

# WOOD MAY NEVER BE MAJ. GENERAL

His Nomination Will Most Likely  
Utterly Fail of Confirmation  
By the Senate.

WAS A RECESS APPOINTMENT.

They Terminate When Congress Meets  
In Regular Session—His Friends  
Are Anxious

Washington, Dec. 4.—Unless there is an agreement by both houses of Congress to adjourn the present session before noon Monday, when the regular session begins, all nominations must fail, and if the present special session ends with the beginning of the regular session, this preventing the president from sending recess appointments to the senate, all pending recess appointments must terminate with the convening of Congress in its regular session. These considerations today furnished the incentive for a number of conferences looking to an agreement to adjourn on Monday, or even tomorrow. Friends of Gen. Wood are vitally interested and will try to bring about an adjournment by concurrent action. Failure of such action would mean Gen. Wood's reversion of the rank of brigadier-general and have similar effect on the appointments of 167 army officers advanced by reason of Gen. Wood's promotion, all of whom have assumed the rank and pay of their new appointments in the same manner as though their nominations had been confirmed by the senate.

## MUCH ALARM FELT.

The situation has also been canvassed at the war department and much alarm is felt over the disturbance that will occur regarding officers who were promoted in recess and whose rank depends on the promotion of Gen. Wood and other officers. In view of this situation, it is possible that the administration will suggest sine die adjournment. One reason given by the leaders of the house for not passing a resolution of adjournment was that it would be a discourtesy to the president to adjourn a called session without completing the work for which it is called. Members of the senate say they were ready to adjourn 10 days ago and a resolution of adjournment would probably have been sent to the house if it had not been reported and not denied that the house would not give consideration to a resolution of adjournment. The situation is said to be without precedent in the senate.

## IF NOMINATION FAILS.

It has been argued in the senate that if the nomination of Gen. Wood failed of confirmation through the failure of the senate committee on military affairs to complete its hearing of charges against confirmation, or for other cause, the nomination would be again sent to the senate for action at the regular session. This program was suggested on the theory that nominations of recess appointments have the same effect. An examination of the rules, however, discloses that a nomination does not carry authority for the president to clothe the nominee with the rank and pay of the office to which he is appointed. In the case of a recess appointment the appointee is given the rank and pay of the position for which he is named, but under the Constitution the commission only continues to the end of the next session of the senate.

## CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION.

The last paragraph of section 2, article 2, of the Constitution of the United States follows:  
"The president shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the senate by granting commissions, which shall expire at the end of the next session."  
It is argued by senators who have given serious thought to the questions involved that, inasmuch as "the Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day," (article 1, last paragraph of section 4), a recess must occur between the termination of the present extra session and the beginning of the next session in order to relieve the embarrassment resultant on failure to confirm the army nominations referred to. The merging of the special session would leave only an infinitesimal recess and not sufficient, it is feared, for recess appointments to be made.

## OUTCOME VERY UNCERTAIN.

Both the senate and the house will be in session tomorrow, but from present appearances neither body cares to take the initiative, and the outcome is uncertain.  
The senate committee on military affairs will convene Monday at 11 o'clock to resume its hearing of the Wood case. If the hearing should continue until one minute after 12 o'clock the committee would be in the unique position of investigating a matter which was not pending before the senate.

## WOOD'S PAY ACCOUNTS.

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senate military affairs committee, which is investigating the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be a major general, will be Col. Charles S. Diehl, assistant general manager of the Associated Press. Maj. Runcie will be here Monday. He will be examined concerning the contradiction of some of his testimony by Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer.

The committee has under consideration the question of summoning witnesses to testify as to the condition of Gen. Wood's Santiago accounts for 1898.

and today the fixtures of the Butte office were seized and sold for debt. Investors have besieged the offices all day, but nothing was given out as to the condition of the company. According to the Inter-Mountain, unpaid accounts in the state are variously estimated at from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

## A Union in Contempt.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Judge Jesse M. Holden decided today that the Franklin union of presteeders was in contempt

ing order, its siege of the printing house.

## FIRE IN SALINA, KAN.

Property Loss is Great and Many  
People Thrown Out of Work.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 4.—A special to the State Journal from Salina says: The H. D. Lee Mercantile company's building, the largest wholesale grocery and notion store in Kansas, carried a million dollars' stock, is afire from top to bottom with no hopes of saving any portion of the building, which occupies a block and is five stories high.

A telephone dispatch from Salina at 2:30 o'clock says the big five-story mercantile building is a mass of ruins, having just crashed in and that several smaller buildings near are afire. There is now some hope of saving a portion of the hardware building. The insurance on the destroyed stock and building is \$300,000. The telephone wires from the east and west pass close and are destroyed. Over 130 persons are thrown out of employment, but Mr. Lee states that he will rebuild at once. Salina has about 15,000 inhabitants and is situated in Saline county, central Kansas, in one of the richest parts of the state. It is a railway center.

## William Will Review.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Emperor William will make his first appearance in public since the operation on his throat, Dec. 15 at Hanover, where it was said by a member of the court today he intends to review the troops. The date of the emperor's departure for the north is now fixed provisionally for Jan. 5.

The leading shopkeepers here have been in a panic over the fear that there would be no court functions at all this winter, in which case many of the nobility would not open their town houses. Inquiries at court on behalf of the tradesmen have brought out the assurance that some court functions certainly will take place, but that the emperor is likely to be absent.

## Champion Steer Sold.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Challenger, the champion steer of the International Livestock Exchange exhibition, at the stockyards, was sold at auction today for \$442, or 26 cents a pound. Low prices, contrasting strongly with those which ruled over a year ago, marked the auction sales of championship cattle at the livestock exhibition today. It was said that in many cases the championship beef on the hoof sold for nearly 50 per cent less than a year ago.

## Lessened Cotton Goods Output.

Boston, Dec. 4.—That a widespread curtailment of production by cotton mills in the United States will be found necessary, during the next few months on account of the great cost of raw material, is the opinion of leading mill men in this city, from which the policy of many cotton mills in the north is directed. The market for finished material has been unsatisfactory for months and prices have not risen correspondingly with those of cotton. The mills in New England employ fully 175,000 hands, 65,000 of whom have had their wages reduced 10 per cent this fall, and 75,000 additional will be cut within the next two weeks.

# WINTER IS COMING BRINGING CATARRH

Every sufferer from Catarrh dreads the coming of winter, for with the first breath of the frost-king this miserable disorder is fanned into life and renewed activity, and all the disgusting symptoms come back. With every fresh cold the temperature begins to rise, the skin becomes hot and dry, the head aches almost to the point of bursting, the eyes are inflamed and red, the nostrils are stopped up, and the mucus discharges, at first thin and watery, gradually become thicker and yellow and often exceedingly offensive. The throat and all the inner passages and cavities of the head are irritated by the acrid secretions the soft bones of the cheek and nose, while the voice loses its natural tone and has a harsh, rasping, unnatural sound.

But, if not arrested, Catarrh doesn't stop here; the mucous poison passing from the throat into the stomach and bowels is taken up by the blood and distributed through the system, and the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, Bladder and all other parts of the body become infected, and the disease which was considered so harmless and simple in the beginning has become constitutional, far-reaching and serious. Catarrh must be treated through the blood, for it is a systemic disorder, a taint in the blood, that inhalations, washes, powders and salves cannot reach, and those who have tried them know the effects are only temporary, that as soon as winter comes with its cold rains, heavy fogs and chilling winds, it brings back Catarrh and sweeps away all the good that a long and faithful use of local remedies has accomplished.

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CHARLES A. TOWNE, WHO MAY RETURN TO CONGRESS.

It seems to have been decided that when George B. McClellan retires from congress to assume the majority of New York city Charles A. Towne will be nominated by the Democrats to succeed him. Mr. Towne is one of the most unique political personages in the United States, for the reason that he has run almost the entire party gamut. In 1894 Mr. Towne, then a struggling lawyer in Duluth, Minn., was nominated for congress by the Republicans. He soon attracted national attention by a speech in the house in favor of the unlimited coinage of silver. With Senator Teller and other Republican leaders he led the national convention of his party in 1896 and supported Bryan. In 1900 Mr. Towne was nominated on the Populist and free silver tickets for the vice presidency, but withdrew in favor of Adlai E. Stevenson, whom the Democrats had nominated. During the same year Mr. Towne served two months as a member of the United States senate by appointment of Governor Ladd of Minnesota. He then removed to New York city.

For this purpose it is likely that Gen. Tasker H. Bliss of the general staff of the army will be called, and that subpoenas will be issued also for N. Nathan, W. H. Lancashire and Lieut. Brooks, all of whom are said to have had a hand in auditing the accounts. It is said the witnesses will declare that when the accounts were first audited they were found to be in a condition which was afterward excused by the war department as justifiable because they were made at a time during war, when everything was in a state of chaos. It is said that Senator Hanna will contend that the resulting of Gen. Wood's accounts furnished a precedent for the auditing of Maj. Rathbone's accounts, for the reason that the latter was prepared under identical conditions.

Another witness who probably will be subpoenaed for early next week is M. C. Fosnes, the postoffice inspector who investigated the charges of postal fraud in Cuba, and who is said to have written to J. L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, making arrangements for the translation of Bristow's report on Cuban postal conditions. It is declared that the request for the translation came from Carlos E. Ortiz, who presided in the postal cases. It is the purpose of the opponents of Gen. Wood to show that he had a hand in bringing about the translation, and that he used his influence with Judge Ortiz.

## Butte Exchange Offices Closed.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 4.—The offices of the Western Grain & Stock Exchange in this city, as well as those at Helena, Anaconda and Great Falls, have been closed since yesterday morning. H. V. Warnock, manager of the company, telegraphed from Fargo, N. D., today that he had left Butte for Fargo to get married, and had no intention of abandoning his business. No notice of this kind, it is stated, was given out of the office,

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