

WOOD DIDN'T HAVE
FIGHT FOR HIS
"MEDAL OF HONOR"

Under Fire but Twice, Critics Declare, and Was Decorated, Records Show, Although He Never Saw Hostile Indian in Campaign for Which He Was Decorated.

What is Gen. Wood's real military record? His candidacy for the republican nomination for the presidency and the fact that more than 4,000,000 veterans of three wars are watching the reasons advanced in behalf of the general make the answer to this question important. The Times herewith presents an article dealing with Gen. Wood's real military record, which was written in the official documents of the nation.—Editor.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Gen. Leonard Wood's friends point to his record as a military hero as a prime reason for republicans nominating him for the presidency.

Wood's campaign for the nomination is not his first attempt. In 1916, a campaign based on identical lines was fostered by his friends. He received one vote in the Chicago convention as the net result. Wood was at that time boosted as a strong man with a brilliant military record which justified putting him in the whitehouse.

To the reasons advanced in 1916 is now added the alleged "gratitude" of the Wilson administration, deliberately passed over Wood and refused to permit him to hold high military command in the world war, to which he was entitled on his military record.

What is Wood's real military record? Gen. Wood's first experience as a line officer came when Secretary of War Alger, whose personal physician Wood then was, appointed him to the command of a volunteer regiment in the Spanish-American war. Up to that time Wood had been an army doctor. He was a good doctor—probably better than the average, but he never attended a military school, never had any military training and never exercised command before he was boosted into the colonelcy of volunteers by Alger.

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Grand Old Feelin'
Sweeps Over Daddy
When Stork Arrives

'Boy or Girl?' Some Ask Doctor, While Others Are Too Excited to Say Anything.

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Sixth Lodge Modification Follows Adoption of Two That Dim Treaty Hopes.

SHOWDOWN NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate will tackle today the sixth Lodge reservation, that withholding the assent of the United States to those provisions of the peace treaty which turned the Chinese province of Shantung over to Japan.

This reservation, like the rest of the original Lodge program, is scheduled to be adopted again by a majority vote, composed mostly of republicans, with enough democratic senators voting against it to demonstrate that ratification is still remote.

The long disputed Lodge reservation to Article 10 is to be taken up after all of the thirteen others have been acted upon. Thus far but four have been disposed of. The vote by which the reservation covering the Monroe doctrine was adopted, was regarded as a test of the renewed administration opposition to the reservations and to ratification.

The disposal of twenty-two administration senators against a reservation intended to safeguard the Monroe doctrine, a reservation the republicans refuse to modify, was considered a good illustration of how ratification is to be blocked again.

The final showdown on ratification probably will not come until next week, but senate leaders on both sides admit that unless a miracle happens the treaty will be defeated a second time in the senate and the moot question of the commitment of the American people to the league of nations left to the campaign.

U. S. WITHDRAWAL
FORECAST IN PARIS

PARIS, March 3.—Withdrawal of American representation in all the commissions set up by the peace conference was forecast here today.

Matches from the United States, admitting that hope for ratification of the treaty of peace as it now stands practically has died, led the French to believe that complete American withdrawal from the peace-making and enforcement may be imminent.

TREATY DOOMED,
SAYS LONDON PAPER

LONDON, March 3.—The passage of resolutions by the American senate means, to all practical purposes, the death of the treaty of Versailles, said the Daily Telegraph today in comment on the news that the senate will vote on the Lodge reservations in Washington yesterday.

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Robert L. Todd, president of the Indianapolis Board of Works, said that Dr. Henry Jameson, chairman of the executive committee, presented in front of the city hall yesterday one of the five new cars which arrived here for inspection by city officials.

The new cars have side seats and provide wide platform and aisle space. Forty-eight white-handled straps have been added to the cars, and the board has decided that although the board had previously refused to endorse the cars, he felt that they were satisfactory and would assist in relieving the traffic situation here.

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Five of the new cars arrived from Dayton, O., last week and five more are expected within the next few weeks. Dr. Jameson stated yesterday that it was nearly impossible to get orders for street cars filled, and that no companies will promise deliveries in less than from twelve to fourteen months. He said, however, that an effort is being made to get enough cars for the Indianapolis situation to relieve traffic conditions here next winter.

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AND 20 MINUTES

Driven Over His Favorite Route, Accompanied by Wife and Dr. Grayson.

AN IDEAL SPRING DAY

WASHINGTON, March 3.—For the first time in nearly six months President Wilson left the whitehouse today and went for an automobile ride. The president picked an almost perfect spring day for his first venture beyond the porticoes of the executive mansion. The sun was shining brightly and there was little or no breeze. It was a real spring day.

BUNDLED UP IN FUR COAT.

Despite the warmth of the day, the president was heavily bundled up in a fur coat and plenty of wraps. The closed car was used.

The route chosen was the president's favorite ride. The cars slipped quietly out of the southwest gate of the whitehouse grounds and drove down past the Pan-American building to the Speedway. A fast pace was set and few, if any, persons recognized the president.

The president was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, and the usual secret service operatives.

HELPED INTO CAR BY MRS. WILSON.

The president walked to and from the car to the whitehouse door. He carried a cane and was supported on either side by Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Grayson. The few observers had little chance to tell just how much aid was accorded him, but Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Grayson were very solicitous in his care.

After leaving the whitehouse the drive took him through the speedway and thence through Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol. The big car was driven slowly about the capital grounds for a while while the president looked over the surroundings.

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Columbia Avenue and 17th Street Property Damaged About \$40,000.

Coolness of Miss Irene Givens, colored, teacher of free kindergarten No. 23, Columbia avenue and Seventeenth street, saved fourteen little colored children from a possible panic about 9 o'clock this morning. The fire was burning fiercely in St. John's A. M. E. church, over the heads of the children when the fire was discovered.

The building was destroyed, and the parsonage damaged and two other buildings were damaged, the total loss being estimated by Rev. T. H. Stoner at about \$40,000. A defective fuse is believed to have caused the fire.

Miss Givens scouted the smoke and went to the north door of the Sunday school room, in which the kindergarten is held. As she opened the door she was met by flames and smoke. Slamming the door, she turned to the children and quietly told them to stand up.

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"We are going to Rev. Stoner's house, children," she said, smiling. Then she led them through the south door to the parsonage, where they remained a few minutes, when the flames, spreading to all parts of the church, reached the parsonage. They were led to outside safety.

The children were Frances Brown, James Bostle, Rose Bostle, French McGayock, Verna Barnes, Marjorie McWilliams, William Barnes, Henry Doolan, Clarence Lucas, Beatrice Moore, Geneva Bell, Anna May Ammour, Dorothy Rainier and Ester Hatcher.

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Blame for the heavy fire loss is placed by firemen and representatives of the church, including Rev. Stoner, on the poor water pressure. Streams did not carry twenty-five feet.

In the church was a pipe organ that cost more than \$4,000. This was destroyed. Two pianos, one purchased a few months ago at a cost of \$300, also were destroyed. A small organ in the Sunday school room was burned.

Fireman Harry Kernode discovered the fire. The wind was from the south and fire brands dropped on the roofs of Sam Maloof's grocery, 1701 Columbia avenue. A number of houses were burned through the roof. The roof of the home of Wilbur Craig, 1202 Columbia avenue, caught fire, but only small damage resulted. Damage to the parsonage and its furniture is estimated at about \$1,500.

FOLKS TALK HIGH.

Henry and Mary enjoyed their meal. He didn't mind sitting alongside Mary, and boy-like he asked question after question about the fire.

Arrangements have been made to take care of a large number of children at the new social center, conducted under the auspices of the Daughters of Isabella. The day nursery is one of the features of the new community house. Sister M. Gregoire has been selected to supervise the new home, and she has taken up her duties with joy in being able to care for little tots.

"There will come other children to the nursery," she said, "and we will soon have a roomful of toddling youngsters as people learn that we have such a place here."

There is a long playroom with a play table, where the busy little hands can fondle dolls and toys. There is a book blackboard, where Sister Gregoire will teach the little folk how to read and draw and write.

Mothers working downtown thus have an opportunity to leave their children during the day, safely cared for during their hours of employment. Other little ones may be boarded at the nursery permanently.

Mrs. James Roca is the regent of the Daughters of Isabella; Mrs. J. E. Eward is chairman of the house committee. Mrs. John W. Treack is chairman of the social service work. The new community house was formally opened Feb. 15.

ESCAPES PLOT OF ASSASSINS

Attempt to Slay Former Hungarian Premier Fails.

LONDON, March 3.—An attempt was made to assassinate former Premier Friedrich of Hungary at Budapest, said Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the city today. The attempt of the plotters failed.

Friedrich held office prior to the Hungarian revolution, but was forced out by the allies, who "tried" him in 1919. He is now working for a return of the monarchy.

PATIENT TAKES LIFE BY HANGING

Inmate of Hospital for Insane Commits Suicide.

An investigation is under way today by the coroner into the circumstances surrounding the death of Linley Hadley, 33, an inmate of the Central Insane hospital, who committed suicide early this morning.

Hadley killed himself by hanging. He tied the bedclothes to the top of a bed and then found his neck. The suicide occurred in the same room in which Edward Miller killed himself a week ago. Hadley lived in Hendricks county and was admitted to the Central Insane hospital a few months ago.

STRAUSS QUILTS RESERVE BOARD

Vice Governor Sends Resignation to President.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Albert Strauss of New York, vice governor of the federal reserve board, tendered his resignation to President Wilson today. His term was to have expired in October, 1920.

Robber Demands Poison for Suicide

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 3.—A bandit entered a drug store on University avenue last night and compelled Harry Sansby, one of the proprietors, at the point of a pistol, to give him some poison.

The robber returned unarmed. "I wanted to die, but the poison didn't work," he said. "I am glad it didn't and I intend to reform."

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Spring Here—Can Tell by Experience

Spring is here! J. W. Coffin, 1319 Lexington avenue, is authority for this cheerful news. Mr. Coffin has nothing but tradition to guide him in his opinion, but it may be worth consideration. He even goes so far as to say he could find a robin if he had time to look for one.

During his discussion of his weather guessing success, he recalled many early-day weather experiences in Indianapolis. He compared the present winter with that of 1888.

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