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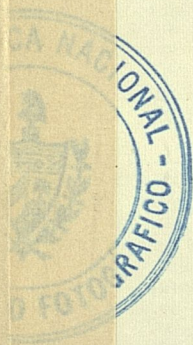




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THURSDAY, *November 19, 1903.*

The committee met at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Senator Proctor (acting chairman) and Senators Warren, Quarles, Scott, Foraker, Alger, Bate, Cockrell, and Pettus.

Senator Hanna and Senator Teller appeared before the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order. All the members are present who can be at this time.

The matter in hand is the nomination for promotion of General Wood. Senator Teller and Senator Hanna have given notice that they had objections. No charges have been presented. Senator Hanna says that Mr. Rathbone will present the points, but Senator Hanna wishes to make a statement himself, as I understand it now.

Senator HANNA. Yes, sir.

Senator QUARLES. Mr. Chairman, before this is entered upon I would like to raise a parliamentary inquiry. I may be wrong, but as I understand it this is executive business.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Senator QUARLES. And it would seem to me, if that is true, that the committee ought to have some rule or regulation concerning the preservation of the confidence of the Senate. It seems to me this is an important matter. As I understand, many things may be said and brought in here and discussed which ought not to go beyond the limits of the Senate. Of course any Senator is entitled to come here at any time, and I simply raise the question to see what the sentiment of the committee may be. I do not know anything about the precedents, but it occurs to me that this being executive business the same rules ought to prevail as in the executive sessions of the Senate.

The CHAIRMAN. It strikes me there is considerable in this. I spoke to Senator Cockrell about that and I suppose, for the moment, this did not occur to either of us. We spoke about what we had had previously in hearings here, but we have not had anything previously of this kind. You recall, Senator Cockrell, my speaking of it to you?

Senator COCKRELL. Yes.

Senator FORAKER. I do not think, Mr. Chairman, we have any right to make this other than executive business. It has been referred to us in the due course of procedure and the transaction of executive





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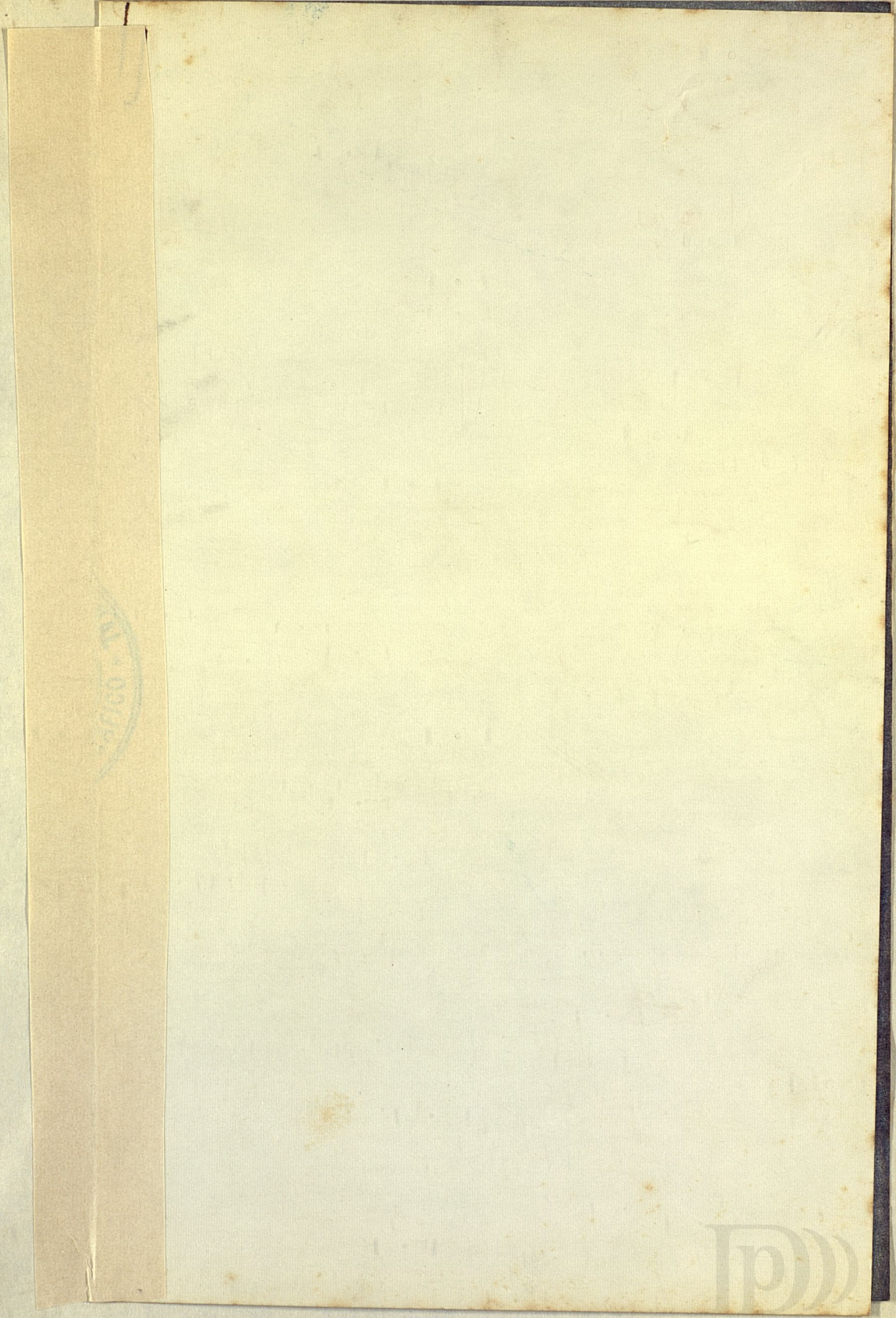
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## PROMOTION OF GEN. LEONARD WOOD.

### HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, CONCERNING THE NOMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF MAJOR-GENERAL OF BRIG. GEN. LEONARD WOOD, U. S. ARMY.

THURSDAY, *November 19, 1903.*

The committee met at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Present: Senator Proctor (acting chairman) and Senators Warren, Quarles, Scott, Foraker, Alger, Bate, Cockrell, and Pettus.

Senator Hanna and Senator Teller appeared before the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order. All the members are present who can be at this time.

The matter in hand is the nomination for promotion of General Wood. Senator Teller and Senator Hanna have given notice that they had objections. No charges have been presented. Senator Hanna says that Mr. Rathbone will present the points, but Senator Hanna wishes to make a statement himself, as I understand it now.

Senator HANNA. Yes, sir.

Senator QUARLES. Mr. Chairman, before this is entered upon I would like to raise a parliamentary inquiry. I may be wrong, but as I understand it this is executive business.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Senator QUARLES. And it would seem to me, if that is true, that the committee ought to have some rule or regulation concerning the preservation of the confidence of the Senate. It seems to me this is an important matter. As I understand, many things may be said and brought in here and discussed which ought not to go beyond the limits of the Senate. Of course any Senator is entitled to come here at any time, and I simply raise the question to see what the sentiment of the committee may be. I do not know anything about the precedents, but it occurs to me that this being executive business the same rules ought to prevail as in the executive sessions of the Senate.

The CHAIRMAN. It strikes me there is considerable in this. I spoke to Senator Cockrell about that and I suppose, for the moment, this did not occur to either of us. We spoke about what we had had previously in hearings here, but we have not had anything previously of this kind. You recall, Senator Cockrell, my speaking of it to you?

Senator COCKRELL. Yes.

Senator FORAKER. I do not think, Mr. Chairman, we have any right to make this other than executive business. It has been referred to us in the due course of procedure and the transaction of executive