

INDIANA REVOKED PENSION MUTUAL LICENSE YEAR AGO

Insurance Commissioner Learns State Excluded Concern Under Scrutiny

WOOD PLAN CRITICIZED

Letter From Business Man Protests Against Scheme That Might Hurt Widows

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Nov. 15.—Insurance Commissioner Denny O'Neil today received advice from Indiana that the license of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company to do business in that State was revoked at the end of last year and not renewed for 1916, as O'Neil said.

Inasmuch as Indiana was the only State aside from Pennsylvania where the company was licensed, that left this State as the only one where the company was allowed to transact business, although it is reported the revocation of its license in Indiana did not make it desist.

The Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company is the one dominated by Lyndon B. Wood, generally referred to as the "insurance wizard," on account of his scheme of co-ordinating and eventually consolidating seventy-eight insurance companies into business under the name of Consolidated Investment Company, which has offices in the Finance Building, Philadelphia.

The following letter dated Nov. 12, 1916, from Dale J. Crittenden, Auditor of the State of Indiana, reached Commissioner O'Neil yesterday.

"On examination of report of A. G. Costello and W. J. Honey, relating to the Pension Mutual Life Insurance, the report dated Nov. 2, 1916, and showing the condition of the company Sept. 30, 1916, I find that it states:

"The only other State in which the company is authorized to transact business besides Pennsylvania, is the State of Indiana. I beg to inform you that this department revoked the license Dec. 20, 1915, and same was not renewed for year 1916."

Officials of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company are censured in the following words, in a letter which reached Insurance Commissioner O'Neil today from W. C. Shepherd, president and treasurer of the Shepherd Construction Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"I think some one should hold this company liable to the owners of the law for a thing of this sort. What some poor devil's widow will do, I don't know, whose husband died with the feeling that this wife should be taken care of by the law."

Officials connected with the insurance department say that there are millions of dollars invested in life insurance in Pennsylvania, over which there is little or no legal restraint at least so far as the Commonwealth is concerned. They recall that every time effort has been made in the Legislature to enact more drastic insurance laws, an attempt has failed because of the opposition of the officials of some of the very organizations it was designed to safeguard, and strange as it may seem, hundreds of the policyholders themselves were led by those at the head of life insurance companies to believe that the bills in question were fathered by unscrupulous contractors bent on putting the little fellows, the fraternal and the mutual, out of business to their own profit. It is expected that this same opposition will develop next season and to meet it the department will lay before the public such a report as, it is believed, will lead to more definite action this time.

Just what action will be taken in the affairs of the Consolidated Investment Company depends upon the results of Commissioner O'Neil's conference with Attorney General Brown. It is strongly suspected that the outcome will be a series of criminal prosecutions in which the State may demand from certain officials are not forthcoming, but of this the department officials absolutely decline to talk.

SELLING COAL AT LOSS, OFFICIAL TESTIFIES

"Can't Get More," Says Sales Company Head, Despite High Prices

The Susquehanna Coal Company, one of the largest coal operating and selling companies in Pennsylvania, has been selling coal during the nine months of this year at a loss of five cents a ton, according to A. D. Sexton, controller of the company, who testified in the Mayor's office in City Hall today before the Coal Commissioners appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to investigate the high price of coal.

Mr. Sexton testified that the cost of production of anthracite coal in 1916 averaged \$2.91, the gross price he gave as \$3.86. When asked to explain the loss and why the company did not get more than \$2.86 a ton, he said:

"That is the best price that we can get. We cannot get more."

Mr. Sexton attributed the loss in 1916 to the high cost of labor, material, taxes and the decrease in tonnage. He said that 45 per cent of the coal sold by the Susquehanna Company was sold in this State. No dividends will be paid on capital stock by the company this year, he explained. He said that none had been paid last year, but that 3 per cent had been paid on capital stock in 1914 and four per cent in 1915.

Mr. Sexton in the course of his testimony gave the following figures:

The gross price per ton of anthracite coal was as follows:

1913 \$3.75  
1914 \$3.75  
1915 (same month) \$3.75  
1916 (same month) \$3.86

The cost of production per ton was as follows:

1913 \$2.90  
1914 \$2.90  
1915 (same month) \$2.90  
1916 (same month) \$2.91

The company suffered a loss of tonnage amounting to 250,000 tons between 1913 and 1914. Mr. Sexton said, while between 1914 and 1915 the decrease in tonnage was 850,000.

CHURCH GETS \$100 BEQUEST

St. John's Episcopal, Norristown, Beneficiary of Pannis S. Cliffe

A bequest of \$100 to Holy Trinity Chapel of St. John's Episcopal Church, Norristown, is included in the will of Pannis S. Cliffe, 1508 Brill street, which was probated today. The major portion of the \$6000 estate left by the deceased goes to relatives. Other wills probated were those of James H. Hoyer, Atlantic City, which in private bequests, disposes of an estate valued at \$10,000; Clara E. Clement, 1212 Toga street, \$33,000; Florence J. Robinson, 1514 Alden street, \$17,999; Paquale Giunta, 1630 North Ninth street, \$11,500; Matilda Woods, 1212 Toga street, \$10,000; Anna M. Boyle, 2034 North Eighth street, \$7000; and William M. Brophy, 5199 Grove street, \$5000.

Inventory of the estate of Isaac Shilvovskis, filed with Register Sheehan, places the appraisement of the personality at \$130,254.71. Included in the appraisement are the shares Standard Pacific Railway Company valued at \$33,221; 141 shares Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company valued at \$11,221; 100 shares Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company valued at \$11,221; 100 shares Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company valued at \$11,221; 100 shares Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company valued at \$11,221.

SCHEME TO COMBAT DRUG HABIT FAVORED BY J. HARTLEY MANNERS

THE EVENING LEDGER has handled the narcotic drug situation with remarkable accuracy, and I have learned that the articles of that newspaper have been most effective in awakening Philadelphia to the dope peril. I have nothing but commendation for the anti-dope bill which is being prepared by State Senator Vane.

The first thing you must do in Pennsylvania is to bring immediate aid to the present army of addicts, and eliminate their craving. It is inhuman to put them into jail; you must provide suitable institutions where they can be cured. Most of them are not to blame for the terrible habit that has blighted their lives. They should be treated as persons suffering from fever or some other malady.

Wealthy citizens of Philadelphia should note the drug scourge and endow wards for drug addicts in all our hospitals. If a subscription is started, I will myself gladly head the list with a donation of \$100. Philadelphia physicians should at once arrange for clinics dealing with the dope evil. If this is done I will arrange for Charles P. Towne, drug expert of New York, address these clinics. Mr. Towne has a cure which has been endorsed by Doctor Lambert, of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, and I am certain that Mr. Towne will donate this cure to the hospitals of Philadelphia.

Everybody is interested in the drug scourge, for all classes in your city are being affected. It is traveling fast in Philadelphia and in New York and other places, and something must be done to stop it."

J. Hartley Manners

RECORD OF DOPE RECEIPTS URGED BY HARTLEY MANNERS TO CURB EVIL

Continued from Page One Most atrocious murders have been committed by heroin fiends, who had been transformed into devils by the drug.

"Everybody is interested in the drug scourge, for all classes are being affected. The evil has been implanted in some of our best families and is traveling through the working classes at a frightful rate.

"I have been told that sometime ago I have been told that some time ago and surgeons of the United States were advised, and Towne told me that at one time fifty per cent of his patients were physicians. Happily, this ratio has been cut down considerably of late.

"Probably more than anybody else the physician is subject to the demands of the public. Many of them have found when they are called out of bed in the middle of the night after a hard day's work that it is a simple matter to clear the brain and relieve bodily fatigue by taking an injection of morphine. But the effect wears off in thirty-five minutes and they have to take another.

"In New York the drug scourge has obtained a tight grip. At one time there were more than 1000 boys in the Bronx who were addicts. Recently a candy store was raided in New York and large quantities of morphine, heroin and cocaine confiscated. In addition to selling candy to children, it was discovered that the proprietors were doing a big business selling drugs.

"The dope syndicate engages missionaries to spread the dope habit, so that there is a constant influx of new customers. These missionaries go into saloons and other places and induce boys and young men to try the 'new sensation.'

"I have been given to understand that the District Attorney's office in New York has discovered a woman who heads the dope syndicate. This woman has the entire dope trade through all States and distributes drugs to agents in all of the large cities. This woman is known as 'Queen of the Dope Trust.' So far the police have been unable to get any real evidence against her.

"I have been asked what is the cause of the spread of the drug scourge. The chief reason is the tremendous profit in the business. Another reason is the refusal of the average American to rest himself. He insists upon keeping on edge all the time. He drinks too much and then he restores his balance from overindulgence with drugs.

"In 'Wreckage' I have advocated that the only way a dope fiend can be successfully treated is first to get the poison out of his system. Then his mind must be taken back to a period before he took his first hit of morphine or heroin. If his mind can be brought back to that point, his self-respect will be restored and a cure will result.

"Bourcier has been engaged to take the leading part in 'Wreckage' in England, and I expect to have the play presented in this country in the spring. We are now searching for a capable actor to take the principal role. We will open in New York, and then present the drama in all of the principal cities of the country.

"The play has been a success in England, for many women and soldiers' widows, depressed by the big war, have become addicts."

City News in Brief

HEART DISEASE was the cause ascribed by physicians for the death of Samuel Dean, thirty-five years old, of Fifty-fourth and Arch streets. Dean, who was a steamfitter, fell this morning while working in the basement of a garage being erected at 822 North Broad street.

A RECEPTION WILL be given tonight to the Right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, D. Catholic Historical Society, at its headquarters, at 715 Spruce street.

THE JEFFERSON CLUB of Philadelphia, the oldest and largest Democratic club in the city, has arranged to send 400 members to the reinauguration of President Wilson. James Gillespie is general chairman of the committee planning the trip.

POLICE CAPTAINS GEORGE S. TEMPEL and William B. Mills were given a good-fellowship banquet at the Hotel Majestic last night. More than 250 persons attended. Coroner Knight was toastmaster. The speakers included Director Wilson, City Statistician Cattell, Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick, A. Lincoln Acker, Joseph Gillilan, Senator McNichol, State Senator Smith and Register of Wills Sheehan.

GRADUATION EXERCISES for seven young men, students of transportation problems and allied subjects under the auspices of the National Traffic Bureau, were held last night in the American Building, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets. Among the speakers were Doctor Ludwig, general manager of the bureau; H. K. Mulford, William R. Tucker, Professor Emory Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor Thurman Van Metro, of Columbia University; Dr. W. P. Wilson, director of the Commercial Museum, and William M. Coates.

CAMDEN

A TROLLEY CAR ran down Walter Hammel, thirty years old, of 865 Van Hook street, early this morning, fracturing his ankle. Hammel dragged himself for several squares to a cop, who took him to the Cooper Hospital.

A FALL FROM a scaffold at the de Font plant at Gibbstown early this morning sent Harvey Aury, thirty years old, to the Cooper Hospital with a fracture of the right arm and severe lacerations.

FREIGHT CARS injured Adam Fey, forty-six years old, of Merchantville, early this morning at Pavonia. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital with a crushed leg and contusions of the body.

A STUMBLE OVER a suitcase in the aisle of a West Jersey and Seaboard Railroad train is the basis of two suits for \$10,000 each, started today in the Supreme Court by Emma C. Rankin and Joseph E. Rankin. The plaintiffs say Mrs. Rankin is permanently injured.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON, confessed forger and jail-breaker, who was convicted of second-degree murder for the killing of Louis H. Huber, aged jailer in the county prison, has been denied a new trial by Supreme Court Justice Garrison. No legal error was found by Justice Garrison in his trial. Whether Thompson, who is ignorant of the finding, will ask for trial in the Court of Error is not known, as his counsel was out of town today.

AUTOS COLLIDE; TWO HURT

Cars Crash at Broad and Locoming Streets

Two men were made unconscious and the automobiles they were driving were demolished when the machines collided at Broad and Locoming streets this morning. The men are Donald Batchelor, 18 Stratford avenue, Camden, who was going west on Locoming street, and P. J. Wariner, 1263 Spring Garden street, who was running south on Broad.

They were taken to St. Luke's Hospital by motorcycle Policeman Treavor. Batchelor sustained lacerations of the scalp and Wariner lacerations of a forehead.

WOMEN CLAIM VICTORY IN REBUKE TO WILSON

Suffrage Vote in Presidential Election Will Convince Lukewarm Democrats, Says Miss Alice Paul

A PRO-WOMAN CAMPAIGN

Party Satisfied With Show of Strength. Hope Now With Congress

By ALICE PAUL, National Chairman of the Congressional Union for Women's Suffrage

The National Women's party has attained its object in the campaign which has just closed. It made the national enfranchisement of women one of the most prominent issues on which the presidential campaign was fought in the suffrage States. It put the Democrats on the defensive. It forced them to declare greater and greater enthusiasm for national woman suffrage. The election ended with Democrats and Republicans vying with each other as to which was the more devoted to the national enfranchisement of women.

"In analyzing the election returns we find that the women responded loyally to our appeal not to vote for the first Mr. Wilson because of his opposition to national woman suffrage. In Illinois, the only State where the votes of the women are counted separately, 72,000 more women, according to present returns, voted against Mr. Wilson than for him. Thousands pledged themselves at our meetings and in response to our canvasses to put suffrage first, the support of the President as long as he opposed the national enfranchisement of women. Some gave their votes to the Socialists, some to the Prohibitionist and some to the Republicans.

"Great numbers of these women had originally intended to give their votes to Mr. Wilson because he 'kept us out of war.' A free that looks at God all day. A free that may in summer wear. A nest of robins in her hair; Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

"These reports indicate that the women's party campaign was a successful one. Holding the women's vote in line in the other eleven suffrage States as in Illinois. While ten of these States went for Wilson they by a large majority favored the women's vote. Mr. Wilson received in these States almost the solid labor vote, the Progressive vote and the farmers' vote.

"In each of these States men outnumber the women in some by more than two to one. According to the last census there were 221 men to 100 women in Nevada; in Wyoming, 209 more women, in Arizona, 199 to 100, and in Utah, 121 to 100. In California the men over twenty-one out of the women of voting age by 249,011. In Washington, 209 more women, in Colorado, 199 to 100, and in Idaho, 40,945, and in Arizona, 30,160.

"In these States the landslide of the Progressive, the labor and farmer vote to Wilson was sufficient to give most of the State to him by narrow margins despite the fact that hosts of women who normally would have supported him voted to do so because of his pro-woman record.

PRO-WOMAN FIGHT

"We were not concerned with the result of the election. Ours was a campaign in which it made no difference who was elected. We did not endorse any candidate. We did not care who won. We were not Republican, pro-Socialist, pro-Prohibitionist—we were simply pro-woman. We did not endeavor to affect the result in the nine suffrage States. We did not try to do so because we were sure that the women of the West would vote for Wilson's attitude toward suffrage. This we are sure the West knows this. The Democratic campaign in the West combated almost entirely of an attempt to combat the woman's party attack.

"We now turn to the coming session of Congress full of hope that the splendid protest against the continued disfranchisement of women which the Western women made at the polls in November will be sufficient to effect the passage of the suffrage amendment during the coming session.

"The loss of more than a third and nearly one-half of the electoral votes in the suffrage States by Mr. Wilson largely because of his hostility to political freedom for women, the closeness of the vote in the other suffrage States because of the large protest vote rolled up in each of them against him must make men realize that the women of the West are determined to stand by the Eastern women until full enfranchisement for women throughout the land is an accomplished fact."

Driver Hurt When Car Hits Wagon

A coal wagon driven by Joseph Gassano, forty-eight years old, of 436 North Sixty-fourth street, was struck by a trolley car at Sixty-fourth and Raverford avenue today. The driver was thrown to the street, suffering concussion of the brain. He was removed to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

DEAD BRIDE'S HUSBAND HELD

Coroner Acts to Prevent Man's Leaving Town When Poison Evidence Is Found

Roman Rojewelska, husband of Mrs. Sofia Rojewelska, the twenty-year-old bride whose body was exhumed from the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following an investigation by Coroner's Detective Taylor, who said she was poisoned, was arrested last night by the police of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station.

He was arrested before Magistrate Meclary in Central Station and was held under \$1500 bail, as a material witness and an accomplice, for the coroner's hearing, which will be held next week.

Mrs. Marianna Picuska, who is accused of having put arsenic in the bride's food, is being held by coroner's Detective Taylor. She was arrested several months ago after a shooting case in front of her home.

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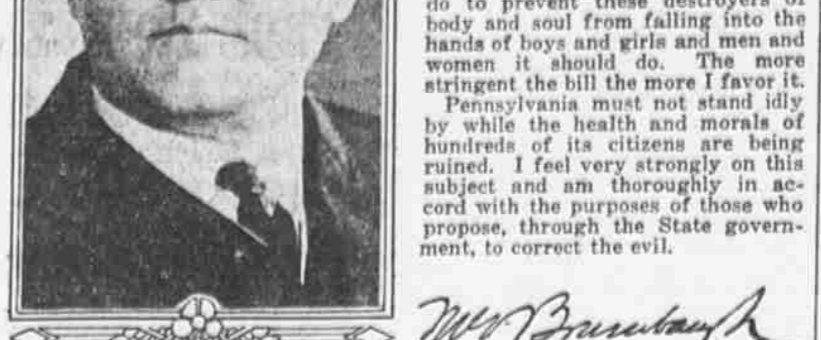
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BRUMBAUGH PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ANTI-DOPE LAW WITH "TEETH"

THE first function of the Commonwealth is the conservation of the life of its people. I most heartily approve of any legislation which will be effective toward that end.

I believe an inebriate or a person addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs is sick, and that he should be treated for that sickness until he is cured. It follows, therefore, that I am in favor of a properly equipped institution in which these persons can be properly treated. So far as legislation for the restriction of the sale of drugs of that character is concerned, you cannot quote me too strongly as being in favor of it. Anything that the State can do to prevent these destroyers of body and soul from falling into the hands of boys and girls and men and women it should do. The more stringent the bill the more I favor it.

Pennsylvania must not stand idly by while the health and morals of hundreds of its citizens are being ruined. I feel very strongly on this subject and am thoroughly in accord with the purposes of those who propose, through the State government, to correct the evil.



GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH

"MOST DELIGHTFUL TIME HAD BY ALL"

Dinner of "Contribs" to Tom Daly's Column Mixture of "Eats" and Fun

The new home of the City Club, on South Broad street, housed a banquet last night, the like of which this town never saw before and is not likely soon to see again.

It was the first dinner of the contributors to Tom Daly's Column, and there were fifty-four of them at the table, including the Columnist himself. Of these pioneers eleven were women, whose place-cards read: "The Mite," "Little Nell," "Aline Kilmer," "Caroline Glittan," "Mrs. T. H. Read," "Mrs. J. W. Frazier," "Mrs. A. A.," "Simple Simon," "E. M. T.," "Scylla."

The most distinguished guest was Joyce Kilmer, the poet, who, with his wife, came over from New York to attend the dinner. Mr. Kilmer was the first called upon to speak and the high-light in his address was the question of forming a permanent organization and holding a contribs' dinner at stated periods.

"The tables groaned under the weight of all the delicacies of the season, and the guests repaired to their homes vowing that a most delightful time was had by all."

"CHEESE IT!" NEGLECTED

So Detective "Smelt" Out Pilferer of Hunk of Roquefort

Here's a detective who really can smell an alleged thief. His name is Edward Farmer, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station. He accomplished the unusual feat today of walking up to a group of street-corner loungers, and after a sniff at their coat sleeves, picked Thomas Nixon, 3713 Melon street, as the man wanted for breaking into the store of Chabrow Brothers, 4109 Lancaster avenue.

The robbery occurred early this morning. The thief smashed the front window and stole twelve pounds of Roquefort cheese. The intruder escaped after grappling with W. B. Smith, who lives on the third floor and heard the commotion.

Nixon denied the theft, but he said he found the cheese. He said he would return it, and led Farmer to a nearby stable.

"Eureka!" the sleuth said as the door opened, and the cheese was found in a stall.

Had one of the street loungers said "Cheese it!" when Farmer approached, the cheese might not have been recovered and Nixon would not have to be arraigned tomorrow.

BLOCK NEW CAR LINE

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 16.—Efforts toward the building of a trolley line from Norristown to Phoenixville have been blocked. It is understood, by the supervisors of Lower Providence township, who declare that the line must not cross the township roads at grade and that it must be built entirely on private property.

Material for the construction of the road was ordered after the supervisors of Upper Providence gave their sanction. The Lower Providence supervisors say that there must be overhead bridges or the railroad depressed.

TWO SHOT AS BANDITS TRY TO ROB SALOON

Four Masked Men Enter Girard Avenue Place—Proprietor and One of the Highwaymen Wounded

THREE SUSPECTS CAUGHT

Trail of Blood Causes the Police to Believe Third Man Was Wounded

Four masked men entered a saloon at 1118 Girard avenue at midnight last night, and before they left two men had been shot, one of them being the proprietor of the saloon. Ernest Haage, who was behind the bar, the other victim is one of the highwaymen, who gave his name as James Kelly. He is in a dying condition at St. Joseph's Hospital with a bullet wound in his back and another in his arm.

Haage, who was armed only with a butcher knife, tried to fight off the highwaymen, who demanded the contents of the cash registers. Seeing it was impossible to play for time, Haage, in a fury, leaped over the bar and grappled with one of the men, who held a pistol in his hand. In the struggle another man, who looked into the revolver and was compelled to use his belt to defend himself.

In the struggle with Kelly the saloonkeeper was shot three times, once in the back, once in the arm and once in the body. He clung to his man, however, and when he bent the highwayman's arm clear to his back, the trigger snapped and a bullet passed through Kelly's back. Roosting suddenly from the shock, the masked man shot himself in his left arm. Haage, who also cut by the knife which he used to defend himself.

The two men fell to the floor and continued their struggle there. Afraid to interfere, and fearing the arrival of the police on their heels, the other highwaymen fled. They ran up Eleventh street and passed west on Thompson, just a few blocks from the police station at Eighth and Jefferson, only a block away from the headquarters of the motorcycle squad.

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