

SENATE MAY MAKE INQUIRY INTO WOOD'S CAMPAIGN SPENDING

TIMES' EXPOSE DEBATED IN SENATE

An exclusive story published by The Indiana Daily Times Thursday to the effect that Gen. Leonard Wood's Indiana campaign managers, out to "get the nomination for Wood at any cost," were paying \$250 apiece for "testimonials" and running a highly-gearred and expensive press bureau, was brought to the attention of the United States senate yesterday afternoon.

Senator Borah of Idaho, vigorously assailing the heavy Wood campaign expenses, referred to the article and laid stress on the statement that money was paid for statements favorable to Wood. Senator Moses of New Hampshire, southern manager for Wood, replied that it was news to him. Moses demanded whether Borah was making a direct charge that Wood was using money to corrupt the American electorate.

"I say," Borah came back, "that Gen. Wood's managers have set out to control the republican convention by the use of money. Now let them go to bat on it."

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Charging that the managers of Leonard Wood's campaign for the republican nomination for president have set out to control the republican national convention through the use of money, Senator Borah, Idaho, late yesterday afternoon created a political sensation in the senate.

In a speech on campaign expenditures, Borah declared that a saturnalia of corruption had been brought about by the use of money by candidates. His speech may result in a congressional investigation of the campaign funds of all candidates.

Senator Kenyon, Iowa, said he was considering introduction of a resolution for such an inquiry.

Borah declared that both republican and democratic candidates were spending money "unconscionably," though not necessarily, "because there is no law against it."

He introduced a bill to limit such expenditures to \$10,000 to a state on the preconvention campaigns.

"TIME TO CLEAN THE AEGEAN STABLES."

Borah said that with a senator just convicted by a jury in connection with the use of money in campaigns, "the time has come to clean the Aegaeon stables."

"The spending of money has become a national peril," he declared.

Borah declared that only an "innocent" would believe that President Wilson does not intend to seek a third term, and in response to Senator Moses, Wood's manager, he said that if Wood "puruses his present tactics much longer" Wilson will be elected for a third term "if he wants to."

He promised in due time to name the democratic candidates who, he said, are spending money as lavishly as the republicans.

During his charge at the Wood men, Borah challenged them with:

"Now let them go to bat on that, if they like."

Borah's bill provides full publicity for campaign contributions and expenditures.

Violators would be subject to a maximum penalty of \$25,000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

"PERFECT SATURNALIA OF CORRUPTION."

"Two years," said Borah, "the spending of money in campaigns has been increasing."

"Indications are that this year there will be a perfect saturnalia of corruption through the use of money in the campaign."

"Developments thus far seem to me to make it necessary for congress to take some notice."

"There is no reason why this bill should not pass in time to be effective forty days before the Chicago and San Francisco conventions."

Senator Kenyon, at this point, said that, in view of the slowness of congress to act on a bill, a resolution of investigation should be introduced and adopted.

"I'm in favor of such a resolution," said Borah, "but I think congress will hesitate before daring to sidetrack this bill."

Senator Ashurst, Arizona, called on Borah to give names.

"I'll name them," said Borah. "You must name the democrats who know about the republican voters," it stated.

"I know of any democrats who were spending money improperly I'd name them," said Ashurst.

"If I knew of any democrat who was trying to get a third term I'd be quick to tell the senate I am opposed to it."

"If you don't know about a democrat who wants a third term, you are blessed with more innocence than I supposed anybody from Arizona had," retorted Borah.

"Do you know of any?" asked Ashurst.

"You'd been a letter I just saw, you know he is," said Borah.

Ashurst said he'd like to have the letter read to the senate.

QUOTES STORY PRINTED BY THE TIMES YESTERDAY.

Continuing, Borah said that "scandalous stories are being printed" about huge sums of money being spent.

He read a published statement that workers for Leonard Wood were told to get the nomination no matter what it cost.

(The story Senator Borah refers to have been printed Thursday by The Indiana Daily Times.)

He said Gov. Lowden's managers had spent their money with "more adroitness" than others.

He added that two of the democratic candidates had been as lavish in their expenditures.

Ashurst declared that Borah names the democrats, promising if he did so, "to see that they don't get some of the delegates they might otherwise procure."

"WILL GIVE ALL FACTS BEFORE HE'S THROUGH."

Borah said he'd give all the facts before he got through.

Borah then took up a recently published story, naming a group of men said to have underwritten Wood's campaign for \$600,000 or more.

Dan R. Hanna, Cleveland (Ohio) capitalist, one of those named.

Edward L. Doheny, an oil man, and another of those named as an underwriter of the Wood campaign, Borah said, was a heavy contributor to the democratic funds for that state.

And he is now a candidate for delegate to the democratic convention from the state of California, said Borah.

Borah declared that if the men named wished to "deny the charge" he received from South Dakota referring to the use of money there by Wood and Lowden.

"These telegrams told me that for every vote cast there an average of \$10 was spent," Borah asserted.

Borah said he was not attacking the people of any state, but "as evidence that there are people who can be bought, let senators read what happened some years ago in an Ohio county when practically a majority of the people pleaded guilty to taking bribes."

Borah declared that if charges being widely circulated are true, "certain per-

BELGIAN PORT REGAINS MUCH OF OLD TRADE

City of Antwerp Thrives With Resumption of Industry.

BOOMING AT SHIPYARDS

ANTWERP, March 27.—All the excitement and racket which at the present time pervades Belgium finds its concentration point at Antwerp. The city is the commercial capital of the country and is just one solid lump of business activity.

Said a director of an engineering works to a reporter his hands were full: "The pressure is such that the man is scarcely worth living." And the Antwerp business man genuinely feels that. When, however, he counts on his profits he begins to think that there may be something still left in life after all.

Every avenue of trade has been reconstructed and is being used to full advantage.

There is a good instance of how the Belgian is snapping up business. Motor lorries brought from the British government as aids for the transport troubles of Belgium are now being sold back into England to the very considerable satisfaction of Belgian manufacturers. An exhibition from Britain's shipyards has purchased over 10,000 pounds' worth of Daimler lorries, which one time carried the British army. He was more than pleased at the deal, knowing the price he can obtain for them at home, and as for the Belgian seller his pay had to be expressed in terms of champagne.

PLAINLY SHOWN AT QUAYS AND DOCKS.

A walk round the quays and docks of Antwerp shows the port in a very good light, as the great front door of Belgium is in a year's time back to nearly normal working. The basins are well filled with shipping. The warehouses stacked with merchandise, wool and other raw materials. The actual task of loading and unloading has been vastly speeded up above the pre-war rate. They will be completed in a week.

A bonus of \$150,227 has been distributed among the 3,400 employees of the Dodge Manufacturing Company, Mishawaka. The bonus is for a period of nine weeks ending Feb. 28, and is based on a rate of 21% per cent of the total earnings of each employee of the plant.

"GENERAL" PELAEZ ROMANTIC FIGURE.

Manuel Pelaez—"General" Pelaez is his followers call him—is today one of the most romantic figures in Mexico. Not only the rebels leaders include Pelaez.

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