

# WOOD HAS RIGHT

## Root Says He Earned His Promotion.

### IT IS IN REGULAR ORDER

### Seniority Holds Good Only to Grade of Colonel.

### CAPACITY THEN CONSIDERED

### Secretary of War Calls Attention to Commendations of Two Presidents and Generals of High Military Records.

#### COMMENDATION OF ROOT.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The letter of Secretary Root to Senator Proctor, acting chairman of the committee on military affairs, giving a resume of the military record of General Leonard Wood, and stating the chief considerations which led to his nomination as a Major-General, was made public today.

After quoting from remarks commendatory to General Wood, made by Generals Miles, Lawton, Graham and Forsythe, the letter relates that "upon these and similar evidences of fitness President McKinley appointed Captain Wood Colonel of the First Volunteer Cavalry in May, 1898."

The Secretary also quotes from the commendation of General Young, Wheeler, Sumner and Shafter on General Wood's conduct in the Santiago campaign and says General Wood's appointment as commander of the Santiago Province appears to have been based on a statement made by General Shafter in a dispatch to the department, in which he said "I thought General Wood by far the best man to leave in command of Santiago." The Secretary reviews General Wood's subsequent military career, saying in this connection:

#### Two Presidents Coincide.

"The high estimate put by the Secretary of War upon General Wood's services as military Governor is shown in the published orders of the War Department," referring to the general orders of March 25, 1902, and July 4, 1902, which have heretofore been published. The Secretary adds that the opinions expressed in those orders also were the opinions of both Presidents under whom the general was rendered, saying:

"Upon a review of General Wood's entire military record, I think it fair to say that no officer of the American Army, below the grade of Major-General, has held more important commands, rendered more distinguished services or demonstrated to a higher degree the possession of qualities which fit a man to render valuable services to the country as a Major-General." In speaking of the principles which he says sound judgment require the President to follow, the Secretary says:

#### Seniority Up to Colonel's Grade.

"The law which recognizes seniority alone as the title to promotions up to the grade of Colonel abandons that rule when it deals with general officers and imposes upon the President the duty of selecting the best men for General's without expressing any limitation upon the class from which he is to make the selection." The Secretary adds that when such a selection is to be made two different considerations always present themselves to the appointing mind—one a desire to reward long and meritorious service, the other to secure the best possible man. He says considerations do not always coincide, pointing to the same man. Continuing, he says:

#### Efficiency Must Be Considered.

"The appropriate reward of honor frequently comes to the officers when their careers are about to close—when they have passed the period of initiative, of ambition and strenuous exertion and have come to the period of comparative repose. An army, all of whose general officers are selected for the purpose of conferring rewards and thus having at its head a constantly shifting body of general officers, none of whom has more than a very few years to serve, and all of nearly all of whom are just closing their careers and resting upon their laurels, cannot possibly reach the highest standard of efficiency.

To have a live Army, which keeps abreast of the times, in a constant state of preparation and ready to meet emergencies, with the greatest activity and force, we must have a reasonable proportion of its general officers selected from the men in the prime of life, with careers to make, with ambitions, energy, initiative and whose service will be long enough to maintain continuity of policy and sustained effort in working out ideas which require time for their accomplishment."

#### Experience the Main Point.

"Previous rank" continues the Secretary, "is of little consequence, provided the service shall have been long enough to furnish the requisite experience and make the demonstration of capacity certain."

The Secretary says he thinks both considerations unite in the case of General Wood and concludes by saying that General Wood's record and the views of public policy led President McKinley to appoint him a General and that the present nomination is in the regular order of seniority.

Cavalry for the Philippines. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With the Second United States Cavalry on board, the

United States Transport Kilpatrick, bound to Manila, by way of Suez, left port today. It is expected that the voyage will occur about 50 days. The Second Cavalry, upon its arrival in the Philippines, will relieve the Fifteenth Cavalry, which has completed its two years' foreign service.

Mrs. Leonard Wood and her three children, for whom special permission to take the transport was issued, did not sail.

HOAR IS NOT INSISTENT.

Will Be Satisfied With Statement From President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Sentiment on the isthmian canal question is crystallizing in Congress. It is believed that upon the reassembling of the holiday recess the battle upon the floor of the Senate will be waged with vigor by both parties. The Republicans are united.

The declaration of Senator Hoar that the President should make positive his unofficial declaration that this Government did not connive at the Panama revolution cannot be taken at this time as being antagonistic to the Administration's policy. It is merely an indication that the Massachusetts Senator will scrutinize closely the successive steps in our dealings with Colombia and Panama in that "there shall be no taint upon the Nation's honor." A satisfactory report from President Roosevelt, such as the party leaders desire, will be forthcoming in due time, and will set at rest his fears.

The attitude of the minority is different. Senator Gorman, the leader, is laboring to unite his party against the Panama treaty, and in favor of forcing the negotiation of a treaty between the United States and the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. He points to the fact that the Democratic National platform have favored the Nicaragua canal. He raises the further argument that under the provisions of the Spooner law the President is required to abandon the Panama project and turn to Nicaragua.

There is doubt expressed that he will be able to secure enough support to defeat the Panama treaty. Many Southern Senators who favor a canal fear that the rejection of the Panama treaty will displace if not delay the construction of an isthmian treaty. The minority have agreed in caucus to abide by the wishes of two-thirds of the members, but those who are hesitating declare that at this time they will oppose definite action.

They contend that the situation on the isthmus is of such a critical nature that a conflict may result at any time between the troops of the United States and those of Colombia. They do not care, they say, to be again forced into an attitude of fighting the Army.

#### CEMENT-MAKERS IN ARMS.

Protest on Government Manufacture in Irrigation Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Association of Portland Cement Manufacturers, representative of a large percentage of the \$20,000,000 of capital invested in the industry, has filed a formal protest with the Secretary of the Interior against the manufacture of cement by the Government to be used in the monster Tonto dam in Arizona.

As the principle is the same as will be involved in the furnishing of cement for the Idaho, Washington, Milk River, Montana, Colorado River, Gunnison, Colo.; Sweet River, Wyoming, and the Hondo, New Mexico irrigation projects, for which over \$16,000,000 are now already available, derived from the sale of public lands, the cement manufacturers are very desirous that the Government should not go into the business of manufacturing cement in competition with private enterprise.

Manufacturers maintain that it is certainly no part of the Government's duty to enter into the manufacture of any class of commodity. They say: "The Government can erect cement plants to avoid the cost of railroad transportation, middlemen's profits and manufacturers' profits. It is its duty to erect mills for the manufacture of blankets, clothing, shoes, etc., worn by its soldiers and sailors; to manufacture iron for its building construction; to operate mines for its gold and silver currency, etc."

#### DEATHS ARE KEPT SECRET.

Strikers' Pickets Attracted to Residences by Published Notices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Shrinkage from the espionage of union pickets and fearful that funeral parties would be attacked by the striking livery drivers, many Chicago families have refrained from publicly announcing their bereavement. In the vaults of several undertakers lie the bodies of persons, concerning whose death secrecy is maintained and whose funerals will be postponed until after the settlement of the strike. In other cases the strikers relatives have arranged for evening funerals and private burials of which no announcement is made.

The disgraceful scenes that attended several funerals held on Saturday, when union pickets attempted to interfere with the removal of bodies, have led the Health Department officials to sanction the secrecy that is being preserved. The underground band of murderers that unless public safety demands it, burials will not be insisted on until such a time as funeral parties shall be safe from molestation. A. B. Ferrigo, president of the Liverymen's Association, said tonight:

"The reason more deaths are not being announced is because we have learned that the strikers have been reading the list of death notices in the papers and sending pickets to watch the houses."

Practically no attempt was made by funeral parties today to reach the cemeteries and the day was free from disturbances.

#### Queen Helena Receives Ambassador.

ROME, Dec. 20.—Queen Helena received Ambassador and Mrs. Meyer in private audience today. Her Majesty congratulated the Ambassador in his recovery from the effects of his recent fox-hunting accident.

Ambassador Meyer told the Queen that the American residents of Italy would feel greatly honored if she would attend the opening of the first exhibition of the work of the American Academy in the Villa Aurora, and reminded her that King Victor Emmanuel had already accepted an invitation to attend the Queen replied that she would be delighted to be present at the opening.

#### B. B. RICH CIGARETTE-HOLDERS.

Amber and meerschaum in profusion, 50 cents to \$2. Any B. B. Rich cigar store.

#### B. B. RICH CURIO STORE

For Christmas presents, expensive and artistic, visit us today, 123 1/2 Sixth street.

If you have never used Carter's Little Liver Pills, go at once to the nearest drug store and get a box. They will surely please you. Don't forget this.

#### Headache

Biliousness, sour stomach, constipation and all liver ills are cured by

#### Hood's Pills

The non-irritating cathartic. Price 25 cents of all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

# MORNING HOURLY BARGAIN SALES

## THE DIFFERENT STORE OLD'S, WORTMAN & KING THE HOME OF QUALITY AND WORTH

# Are "Signs of the Times"

### Watch them this morning, there's money-savings in every tick of the timekeepers—for today, again, we hold another series of those WONDERFUL MORNING HOURLY BARGAIN SALES!

We have stated before the purpose in view for the conduct of these matchless economy sales, and need hardly repeat it, except that some new reader may glance thro' these lines this morning. THESE REMARKABLE SPECIALS ARE ONLY OFFERED AS AN INCENTIVE FOR EARLY MORNING SHOPPING. With our splendid facilities and army of recruits, added to the thoroughly drilled regiments of regulars, we are better equipped than any other Portland Christmas shop for the handling of immense holiday crowds, but it seems as tho' three states had poured their entire population in thro' our great doors, and the throngs surge thro' every aisle of all four mammoth floors like molten lead to its mold, filling every inch of available space in their enthusiastic gift-choosing—this during the hours about and after midday. In the early morning hours there's room, and to spare. In order to somewhat ease the strain and better divide the day's business we make it worth your while to DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THIS MORNING between the hours of 8 A. M. and NOON by offering the following GRAND BARGAIN SPECIALS—on sale only during the hours specified in each item—BUT, BEAR IN MIND, NOT ONE OF THE ADVERTISED SPECIAL HOURLY SALE BARGAINS CAN BE BOUGHT ONE MOMENT BEFORE OR AFTER THE HOURS SPECIFIED HERE AT LESS THAN REGULAR PRICES. IT WILL PAY YOU TO SHOP HERE BEFORE 12 TODAY—after that comes the regular holiday business.



This Store Open Every Evening Until Xmas

A Silly store writer wrote a day or two ago of the "economy" of owning (?) one's own store and delivery system. Windy writers are seldom good financiers or clever reasoners. A great factory makes shoes cheaper and better than could the store that sells 'em. Reason why? Because it's their business, and they've every branch perfected, every economy arranged for. Just so with delivery systems. We've the largest and best in the city, make more deliveries a day than any other Portland house and employ a special messenger delivery system for 'hurry-ups' that no other house has, and it costs us less than trying to operate a store and a livery stable combined. We've had the experience, tried

FREE The great farce comedy, "Santa and the Tramp." Two performances daily in our mammoth Washington street toy show window; 3:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody invited. Free! Free! Free!

both, and are giving better delivery service today at less cost than any stable-store in town gives or can give. Why? Because we employ a great Delivery Company, under contract, whose ONLY BUSINESS IS DELIVERING MERCHANDISE. More than forty wagons, eight deliveries a day in every section of the city, and special messenger service. Can any other Portland store beat this service—we think nay. Your Christmas business is best done here.

## Hourly Bargains This Morning Among the Toys of Santa Claus

FOURTH FLOOR—TOYDOM The toy store is dynamic with fun—magical with instructions. Thrust a child into the midst of all the glories gathered there and the joy of Christmas is upon him strong and firm. We collected the stock intelligently—controlled selections by the real spirit of play—always considering the normal child's instincts and preferences. Hundreds of things are here to promote the self-activity of boys and girls—physically and mentally—Toys that entertain and educate—Toys that stimulate the child-mind and child-heart, and inspire the child-imagination to measureless soarings.

- From 8 A. M. Until Noon—12 o'clock—Today Only—We Offer DOLL BEDS—White enameled Beds or Cradles. Value 35c, special at... 21c Value 50c, special at... 35c Large White Rabbits—Cloth-covered, with bead eyes, non-breakable, value 25c, special at... 16c Noah's Arks, size 4 1/2x9x24 inches, with a large variety of animals, value \$1.00, special... 65c Doll Swings, single and double, colors red, blue, yellow and green— Value 25c, special... 18c Value 50c, special... 33c Value 75c, special... 45c Value \$1.00, special... 65c

## \$1.50 Couch Cushions, 98c

Second Floor—Art Shop—Thoroughfare Aisle. From 8 A. M. Until Noon—12 o'clock Today Only. Linen crash finished Cushions, filled with pure silk floss, ruffle of same material as cover and corded; designs, poppy, roses and clematis, regular \$1.50 value at... 98c

## Women's \$2.75 Silk Vests for \$1.75

Christmas Underwear Shop—First Floor. 8:30 A. M. Until 12 Noon Today Only. Ladies' cream-tinted Silk Vests, low neck and sleeveless, with silk crochet yokes and shoulderpiece, \$2.75 values, extra special at, each... \$1.75

## Books, Writings of Popular Authors

Annex—First Floor—Christmas Book Shop. From 9 A. M. Until Noon—12 o'clock Only. This morning, in that famous Holiday Book Store of ours, where the stock testifies to the knack of choosing our book buyer possessors, we shall place on sale for three hours only—9 until 12 noon—a line of 16mo linen-bound books, all writings of popular authors, only about 500 copies in the lot, so buyers must get in early. About 75 titles to choose from. Publisher's price, 25c. During advertised hours or while they last this morning they're, each... 9c

## Special Sale Decorated Lamps and Lamp Globes

Third Floor—Christmas House-fitting Stores. Special sale Children's Tea Sets, special bargain tables at half price. Lamps, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Salads, Trays. Bargains in odd lines China. We are Portland agents Libbey's Cut Glass. Everything for the table. Sterling Silver—hundreds of articles for the table. Small pieces make a desirable present for little money. Chafing Dishes and 5 o'clock Kettle and Stands make a welcome addition to every lady's tea service. 1847 Rogers Bros' Silverware, made in almost every article for the table—the Silverware that wears.

## Men's \$4.50 Bath Robes for \$1.99

Today Between Hours of 9 A. M. and 12 Noon Only. A special line of Men's Lounging Robes, good \$4.50 values will go on sale in our First Floor Men's Shop this morning between above specified hours only, at a grand bargain price. Sizes somewhat broken, still can fit nearly all forms and sizes of men. In gray or navy, with border of Oriental design. These robes will be neither subject to exchange or return at this price... \$1.99

## In Our Peerless Christmas Art Shop

FOR ALL WEEK—2ND FLOOR, THOROUGHFARE AISLE. Our fancy goods department suggests many pretty and useful things for Christmas gifts. Burned and applique leather goods, such as cushion tops, round and square centerpieces, stand covers, scarfs, whiskroom holders, wall decorations and many other, at nearly half price. Hand embroidered centerpieces, from 12 inches to 36 inches in diameter, made on fine white linen, heavy Buda cloth, burial or hopsacking, in white Mt. Mellick work, colored short and long stitches and white Japanese embroidery work; also hand embroidered cushions in many new and novel designs. Below a few of the many prices: Regular \$3.00 grade at... \$2.00 Regular \$3.25 grade at... 2.17 Regular \$5.50 grade at... 3.67 Regular \$6.50 grade at... 4.34 Regular \$7.00 grade at... 4.67 Regular \$8.00 grade at... 5.34 Regular \$8.50 grade at... 5.67 Regular \$10.00 grade at... 6.67 Regular \$12.50 grade at... 7.34 Regular \$14.00 grade at... 9.34 Regular \$15.00 grade at... 10.00 Regular \$16.50 grade at... 11.00 Regular \$17.50 grade at... 11.67 Regular \$20.00 grade at... 13.34 Regular \$22.50 grade at... 15.00 Spanish and Mexican drawn work in all sizes of lines, from the small 4-inch dollies to 36x140 dinner cloth, price 10c to \$100.00. All kinds of fancy Swiss baskets. The Infants' Wear Department shows many pretty things as gifts for young and old. Children's French hand-embroidered slips, dresses, skirts, bonnets, bibs, jackets and buggy robes. Ladies' hand-crocheted circular shawls of fine wool, in all sizes and colors, black or white leawool shawls for head or shoulders, in square or circular style. Ladies' white aprons for kitchen or afternoon wear, in all sizes and many styles, including with bib and shoulder straps; also, French embroidered aprons.

## Women's \$3.50 Waists for \$1.95

8 A. M. to Noon Only. Handsome Holiday Waists of heavy materials, embracing English Chevots, madras, mercerized satines and granite cloths. In whites, figured and plain and colors, in latest attractive patterns. With stock and tie. The best and prettiest \$3 and \$3.50 Waists shown by any Portland shop from 8 until 12 o'clock A. M. today, your choice for \$1.95

## Specials in the Novelty Goods Aisle

FIRST FLOOR From 8 A. M. Until Noon Today Only. Collar and Cuff Boxes, value 65c each, special... 45c Fancy Celluloid Shaving Case, clover-leaf shape, with brush and mug, value \$1.25, special, each... 75c Fancy Glass Perfume Atomizers, value 35c each, special, each... 25c Children's Box Papers, assorted Tints to box, value 25c box, special, box... 15c Autograph Albums, fancy lithographed tops, value 25c, special, each... 15c Ladies' Wrist Bags, fitted with mirror, coin purse and perfume bottle, in black, tan and red leather, value 50c, special... 35c

## Boys' and Men's \$1.50 Slippers, 98c

8 A. M. Until Noon Only—First Floor—Christmas Shoe Store. Very timely specials, these, with but four days in which to do Christmas buying—Boys' and Men's black, patent leather-trimmed Slippers, in opera style and soft, flexible soles, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, this morning only—8 to 12 for... 98c

## Women's 50c Lace Collars, 35c

LACE STORE—FIRST FLOOR 9 A. M. Until 12 Noon Today Only. Handsome Venise Lace Collars, with stole fronts, in white or cream—a remarkable 50c value, today at... 35c

## Ladies' 75c Black Lisle Hosiery 59c

8:30 A. M. Until 12 Noon Today Only. Hosiery Aisle—First Floor. Ladies' black lace lisle Hose in colors of white, pink, blue and cardinal, with silk embroidered boots, regular 75c value, special at, pair... 59c

## Great Bargains in Veils

This Morning's Big Hourly Sale Veiling Counter—First Floor. From 8 A. M. Until Noon, Today Only. Very smart, new and fetching styles of Holiday Veils. The regular 75c values for... 53c The regular \$1.00 values for... 75c The regular \$1.25 values for... 98c

## \$1.75 Dolls for \$1.19

(Second Floor Woman's Wear Salon.) 8 A. M. to 12 Noon Only. Doll Convention Hall—Second Floor (Millinery Salon.) Handsome, bright and piquant little "Rosebud" dolls, undressed, ready to do the clothes that fond doll mamas will fashion for them. Fetching, bewitching little blonde beauties, that roll their eyes and close them in sleep, then open them with glances full of expression. Dollies that have grown to a height of 21 inches, fully jointed, with bisque heads, only 300 in the lot, 2 hours ought to see the last one change owners this morning, but, should they last, on sale from 8 to 12 today, \$1.75 values for... \$1.19

## \$1.25 Tea Cloths, 94c

FIRST FLOOR—LINEN STORE 9 A. M. Until Noon Only. Fancy white linen Damask Tea Cloths, hemstitched. The best \$1.25 value in Portland, here today from 9 A. M. until 12 o'clock only at... 94c

## Men's All-Linen 'Kerchiefs

9 to 12 o'clock Today Only. This morning we shall place on sale in the Men's Shop, First Floor, a wonderful Handkerchief value. All pure linen 'Kerchiefs, 1/4 and 1/2-inch hems, splendid 1 1/2 values for, each... 12c

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