

# TAFT BACKS WOOD

## ARMY BILL VETO

### President Says Military Too Vital to Be Made Victim of Imperfect Theories.

### MEASURE IS CONDEMNED

#### Chief Executive Makes Plain One of His Principal Objections Is Provision to Oust General From Office.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The President vetoed today the Army appropriation bill. He returned the bill to Congress with a message indicating his disapproval of the legislative provision which would oust Major-General Leonard Wood from the office of Chief of Staff next March 4.

In his message the President said: "The Army of the United States is far too vital an institution to the people of this country to be made the victim of hasty or imperfect theories of legislation. As was pointed out by the chairman of the Senate Military Committee, it is well known that the War College and the General Staff have been for many months engaged upon a comprehensive plan of Army reorganization."

**Time Deemed Not Fitting.**  
"At the present time, therefore, it is especially inappropriate, in my opinion, to force upon the statute books legislation exacting without unusual deliberation and care. I cannot conscientiously surrender the responsibility in shaping such laws with which I am vested under the Constitution."

"I therefore returned to your honorable body, without my approval, the said bill."

The President did not veto the bill because of any fault in its appropriations, but because of legislation which Congress had added. He declared the practice of attaching legislation to an appropriation bill with the intent of depriving the President of his constitutional power of veto, could not be defended.

The President's flat declaration that he was opposed to the enactment of legislation as a rider on an appropriation bill was taken out of an indication that he would also veto the Legislative, Judicial and Executive bill, which carries an amendment that would abolish the Commerce Court.

Chairman Hay, of the House Military Affairs Committee, issued a statement in which he accused the President of misstating the facts and resorting to disingenuous arguments. Mr. Hay declared the President had vetoed the bill to give himself valid reasons for vetoing the Legislative bill.

While President Taft did not mention General Wood by name, he made it plain that one of his principal reasons for the veto was the provision to legislate that out of his position. The President pointed out that the limitations imposed upon the incumbent of that office by the terms of the bill would have disqualified many of the Army's most brilliant officers.

The President also objected to the provisions that would remove officers of the Philippine Army from office. The President condemned the bill's provisions changing the enlistment terms from three to four years, calling them contrary to enlightened military policy and declaring they would make impossible a proper reserve.

**Commission Not Favored.**  
The proposed commission to report on the policy of Army posts was criticized by Mr. Taft as obstructing rather than furthering the solution of a difficult problem.

There would be a deficiency under the bill in the Philippine Army of more than \$2,000,000. The economy claimed for the bill, the President said, was arrived at merely by failure to appropriate money for the purchase of land which would be needed before the end of the coming year.

### A REAL MARVEL IN COLORS

#### Tints in Yellowstone Park Geysers Due to Plant Life.

Cincinnati Enquirer.  
That the harmonious and brilliant tints in the geysers and hot-spring pools are due mainly to plant life is one of the interesting statements made in a publication entitled "The Geological History of Yellowstone National Park," just issued by the Department of the Interior. Algae flourish equally well in the waters of all geysers and on the terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs. Wherever these boiling waters cool to the temperature of 60 degrees, algal growths appear and by the lowering of the temperature on exposure to air still more highly-organized forms gradually come in. It is said that at about 140 degrees conditions are favorable for the rapid growth of several species. The development of plant life at such excessive temperatures and on a scale of such magnitude is a marvelous thing. Nowhere else can this be seen so well as in the Yellowstone Park.

As the water in shallow pools chills rapidly, corresponding changes in color follow. No life exists in the center, where the water is boiling. On the outer edge certain colors prevail, and in the cooler outer waters various shades of brown.

The marvelous colors in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone are mainly due to mineral matter, the pigments being derived from the lavas. Along the base of the canyon thermal and sulfatic agencies have been at work through long ages, slowly but steadily decomposing the rhyolite rock that forms the walls. Upon the buttressed walls and sculptured amphitheatres of green and yellow are interspersed with red, the colors being blended with singularly harmonious effects. From the bottom, a turbid river at the bottom, to the somber green forests at the top, the abrupt walls seem aglow with color.

MADERA, Mexico, June 17.—Three Mexican residents were executed today by rebel soldiers because one of the trio was accused of attacking a member of the insurgent garrison.

### COMMANDING GENERAL WHOSE POSITION IS SAVED BY PRESIDENTIAL VETO.



GENERAL LEONARD WOOD, U. S. A.

### DE LARM DIES POOR

#### Fugitive Promoter Forced to Beg on Eve of Death.

### MONEY MADE FOR OTHERS

#### Shrewder Men Said to Have Profited by Get-Rich-Quick Games That Brought Only Disgrace to Their Originator.

### THIRD DEGREE WANTING

#### New Ways of Securing an Admission of Guilt From Criminals.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., June 17.—Warner E. De Larm died here Saturday in a hospital under the assumed name of D. E. Williams. He had been employed by the Western States Gas & Electric Company as a carpenter. Before "Williams" died he handed to one of the nurses at the hospital a slip of paper on which was written "Frank Green, 222 Henry Building, Seattle, Wash."

A search of his effects showed him to be a member of the Masonic lodge at Newport, Vt. The local Masonic order, through inquiries to Seattle, has received instructions from the Rev. R. H. Sibley, at Clarksville, Mich., to prepare the body for shipment to Clarksville.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 17.—W. E. De Larm, promoter of the Columbia River Orchard Co. and its allied corporations, which sold \$5,000,000 of bonds now entirely worthless, died at Placerville, Cal., last Saturday, according to a dispatch received here today. De Larm was a fugitive from justice, having been indicted at Portland, Or., for using the mails to defraud.

The dispatch telling of De Larm's death was received by his former attorney, Frank E. Green, who has known of the promoter's wanderings after his flight from Seattle. The telegram was received only a few hours after a letter written by De Larm, in which he made a pathetic appeal for aid, saying he was destitute. The letter begged for money to take him back to his relatives in Massachusetts.

De Larm, accompanied by his beautiful young wife, appeared in Everett, Wash., several years ago, and immediately began to organize manufacturing companies and to sell stock to the people with whom he became acquainted in a social way. The companies always failed, but De Larm appeared so honest that the investors harbored no ill will toward him. After exhausting his credit in Everett, he came to Seattle and organized the Columbia River Orchard Company, the Washington Orchard, Irrigation & Fruit Company, and allied concerns, and sold bonds to small investors through various land companies.

According to De Larm's story, he sold the bonds to the land agents for what he could get, and the agents disposed of them at par, frequently exchanging them for real estate. Where De Larm himself exchanged the bonds for real estate or mortgages, he disposed of the property to money-lenders at enormous discount. According to the testimony, De Larm had no business capacity, and the enormous profits of his get-rich-quick companies enriched shrewder men.

When an interest payment on the bonds fell due last February, De Larm could not pay the coupons, nor could he meet other obligations of the company. De Larm closed his office and fled. De Larm went to Michigan and her husband to California, both under assumed names. De Larm was on the verge of nervous prostration when the crash came. His first stop was in a Santa Monica hospital. Then he went to San Francisco, to Sacramento, and finally to Placerville, where he died of paralysis.

De Larm is believed by United States District Attorney McCourt to be alive. Mr. McCourt says he also received information of De Larm's supposed death, but believes it to be a hoax and is investigating it.

### ANDREE NOTE IS SHOWN

#### FARMER SAYS TAGGED GOOSE CAME FROM POLE.

#### Report of Discovery Dated Nine Years After Start—Rancher Keeps It Long Secret.

SACRAMENTO, June 17.—"North Pole, July 12, 1908, Major Andree." Was this message which was tagged to the foot of a south-bound goose captured by a Northern California farmer on July 21, 1908, a message from the dead, telling of the first successful conquest of the frozen North, written by the leader of the ill-fated polar expedition which left Dane Island, North-west Spitzbergen in the balloon Cornet, on July 11, 1907?

For 15 years the civilized world has waited in vain for the Andree party, on the morning of July 21, 1908, a huge

goose, unlike any species ever before seen in California, fed in the chicken yard of M. Thomas, a farmer residing near Montague, Siskiyou County. Thomas discovered a small nicked tag attached to one of its legs, tied securely by a strand of copper wire. Roughly, but legibly, etched into the face of the tag was the announcement of the pole's discovery on July 1, 1908.

For nearly six years Thomas kept the secret to himself. Whether because he doubted if the tale would be received with credence by the outside world, or from a passive indifference as to his discovery, Thomas did not divulge his find. But the facts are as above related. He did, however, capture the goose and discover the tag. Both are now in his possession, and the tag is in the possession of Thomas, who recently moved to San Mateo County.

### OREGON'S TEN DIVIDED

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN SELECTION IN DOUBT.

#### Some Argue Men Should Be Chosen Now While Others Say Wait Until Convention Acts.

CHICAGO, June 17.—(Special.)—An effort was made to hold a meeting of the Oregon delegates to the Republican National Convention this afternoon, but Delegate Ackerson had not yet reached Chicago and Delegate Carey was unable to be present. On this account the meeting was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the chairman, secretary and members of the various convention committees will be chosen.

It is an open question whether the delegation tomorrow will select a new National committeeman or postpone the selection of the successor to Ralph Williams until after the convention nominates the candidate for President. Delegates Campbell and McCusker are urging that the National committeemen be chosen now, but other delegates are suggesting delay on the ground that the committeeman should be chosen in harmony with the party nominee.

Those who are holding out for delay argue that if Taft is renominated a Taft supporter should be made committeeman, and that a Roosevelt man should carry off the nomination. The man to be named in case the Colonel "Popcorn King" loses \$119 Suit.

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### END OF DOCK STRIKE NIGH

#### Sailors and Firemen's Union Votes Against Supporting Malcontents.

LONDON, June 17.—The result of the ballot of the sailors and firemen's national union on the question of joining in the dock strike, shows that 2137 of the members voted in favor of supporting a strike and 3578 against.

As the sailors and firemen's union is the strongest body in the National Federation of Transport Workers, the decision reached by its members practically puts an end to the dock strike.

### MEXICAN REBELS

### REPULSE FEDERALS

#### Cavalry Command of 2000 Is Driven Back by Opponents Three Times.

### FEW COMBATANTS KILLED

#### Vanguard of Huerta's Forces Fail in Attempt to Pass Insurgent Front at La Cruz and Go North to Bachimba.

AT THE REBEL FRONT, La Cruz, Mexico, June 17.—Three times today 2000 federal cavalry under General Rabago, forming the vanguard of General Huerta's forces, pressed north toward this town, only to meet the stubborn resistance of the rebel front under Colonel Antonio Rojas.

The third attempt to pass La Cruz and move on Bachimba, 50 miles north where the rebel main army is gathered, resulted in failure.

Skirmishes which began yesterday along the Conchos River were resumed at noon today, with the result that in less than two hours the federals had retired. Neither side lost heavily, though the fire was at times heavy. The government troops had several machine guns in action and the rebels used effectively a 10-millimeter cannon. General Fernandez, of the rebels, began the fighting along the Conchos River just outside of this village. Reinforcements were soon sent to him. General Inez Salazar although ill, left his bed, personally to direct rebel maneuvers. The rebel force composed 1500.

The main federal columns of 5000 men are at Santa Rosalia, only nine miles from the scene of today's fighting. The rebels fought from positions in the low hills east of the Mexican Central Railroad and from ditches. The federals were entrenched in front of the town.

### DEATH DUE TO WEAK LEG

#### Charles E. Gavin's Fall From Hotel Window Explained by Friend.

Judging by the consensus of opinion of the friends of the late Charles E. Gavin, who met his death by falling from the fourth story of the Portland Hotel, Saturday night, there seems little doubt that a weak leg was responsible for his sad end.

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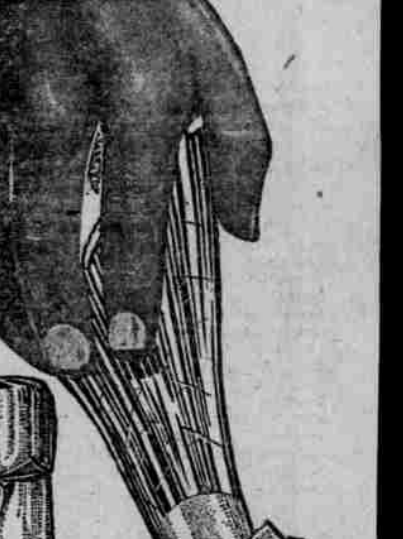
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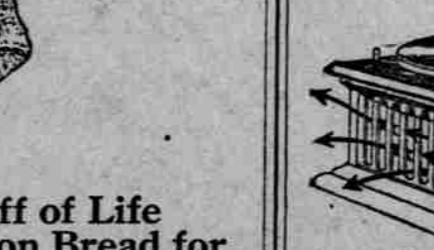


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