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TESTIMONY IN WOOD CASE

General Bliss Tells How Duty on Silver Service Was Avoided.

MESSAGE CAME FROM GOVERNOR'S PALACE

Cross-Questioned by Senator Hanna Witness Says He Would Have Admitted Goods to Please Cuban People.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Associated Press has secured a copy of testimony given by Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., when he was recalled before the senate committee on military affairs to give evidence in the Wood investigation concerning the admission of the Jalisco gift free of duty, about which a controversy has arisen.

General Bliss was recalled at the request of Senator Hanna, who asked whether the silver service given to General Wood in 1902, at the time of its passage through the custom house was the property of an officer of the United States army. General Bliss answered that he so understood it; that he had received information on the second day before leaving Havana that a package would arrive there from New York the next day for General Wood and that it would have to be returned on the steamer on which the baggage of officers and men was being placed. A request had been made that the package should be hastened in its passage through the custom house.

Senator Hanna inquired from whom the information came and was told by General Bliss that it came by telephone from the clerk's office at the palace of the governor general. He said he did not know whether the package was addressed to General Wood, but was told it was for him; that when he learned that a package would be received for the military governor he had given orders to facilitate its passage through the customs house.

Senator Foraker asked if General Wood had anything to do with the order. The witness replied: "Not in the least."

"I thought you said that the order came to you from the palace," remarked Senator Hanna.

General Bliss repeated that he had received the message from a clerk in the telephone office who had received it over the telephone from the palace.

Senator Hanna inquired: "And with whom would that originate?"

General Bliss said it was merely a message such as he received many times a day from persons desiring to facilitate a purchase through the customs house.

Senator Hanna inquired if he was understood that a message purporting to come from the palace would be obeyed. The answer was in the negative.

The senator then asked for an explanation and General Bliss said: "If anyone sent a message that a package would be received for the military governor, I had a number of trusted employees and I would say: 'If a package arrives, do not delay, but dispatch it.' That is what I did and what you would have done and what anyone would have done to unless you had stopped the entire business of the custom house."

Senator Hanna—I do not know whether I would or not. I do not think that you have any justification for putting me in that position.

General Bliss—Anyone would have to. Any business man would have to do that way.

Senator Hanna—I have had some experience in business and I do not think I would do it on the say-so of a clerk and on the orders of a clerk, as you say that order came from the palace.

General Bliss again insisted that he had received an order and after some further colloquy Senator Foraker remarked: "He says that it was not an order."

Senator Scott asked what course General Bliss would have taken if he had learned that the silver service was not the property of General Wood, but was the property of the military governor. He said there to be submitted as to whether it was to be accepted and bought.

General Bliss answered that it would not have been admitted free of duty. In explanation of his act in admitting the silver service free of duty, General Bliss said: "I have no hesitation in saying that if I had been informed that there was a present coming for the military governor, under the circumstances I would not have made myself obnoxious to the Cuban people by raising any little points about handling that package in the custom house."

First Case Against Benson.

The case of John A. Benson, the wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, arrested here several weeks ago for alleged bribery of government employees in connection with public land matters, was postponed today. Assistant Attorney General Pugh represented the government and former Justice Cole of the district supreme court appeared as Benson's counsel. The government asked for the forfeiture of the \$200 bond given by Benson, in view of his non-appearance today. The defense resisted this contention, pointing out that under an indictment reported by the grand jury here some days ago Benson was rearrested in New York and is awaiting a hearing. Judge Cole asked for time to make arguments on this point and Commissioner Taylor continued the case until next Saturday.

Fake Destitution in Alaska.

Reports of great destitution and threatened starvation among the inhabitants of Fairbanks, Alaska, having reached the War department through the mayor of that place, addressed to Senator Nelson, General Funston, commander of the Department of Columbia was directed to make an investigation and to take such steps as would conserve the place while affording relief. The mayor specially requested that staple supplies be not given, but sold to these people from supplies on hand at Gibbons.

While General Funston was carrying out these instructions Captain O. A. Nesmith, stationed at Fort Egbert, Alaska, wired the department that he had received information from Lieutenant Rickard, who was at Fairbanks as late as December 28, that he neither saw nor heard of any famine, that there had been a shortage of supplies occasioned by an early freeze, but that freighting had been going on steadily and that game seemed plentiful.

Under date of January 4 General Funston telegraphed the War department that he had instituted inquiry as to how many rations could be spared, but suggested that able bodied men who would sit down at Fairbanks and await government relief are entitled to little consideration, since within ten days they can reach Dawson, Rampart and Tanana, where there are abundant supplies for sale. He sarcastically states that if these men heard of a gold strike they would walk on snowshoes 1,000 miles.

Wants Naval Station on Lakes.

Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, today urged the house naval

committee to establish a naval training station on the Great Lakes, for which an appropriation of \$200,000 is recommended by the department. Lake St. Clair, Michigan near Chicago, and Racine, Wis., have been recommended as proper places for this station. Such a station, the admiral said, would tend to induce the enlistment of a better class of seamen in the interior and would reduce the number of desertions, as cadets would have an opportunity to test seafaring life before actual enlistment. It would also tend to produce more seafaring men for commercial lines.

Peculiar Suit by Naval Officer.

Robert Burton Rodney, a paymaster with rank of lieutenant commander, retired, today brought suit for \$20,000 damages against Captain Samuel C. Lemly, alleged advocate general of the navy, for alleged long continued "pecuniary and naval grade losses" and indignities. The complaint alleges that Captain Lemly has usurped practical supremacy in the navy department and is depriving the complainant of legal rights under his commission.

General Young Goes to Cuba.

Following retirement Saturday Lieutenant General Young, chief of staff, will make a short visit to his sister in Pittsburg, and then will go to Cuba to spend the remainder of the winter in the hope of recovering from an attack of rheumatism. While in Cuba he will improve his opportunity to visit the battlefields of El Caney and San Juan Hill.

Marriage of Miss McKenna.

Miss Isabella McKenna, eldest daughter of United States Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. McKenna, and Pitts Duffield of New York, son of General and Mrs. Henry Duffield of Detroit, were married at St. Matthew's church today. President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended the wedding, as did also members of the supreme court and other high in official and social life.

Black to Head Commission.

Civil Service Commissioners Cooley and Greene have decided to ask John C. Black, recently nominated a member of the commission to succeed John P. Proctor, deceased, to become chairman of the commission.

May Abolish Longstreet's Office.

Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior department has recommended to the president that the office of railroad commissioner held by the late General James Longstreet be abolished. It seems probable now that the recommendation will be adopted, as the duties of the office practically have been absorbed by the Interstate Commerce commission.

DOES HILLS AN INJUSTICE

Director of the Mint Away Off in His Figures on Black Hills Gold Production.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—To the Editor of The Bee:—I am writing you in regard to the article published in your issue of January 4, showing the distribution by states and territories of gold production during the year 1903. Insofar as the state of South Dakota is concerned I am assuredly incorrect. The report claims the gold production of South Dakota for 1903 to be \$2,889,137. Permit me to say that from carefully kept records State Mining Inspector Gregory of South Dakota reports \$7,159,400 as the aggregate gold production of nineteen mines in the Black Hills of South Dakota during 1903; that the Homestake mine produced \$4,238,940 in gold to which \$2,920 was recovered by placing and \$2,097,458 was produced by the remaining nineteen mining companies of the South Dakota Black Hills district, being an average per mine, excluding the Homestake, of \$144,858.

The decrease for South Dakota, as shown by the mint director's statement, is also decidedly inaccurate, the actual decrease being much less than one-third of the figure reported by that official, and which, by the way, was occasioned wholly by the closing down of the leading smelter of the district, the Homestake, in the latter part of the year. Such inaccuracies are very misleading to prospective investors and the public in general, and are apt to work an inexcusable injury to a gold-producing district possessing the exceptional merit of the Black Hills. By the mint director's report, as published, South Dakota ranks as eighth in the entire list of gold-producing states and territories of the United States, whilst as a matter of fact it ranks third in that list. Colorado first, California next and then the Black Hills of South Dakota.

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NATIONALS		ST. CHARLES	
1st	2d	1st	2d
Tracy	204	151	153
Smythe	185	200	190
Schneider	202	155	162
Jones	188	167	168
Chandler	220	224	262
Totals	1,012	823	815

WOODMEN		WESTERNERS	
1st	2d	1st	2d
Yates	151	138	123
Smythe	126	126	125
Johnson	135	172	172
Stiles	130	119	134
Foley	151	175	303
Totals	795	769	797

Monday night the Woodmen of the World team toted two out of three games from the Westerners. Score:

WOODMEN		WESTERNERS	
1st	2d	1st	2d
Tompson	170	129	161
Grubb	184	132	167
Baldy	191	179	178
Stapenhorst	160	154	165
Moreland	181	111	144
Totals	786	707	813

Last night on Lents & Williams' alleys the Nationals won two out of three games from the Lents & Williams team. Score:

BLACK KATS		LENTZ & WILLIAMS	
1st	2d	1st	2d
Landon	151	145	143
Sutton	189	168	168
Baldy	152	159	161
Rush	176	161	161
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