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LEONARD WOOD Building a Nation

An Intimate Tale of a Real American

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CHAPTER VI

In these days of struggle for existence of the high cost of living and the many other discomforts attendant upon daily life and with governmental efforts, more or less ineffectively, to cut down the cost of food and clothing, a sidelight on Leonard Wood's work in San Antonio as reported by Joseph Hamilton Sears, will be of interest.

Wood, as governor of the city found that food and food dealers were profiteering. He sent for the principal butcher and said: "How much do you charge for your meat?" "Ninety cents a pound, senator!" "What does it cost you?" "Meat is very dear, your excellency."

"How much a pound?" "It cost as very much, and—" "He which a pound?" "It costs your excellency, but we have just much money during the war and—" "So you have your customers? How much will you sell at 25 cents a pound and not one cent more?" "And so it proved."

This is only an incident of the way in which Wood strove for his charges. He suffered children as well as incidents which shows why they love him like a brother today. So well did Wood conduct the affairs of one city that the United States decided that his should be the task of building up the whole of Cuba. He was made governor general of the island, with orders to administer its affairs in such a way that it could be placed on the basis of a self-supporting, self-governing republic.

To the American liberators it looked like a hundred year task. He took these children, discouraged, wear-of-life people and lift them out of a plane of civilization and order with most of the rest of the world. It was a task which delighted the hard working soul of Leonard Wood administrator and organizer.

President McKinley gave Wood a few hints. His only instructions were: "Prepare Cuba as rapidly as possible for the establishment of an independent government, republican in form, and a good school system." Wood went back to Cuba, finding first that yellow fever had broken out in Santiago. He cleaned the town up again and banished the disease. In this connection, there is a tale little known to many persons outside of governmental and scientific ranks.

It is to Wood that the world owes a debt of gratitude for finding how yellow fever can be cured. When Wood found that would be one of the biggest tasks in his work in Havana and Cuba he took the three

best medical experts he could find and put them to work on tracing the malignant disease to its source and learning the best means to combat it. It was a splendid example of his ability to surround himself at all times with the best men for big tasks. They succeeded—a fact largely responsible for our ability to build the Panama canal in a more hitherto feverish and almost unobtainable for a white man.

So Wood took charge of the reconstruction of Cuba—or rather the reconstruction for under the colonial, paternalistic eye of government, mainly little attention had been paid to the welfare of the island, except insofar as it was necessary to grind out taxes from the impoverished population.

As in Santiago, Wood worked on the basis of food, work and law. He established Chief Justice White of the United States court as the best authority he could get in the matter of law. Between them they prepared a code following along the established line but with much attention to improved detail to procedure. It still stands and governs Cuba.

Natives were used almost entirely for this most important system of judicial effort. Native judges tried native prisoners arrested by native constabularies, with a mixed commission selected by Wood as overseers of all trials. Prisons were cleaned and cleaned out and six hundred prisoners, held on political pretenses, were given hearing and their freedom.

"This is not a dictator," the Cubans began to say at the outset of an evening. "He is an administrator, a liberator." But it wasn't an easy task, by any means, to instill confidence in the new governor and in the intentions of his government, in the Cuban mind, made suspicious by centuries of oppression of thought and speech by the Spanish tyrant.

Wood next went about letting the people take a hand at governing themselves. He prepared an election law, within a few months, had his law printed and distributed and told the people to go ahead and elect their own representatives. "Two-thirds of my work is under way," Wood intoned. "Now for the school system."

With characteristic ability as an organizer and administrator he jumped head over heels into the

present problem. There was not a single school in the island when he went to work. There were only a few private schools dotted the island. A young educator was selected by Wood and put in charge. He found his system on the systems of Ohio and Massachusetts, and when Wood completed his task in three weeks, there were 3,800 schools, with 250,000 pupils one-quarter of the total population of the state had been put into education, the primary requisite in Wood's opinion, for self-governing nations. Native teachers were used and Wood sent 1,000 of them to summer in Harvard to study American methods.

One of the biggest things Wood did for Cuba was to formulate a full road law and build up a fine toll way system for the island. Then, too, he carried on his idea that good highways are essential to good civilization. He tried again to make a culture the backbone of the nation, as he had in the territory around Santiago. The problem of paying for church property appropriated by the Spaniards was settled satisfactorily to church state and citizens by a mutual agreement. In Wood's church and civil marriages alike were recognized. Then a constitutional convention was held and a constitution framed which that of our nation was adopted.

In three years a delaying nation had been wiped clean of the dead wood, feudalism and bureaucracy and placed high among the countries of the world. Cuba will tell you that the answer is Leonard Wood, build or executive administrator. (Continued Tomorrow)

WORLD IS COMMENDED

Red Star Worker Says Local Newspaper Gave Praise to British Where It Belonged.

Featured at the meeting published in The World yesterday morning of the lecturers "Our Annual Allies in the Great War," given in the high school auditorium, Thursday evening by Ernest Howard Baynes was expressed yesterday by the lecturer "The World as the only newspaper in the country which mentioned its tribute to the British yesterday

review. Mr. Baynes said: "The British yesterday were in the greatest of the world and the lives of heroes over the world would be easier if all countries had such a review. I intend to send copies of the Friday World to the heads of the secondary schools in England. Mr. Baynes said yesterday afternoon in Memphis, Tenn., where he is in the third year address in three days. The first public appearance of a student committee of 14 prominent senior boys who have pledged themselves to order and see that order is kept at all high school meetings held for the remainder of the term, was made at the lecture last night. The boys who acted as interpreters were distinguished by their straight size and the white carnations in their buttonholes.

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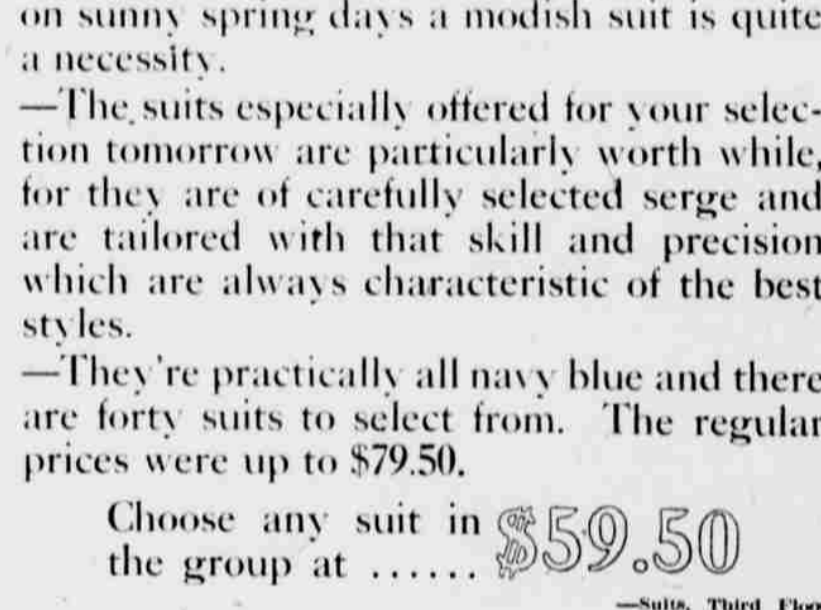


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