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eight life insurance companies. That consolidation was a bare half-step toward the realization of his greater plan—a rock-ribbed monopoly in this lucrative insurance field.

HAD BIG OBJECTIVE Through these three, all dominated by the holding company, Wood hoped to get the life insurance business of Federal, State and municipal employes...

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TEUTONS PRESS ON TOWARD BUCHAREST Continued from Page One Russians are disheartened with the showing made by the Rumanian army.

SERBS REPULSE ATTACKS; ITALIANS GAIN GROUND WEST OF MONASTIR, PARIS 25

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Political Discontent and Open Outbreaks Force Concessions to People

DUMA VICTOR AT LAST

Downfall of Sturmer Considered Triumph for Liberals and Allies

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 25. Political unrest in Russia has reached an acute stage. That the Government has become alarmed by the widespread discontent is shown by the fact that it gave way before the popular clamor, retired Premier Sturmer, replacing him by M. Trepoft...

Advices received here today from Petrograd state that a complete reorganization of the Russian cabinet is possible in view of the insistent demands of the radicals among the Liberals, Democrats, Laborites and Socialists.

There have recently been rumors of revolutionary outbreaks in Petrograd, Moscow, Kharkoff and other important cities. It is officially denied in Petrograd that such outbreaks have taken place, the Home Office attributing the rumors of uprisings to the same agents who are spreading discontent among the laboring class and farm workers.

TRUMPION FOR DUMA The resignation of M. Sturmer as Premier and Foreign Minister had long been accepted as an inevitable outcome of the struggle between the present Cabinet and the Duma.

It is almost impossible to overestimate not only the political but the national significance of the Duma victory, since for the first time in history Russian public opinion is considered to have triumphed over influences which were regarded as antagonistic to good government.

Victory for Allies Sufficient information has come out of Russia in the last few months to show that the surrender of the membership and the portfolio of Foreign Affairs by M. Sturmer is a great victory for the Allies as well as for Russian Liberals.

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NEW AUSTRIAN RULER SHOWS PEACE LEANING

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BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Commenting on the new Austrian Emperor's proclamation to his people, the Vossische Zeitung says: "The natural freshness and strength of the document are bound to have a good effect. It abounds with youth and modesty."

The newspaper points out that Emperor Karl speaks twice of regaining peace; that he speaks of Austria-Hungary as his empire. This looks to the Vossische Zeitung like an indirect invitation to the enemy to name his peace conditions.

The newspaper sees proud modesty in the fact that the Emperor refrains from mentioning in his interesting document his actual participation in warfare at the front.

The reference to conditions, it is said, will be warmly greeted by the Austrian people, especially the part dealing with the rejuvenation of the nation composing the empire. Students of history, the Vossische Zeitung says, will be reminded of a similar document addressed to Austria-Hungary by the eighteen-year-old Emperor Francis Joseph to his people, in which much was said of the liberty and equality of all citizens which should form the base for a rejuvenated fatherland.

Emperor Karl's patriotic pledges, the paper says, will find a much better prepared soil in which to mature, and it must be owned that his is a modern and bona fide democratic program and pledge to social reform.

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MINT HEADS DISCUSS SHORTAGE OF MONEY

"Tremendous Prosperity" Given as Cause of Great Demand For U. S. Coins

These times are so prosperous that money has begun to get down where the "peeps" can use it. And they are using it to such an extent that the Philadelphia mint, along with the others in the country, is operating on twenty-four hours a day turning out coin. The mints are being filled and emptied as they never have before, and still the demand is for more.

The situation has reached such an acute stage that the superintendent of mints has met to confer in New York today to see if something can be done. F. H. J. Van Engelen, director of the mint, called A. M. Joyce, superintendent of the Philadelphia mint; T. W. H. Shanahan, superintendent of the San Francisco mint; Thomas W. Annear, superintendent of the Denver mint; E. D. Hawkins, chief clerk of the San Francisco mint, and Vernon E. Davis, superintendent of the New York Assay Office, into the conference.

Mr. Engelen said that the chief reason for the shortage is that the people among whom small coins usually circulate have more of them than ever before and are using them in making unusual numbers of low-value purchases.

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An Interview With Judge Bonniwell LESS of the fads and follies. Back to the old-fashioned notions of the home-tie. Back to the reverence of matrimony as a sacred institution not to be trifled with. These are the remedies for domestic infelicities, says Municipal Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell. You'll find his interview in tomorrow's Public Ledger the most interesting article on domestic relations you have ever read. Tell your newsdealer today that you want Tomorrow's PUBLIC LEDGER