

MUTUAL LIFE Begins Action Against Former President FOR LARGE SUM.

Mr. McCurdy is Charged With Wasting Over Three Million Dollars of Company's Money.

New York.—The first complaint in a series of eight actions already begun by the Mutual Life Insurance Co. against ex-President Richard A. McCurdy, his son Robert H. and the firm of Charles H. Raymond & Co., the company's former Metropolitan agents, was made public Friday.

This particular complaint is against ex-President McCurdy and contains nine separate causes of action. In each Mr. McCurdy is charged with the waste of large sums of money belonging to the company through alleged unfaithfulness and neglect in the discharge of his duties. Damages amounting to three and a quarter million dollars are demanded.

The first five causes seek recovery in the aggregate of \$292,500 as alleged contributions to political parties since January 1, 1885. These contributions are said to have been \$90,000 to the national republican campaign committee, \$2,500 to the republican congressional committee, and \$200,000 embracing the various contributions testified to by Senator Platt as having been made to the New York republican state committee since January 1, 1885.

The sixth cause seeks to recover the sum of \$225,000, embracing the \$50,000 alleged increase of annual salary drawn by the former president since January 1, 1901.

The seventh cause seeks to recover \$600,000 as the aggregate of the respective sums of \$25,000 drawn quarterly from the company for the last six years of Mr. McCurdy's presidency on the voucher of the committee on expenditures.

The eighth cause deals with the relations of Louis A. Theband, son-in-law of ex-President McCurdy, with Raymond & Co. and the "gratuities and rates of commission" received by the firm.

The final cause of action deals with the sum of \$1,282,841 received by Robert H. McCurdy as commissions from 1886 to November, 1905, as superintendent of the foreign department, which are declared to have been exorbitant and unnecessary.

Finally the company demands judgment against ex-President McCurdy for the sum of \$3,370,341.66, with interest, as damages for alleged unfaithfulness and neglect.

TRADE BULLETIN.

Confidence in the Future Is Remarkably Bright.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Total distribution of spring merchandise has received a check because of the heavy snowfall and severe storms in many sections of the country, but some offset is noted in renewed inquiry for winter goods, and there is no interruption to the activity of shipping departments. Confidence in the future is remarkably bright, and the outlook would be far better than ever before at this season if the fuel uncertainty were removed. Manufacturing plants operate close to maximum capacity in the leading industries and it is an evidence of no little significance that many mills cannot undertake deliveries before 1907. These are extreme cases; it is a common thing to find production engaged for several months in advance. Mercantile collections are also more prompt. Commodity prices are slightly higher, on the whole, and building materials continue very strong, structural work being abnormally heavy.

Failures this week numbered 213 in the United States, against 255 last year, and 37 in Canada, compared with 16 a year ago.

Congressional.

Washington.—Mr. Spooner concluded his speech in the senate on the railroad rate bill on the 23d. Mr. Tillman also spoke on the bill, suggesting that the inter-state commerce commission should have authority to enjoin railroads from increasing their rates. The fortification appropriation bill was passed. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,278,993. The house considered the legislative bill, but without making much headway.

The Oil Cloth Industry.

Washington, D. C.—A bulletin issued by the census bureau Friday giving statistics in the oil cloth and linoleum industry for the calendar year 1904, indicates a substantial increase. There were 25 establishments with a total capital of \$12,769,259 and total product of \$14,942,969.

Against Tariff Change.

Des Moines, Ia.—Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, in an address on "Republicanism" Friday night, made an elaborate argument against any immediate change in tariff schedules, because such a change would endanger republican success in 1908.

Five Thousand Men Laid Off.

Meadville, Pa.—Orders were issued by the Erie railroad Friday suspending locomotive repair work at all shops on the system. Five thousand men are laid off.

THE MINERS' WAGE SCALE.

It is Referred to a Joint Committee of Miners and Operators by the Indianapolis Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The second joint conference of the coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, comprising the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, which is the result of efforts of President Roosevelt to effect permanent peace in the coal industry throughout the United States, adjourned Tuesday afternoon after referring the demands of the miners to the joint scale committee.

The conference was called to order by President Mitchell. The conference organized by the election of the following officers: George W. Traer, an operator, of Chicago, permanent chairman; secretary, W. B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers; assistant secretaries, Frank S. Brooks, Columbus, and C. L. Scroggs, Chicago.

On motion of President Mitchell the rules of the previous joint conference, requiring that the vote of the miners and operators on "all main and principal questions" be cast as a unit, were adopted.

President Mitchell delivered a brief address in which he outlined his views as to the purpose of the joint conference, at the close of which he moved the adoption of the scale of wages demanded by the miners in the joint conference which adjourned February 2. The scale provides for an increase of 12½ per cent. The motion was lost on a strictly partisan vote, the operators voting unanimously in the negative, while the miners voted as a unit in favor of its adoption.

New York.—George F. Baer, chairman of the committee of seven of the anthracite operators, has addressed a letter to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, accepting Mr. Mitchell's proposition to have another conference.

ANOTHER MUTINY.

Russian Sailors Are Reported to Have Inaugurated a New Rebellion at Sebastopol.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Most sensational reports are current that the execution of Lieut. Schmidt, which has made a deep impression throughout Russia, has been followed by an extensive mutiny of sailors at Sebastopol, the massacre of their officers and firing by the fortress upon the city. The truth of the story is doubted, this being the "psychological moment" for the appearance of such wild reports. No press dispatches confirming the story have been received, but if the report should prove true, the absence of these might be accounted for by the imposition of a censorship.

The alleged news came in the form of two cipher telegrams to a prominent member of the social revolutionary party, such as the revolutionaries have sometimes been able to transmit through accomplices in the telegraph offices when the public, and even the government, has been unable to communicate. As translated and displayed at the offices of radical newspapers here, the telegrams say briefly that the sailors, infuriated by the refusal of Emperor Nicholas to pardon Lieut. Schmidt and their fellow sailors, rose in their barracks and seized and imprisoned the majority of their officers. The dispatches add that the city of Sebastopol is almost entirely in flames.

It is also stated that a student at the Technological institute has received a similar telegram.

The admiralty affects ignorance as to the occurrence of any such affair. The papers, in view of the menace of the new press law, which provides that they may be closed up for spreading false reports affecting the army or navy, are afraid to take chances by publishing the story.

A SEIZURE OF JEWELRY.

Canadian Customs Officials Confiscate a Lot of Gems Alleged to Have Been Smuggled by a Woman.

Detroit, Mich.—An amount of jewelry which has not been appraised, but the value of which has been estimated at from \$2,000 up to \$10,000, was seized Monday by the Canadian customs authorities on the ground that it had been smuggled from the United States. Part of the jewelry was taken from a young woman known here as Mrs. Gus Kleiser, of Toronto, when she crossed the Detroit river from Detroit to Windsor. The remainder was seized at her home in Toronto almost simultaneously, word having been sent there by wire as soon as she was placed under surveillance here.

The woman is said to be the wife of a Toronto jeweler and to have been for about ten years a commercial traveler, selling jewelry all through Canada as far as the Pacific coast and carrying stocks valued as high as \$10,000 to \$12,000. It is said that she was just about to start on a four months' trip when the seizures were made.

A Day in Congress.

Washington.—The pension appropriation bill was passed by the senate on the 29th, the remainder of the day being given to debate on the fortifications bill. The house devoted its session to considering the legislative appropriation bill.

A Dozen Vessels Were Wrecked.

Boston, Mass.—In the storm of March 19 and 20 at least a dozen vessels were wrecked or damaged and six lives lost. That the list will grow in the next few days is probable, in view of the size of the fleet which was off the coast when the storm was at its height.

Earthquake Killed Thousands.

London, England.—According to the Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio, it is now estimated that several thousand persons were killed by the recent earthquake in Formosa.

HEARING WAS TOO GOOD.

Examinee Who Could Hear the Tick of a Watch When Not Running.

"The physical examination of new policemen often furnishes a lot of amusement," remarked Chief of Police Hayes the other day while in a reminiscent mood, relates the Kansas City Independent. "Catch questions don't go, of course, but every now and then they are asked by way of a josh. I remember a young fellow—he's now a sergeant—who fell into a trap the prettiest you ever saw. The doctor had examined him up and down and all around, and then declared that he would make a test of his hearing. Taking a watch out of his pocket, with a wink at me, he asked: 'Do you hear that tick?'"

"Yes, perfectly," the young man answered. "He held it a foot from the applicant's ear. 'Still hear it?' he asked. 'Yes, sir.' 'Now stand back three paces.' 'The young man did so. 'Now,' said the examiner, 'do you hear it from that distance?' 'The applicant listened intently. Then he smiled and nodded. 'I still hear it, sir,' he said. 'You certainly have the most remarkable hearing I ever came across,' said the examiner. 'That watch has not been running for three weeks.'"

ONE-ARMED APPLAUSE.

Cooperative Hand-Clapping by Two Men with One Hand Each.

Mme. Bernhardt had just returned from a spin in motor car. Her face was flushed, and she wore a skirt of sealskin. "Madame," said a reporter who speaks French, "what do you regard as the greatest triumph of your career?" "The great artist smiled. 'My greatest triumph?' she mused. 'Well, I think perhaps my greatest triumph was in Paris, on the first night of L'Aiglon, at the end of the third act.' "The third act was passionately applauded, but, as I stood before the curtain, the applause was drowned under a burst of laughter.

"The laughter came from the topmost gallery. The audience's eyes, and my eyes too, were turned reproachfully thither. And as we looked the reproach died out of our faces. For what do you suppose we saw?" "We saw to one-armed men standing up in the front row, side by side, quite oblivious of the amusement they created, co-operating with the remaining hands to add to the applause."

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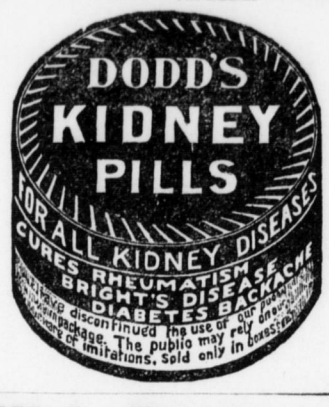
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