dispatch received here. The government has advised all families to leave the city. Telegraphic communication with Santo Domingo is interrupted.

Boer War to Be Reproduced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—General Viljoen, who was one of the three Assistant Commandants-General in the Boer War, who has just arrived here from Europe on his way to St. Louis, says a plan has been evolved for the reproduction of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of the battle of Colenso, the defeat of General

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Roosevelt Denies Request of Lodge of Orangemen.

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President Thanks His Well-Wishers, but Withholds His Consent for the Use of His Photograph by Any Order.

BYRN MAWR, Del., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—President Roosevelt has flatly refused to permit his portrait to appear on the banner of the Orangemen. The members of Roosevelt True Blue Lodge of Orangemen recently organized here, wrote the President announcing that they intended painting his portrait on the handsome lodge banner, and intimating that they would be proud to march the streets with the picture of such a distinguished chieftain.

One of the members has just received a letter from Secretary Loeb, in which the President thanks the lodge for giving it his name, but adding:

"The President withholds his consent for the use of his photograph on the banner of any fraternal organization."

This letter has been forwarded to Joseph Whitcroft, master, and S. J. Carroll, secretary of the Byrn Mawr Lodge, and, it is said, at the next meeting of the lodge, action may be taken toward changing its name.

BOURKE COCKRAN TO RUN.

Tammany Wants Him to Succeed McClellan in Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany Hall to succeed Mayor-elect George McClellan as the Representative from the Twelfth Congressional District as soon as McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as the municipal executive. That was determined today at Mr. Cockran's office, where he met Charles F. Murphy and gave the Tammany Hall leader his consent to run.

PROHIBS SELECT CONVENTION CITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The National Prohibition Committee today selected Chicago as the convention city and fixed June 29 as the date. The total representation at the meeting, including proxies, was 46.

HEADS WOMEN'S FAIR BOARD.

Mrs. Manning, of Buffalo, Is Elected by St. Louis Commission.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the World's Fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. She received 12 out of 15 votes.

Work of Foreign Missions Board.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions made public today a summary of Protestant foreign missions. In most of the items there is shown to be an advance over the receipts of the preceding year. The income of societies in the United States and Great Britain alone shows an increase of over \$2,000,000. The statistics are as follows: Stations, 5771; out-stations, 22,364; total missionaries, 16,618; native workers, 73,251; communicants in churches, 1,397,042; pupils under instruction, 1,127,853.

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JEFFRIES MAY MEET MUNROE

Butte Miner's Showing Against Limerick Pleases Him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—As a result of his decisive victory over Limerick, in Boston last night, Jack Munroe, the Butte miner, is likely to get a match with Champion Jeffries in the near future. "Glad to hear that Munroe has made good," said the champion.

NOT LIBERAL TO CHEMAWA.

Indian Office Does Not Deem Much New Work Necessary.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16.—The Indian Office is not asking for a large increase in the appropriation for the Chemawa Indian School for the next fiscal year, the total appropriation asked being \$108,500. Out of this \$108,500 is needed for the support and education of 500 Indian pupils and \$20,000 is to be diverted for the pay of the superintendent. The only new work recommended is the erection of a brick hospital to cost \$10,000. The present hospital has been torn down, and, being the old building, lacks many facilities that are needed in an up-to-date Indian school, such as that at Salem. The remaining \$88,500 will be expended in general repairs and improvements to the school plant.

While the Oregon delegation will ask for further appropriations for new buildings, the Indian Office believes the plant, with the addition of a hospital, is all that is required, for the present at least.

MORE MONEY TO CRATER LAKE.

Secretary of Interior Asks Liberal Appropriation for Park.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16.—The Interior Department recognizes that more liberal appropriations are necessary for the improvement of the Crater Lake National Park than has been made in the past. The old sundry civil bill appropriated only \$3000 for this work and out of this an allowance goes to the salary of the superintendent. With such a meagre appropriation little progress can be made in the direction of constructing roads and making other improvements which will facilitate the access to Crater Lake and other points of scenic interest scattered all through the park. This year, the Secretary of the Treasury hopes to have at least \$4000 made available so that the improvements can be made during the summer of 1904.

Mount Rainier National Park in Washington is so far without a superintendent, and beyond a road survey made last Summer.

President Reappoints Fifer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of Joseph W. Fifer to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner. This is a re-appointment.

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