PENSION BOOMED BY PENROSE MAN

J. H. Thompson, Senator, Asked Special Time for Examination

HIS INTEREST FRIENDSHIP

State Senator Joseph H. Thompson, of Marver Pallal Beaver County, Pa., a Pentres lieutenant, a member of the legal staff of Lyndon D. Wood, was among the politicans who in 1914 showed great anxiety about the welfars of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. Wood is known as the "insurance wisard of America," and sometimes is referred to by Pittsburgh bankers as the "mails Cassis Chadwick."

Mr. Thompson's term in the Senate critical expirate December 30. He was defeated for respection at the last election by William David Craig. Republican, of Aliquippa, Marver County.

Records show that Mr. Thompson last July was among the directors of the Consolidated Investment Company, through which Wood, who is the president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, hoped to bring about the consolidation of seventy-eight insurance companies into one rigantic merger. Although Wood holds no office in the Consolidated Investment Company, he is looked upon as the dominating power of that concern, whose offices are in the Finance Building.

FOR "FRIENDSHIP"

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The files of the State Insurance Department show that Thompson, while a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, wrote to ex-State Insurance Commissioner Charles Johnson, Penrose leader of Montgomery County, in connection with a contract with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittaburgh. In this letter, dated July 9, 1914, Mr. Thompson writes that he was interested in the matter, not alone from the standpoint of an attorney, but from a standpoint of friendship, "and the part that I have taken in it with their board of directors."

that the Pension Mutual Insurance Com-pany, and was anxious to have its contract of reinsurance approved by the State In-surance Department, as that would give the company a valuable asset before ex-amination.

A man named "Woods" is mentioned in Mr. Thompson's letter. Whether the "Woods" mentioned in the letter is Lyndon D. Wood is not known. This letter also states that "if one-half of what Woods tells me can be verified they have certainly worked miracles since this matter has been taken up with the department."

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Mr. Thompson's letter reads:

I was in Harrisburg yesterday in connection with a contract with the Pension Life Insurance Company and the Mutual Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, the name of which I do not now remember. The Pension Life has taken over the business of this Mutual Insurance Company and were anxious to have their contract of reinsurance approved by the Department, as that gives them a valuable asset before your examination.

Mr. McCullough looked the matter over very thoroughly and said it was an exceptionally good move for the Pension Life Company; but that he would not approve the same without consulting you, and that he would not see you before next Monday.

things leaving Harrichite. I have thought this matter over very carefully, and this is entirely my own thought in the matter, that is place of approving this at the present time, why not sample this contract when you make in examination of the Pension Life, in Pittsburgh, and that the whole thing either aink or saim as a whole,

whole.

I was talking with Mr. Woods this morning and he informed me that if you do not make the inspection next week, that in all probability, he could add \$100,000 cash to the right wide of the ledger for the following week. If it suits the department, he would like much to have the inspection made in the week beginning Monday, the 20th. This is the time Mr. McCullough thought might be the logical time, but he will be governed entirely by your wish in this matter.

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I am exceedingly anxious that your examiners come there and not with a chip on their shoulders, but with open minds, and if one-half of what Woods tells me can be verified, they have certainly worked miracles since this matter has been taken up with the department.

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that I have taken in it with their board of directors.

To this end I wish that you would advise me by telegram, at my expense, if you will hold the examination on the 20th or as near that date as convenient for the department. I might further add that Mr. Woods considers the company in such shape that he is anxious to have examination as near as the 20th as will suit you.

Awaiting your favor in this matter, I am yours very truly,

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These are busy days at the offices of the Consolidated Investment Company. Wood and his attorneys are at work on the defense which will be made at the hearing on the application for a receiver for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which, according to State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, has a deficiency of more than \$1,000,000. Wood feels confident that no receiver will be appeinted for his company, which State Insurance Commissioner O'Neil says has been kicked around like a football.

which Stats Insurance Commissioner O'Nell says has been kicked around like a football. The Consolidated investment Company, of which the youthful president is R. C. Bowers, who also is president of the Union Casualty Insurance Company, at Third and Walout streets, besides controlling the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, is the holding company of the Reliable Life Assurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind.; the American Assurance Company, of this city, and also the Union Casualty Insurance Company, There is an application also pending for receiver for the Union Casualty Insurance Company, the hearing for which has been fixed in the Dauphin County Common Pleas Court for next Tuesday.

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A letter dated July 10, 1916, and signed by
Bowers, gives as directors of the Consolidated Investment Company the following:
Thomas Wood, secretary and general mana-Thomas Wood, secretary and general manager of the American Assurance Company of Philadelphia: Charles H. Fritch, secretary and treasurer of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, and often called Wood's "Man Friday": S. T. Conkling, secretary and general manager of the Reliable Life Assurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind.; J. Frank Graff, former chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee of the State of Ponnsylvania; State Senator Joseph H. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, and H. G. Welch, insurance manager, of this city.

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wood has written the Insurance Department demanding that the State revoke the insurance license of Colonel S. H. Whiteley.

"Wood wrote me today," said Commissioner O'Neil in Harrisburg, "deciaring that Whiteley perpetuated fraud in connection with his contract with the Pension Mutual and demanding that I revoke his license to do business in connection with charges. do business in connection with other compa-nies. Wood has developed into quite a volu-minous letter-writer. He writes at length, but he falls to recite the fact that he signed

the asinine contract with Whiteley which he now declares to have been translatent. The Fact is that Wood is simply using this method to cover up his own delinquences and to conveal his own lack of good business judg-

INSPECTORS ACCUSED

Another important development of the insurance probe today was the accusation made by officers of the Union Casualty Company that impoctors of the Insurance Department had so fixed the records of that corporation that preparations for the defence of the company against the receiverable proceedings now pending have been greatly delayed. The records and files have been misplaced and "numerous erasures and charges made," the letter says.

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Mr. O'Nell will spend several days with Attorney General Brown, helping prepare the receivership papers to be submitted to the courts here December 18 and 19, and will then go to Pittsburgh to pick up any new developments that may have come to light.

TWO U-BOAT TRADERS BUILDING IN GERMANY

Regular Business Will Begin Next Spring, Backers Say-Deutschland May Tie Up for Winter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Two merchant submarines for the transatiantic gervice are under construction in Germany. Advices from Berlin say names for the vessel and her sister ship designed to replace the lost

Bremen have not yet been selected.

It is said the merchant fleat, composed of the two new boats and the Deutschland, will be ready to travel on regular schedule late in the spring. In the same quarters it is considered improbable that the Deutschland will start on her third vowage to the and will start on her third voyage to this country until the winter weather on the Atlantic moderates.

Perfection of minor details is all that is lacking for the establishment of a subma-rine mail service with Germany.

Steel Plants Lose Gas Supply JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—Because of JOHNSTOWN, Pa. Dec. 12.—Because of a shortage, the Johnstown Fuel Supply Company has notified Cambria Steel, Lorain Steel and Brakebeam Company that January 1 gas service to these plants will be cut off. The three plants consume an average of 150,000,000 fest per month, and to protect domestic shatomers the order was made.

LE CONDIZIONI DI PACE

L'Inghilterra Decisa ad Adottare Provvedimenti Radicalissimi Contro il Governo Greco

LA DITTATURA IN FRANCIA

BERLINO, 12 Dicembre Queeta mattina il cancelliere dell'impero ha chiamato a se' i rappresentanti degli Stati Uniti, della Spagna e della Svissera ed ha consegnato loro una nota nella quale la Germania fa le sue propoete di pace e da le condisioni alle quali essa ed i suoi alleati sono disposti a cessare la guerra. La nota sara' trasmessa al rispettivi governi neutrali e da questi trasmessa o portata a conoscenza dei governi dell'Intesa i quali per l'istesso tramite daranno la loro risposta.

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Creazione del regno di Palonia (che naturalmente includerebbe soltanto la Polonia russa-e la Lituanie, lasciando alia Germania ed all'Austria rispettivamente la Polonia tedesca e la Galizia e Bucovina).

Restituzione alla Francia del territorio occupato dalle truppe tedesche, ed al Belgio del territorio belga occupato dalle medesime.

Restituzione alla Bulgaria del territorio che le fu tolto nella seconda guerra balcania.

cania. La quistione balcanica da essere risolta in una conferenza europea che dovrebbe essere convocata dopo conclusa la pace.

Il rapporto del generale Cadorna, pub-blicato leri sera dal Ministero della Guerra, dice che le forze italiane sulla fronte del Carso hanno respinto attacchi di sorpresa operati dai nemico nelle notti di sabato s di domenica. Il rapporto aggiunge:

Teri l'artiglieria nemica fu piu' at-Icri l'artiglieria nemica fu piu' attiva contro le nostre linee tra la quota
144 ed il mare. Durante la notte, appoggiati da un attacco dimostrativo
contro le nostre posizioni delle quota
208 e 144 truppe nemiche attaccarono
le mostre posizioni nella regione zostiera. Esse furono prontamente respinte
con perdite considerevoli e lasciarono

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nelle noetre mant anche un certa nu-

Il g verno ha assunto il controllo del consumo della carne. Un decreto luogot-enensiale pubblicato oggi etabilisce che a cominciare dal primo gennaio 1917 un comi-tato centrale stabilira' il numero di animali the debbono essera macellati clascuna set-limana. La vendita di carne e di pollame o proibita due giorni per settimana.

La situazione nella Grecia forma sempr ogretto di vivaci commenti e di discussioni in questi circoli politici. Bi dice ora che i governo ngiese sta consultando gli altri governi alleati per ventre ad una soluzione radicalissima della quistione della Grecala. Telegrammi da Atene dicono che la nota Telegrammi da Atene dicono che la nota dell'Intess al governo greco e pronta e sara indubbiamente consegnata nella giornata di oggi. Si tratta di una nota bravissima che nara seguita da un'attra piu' lunga e dettagliata. In alcuni cirpoti ordinariamenta bene informati al dice che le potenze dell'Intesa domanderanno al governo greco ia completa smobilitazione del l'escerdio, il controllo sulle poste e telegrafi e ferrovie e l'immediata liberagione dei venizellati. l'immediata liberazione dei venizellat

arrestati. La nave da guerra Hydra, greca ma to potere degli alleati, ha intercettato mes-saggi radiotsiegrafici diretti da re Costan-tino al kaiser. Si dice che la rivolta e' acoppiata nelle isole Ciclati.

LA FRANCIA RIORGANIZZA Mentre l'Inghilterra ha risolta la crisi ministeriale con il ritiro del primo ministre Asquith e la nomina di Lloyd George con del Deputati. Egli ha gia deciso la formazione di un consiglio di guerra, anche la Francia eta riorganizzando il suo governo per opera del presidente del Consiglio Briand.

siene di un consiglio di guarra di cisque persone il Tempo dice che persone promimenti nel mondo tembim ed industriale maranno chiamate a collaborare coi governo per la fortigmata condotta della guerra. Sembra, che Briand intenda dare carta bianca ai ministri e actionegretarii di Stato allo acopo di facilitare il lore comptio e aciologlierio dalle pastote della burocrazia. Questi poteri assoluti saranno anche più occentnati nel caso di approvvigionamento dell'esercito, di stabilimenti impegnati nella fabbricazione di munisioni e di armi, e di ferrovie.

La situazione in Rumania e' Immutata nelle mie linee principali. Berlino annuncia che forze austro-tedesche hanno attraver-nato il fiu me Jabionitza, mentre Petro-grad dice che le forze rumene hanno respinto le colonne teutoniche perparecci chilometri nella regione di Picetschi.

PULMOTOR SAVES MAN

Overcome by Gas, Victim Is Revived at Hospital

A pulmotor was used today to save the life of John Sempler, forty years old, who was accidentally overcome by gas in his room in a ledging house at \$17 Oxford street. Sempler turned the key on the gas jet in the wrong direction before retiring last night and was found unconscious this

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dei Deputati, Egli ha gia deciso la forma-

"IT'S ALL RIGHT," SAYS GIR BRIDE OF SCHOOLBOY

"At First His Parents and Mine, Ten, Raved Something Awful, but They're Reconciled Now"

Gladys B. Griffiths Balley, who has just changed her station in life from that of a William Penn high school junior to the of a bride, did a bit of philosophisms to

day, although she is barely eighteen years old.

Old,
Until the other day she was Miss Gladys
B. Griffiths and today she is Mrs. John
C. Balley. Her husband has changed his
station in life, too. He was a high school
senior. Now he's an automobile salesman

Said young Mrs. Balley: "You know when an only son gets mar-ried the parents always think that no sist is good enough for him. That is the way with John's folks. But it's all right now. At first his parents, and mine, too, raved something awful, but they are reconciled to

our marriage nows "Everything is going to be all right, we intend to go housekeeping as soon as we can find the right kind of home. John has a good ob as salesman for an auto concern, and while he isn't making a whole lot cern, and while he isn't framing a whole lot to start, the prospects are good. It's los bad we couldn't keep our marriage secret until he graduated in February from the Northeast High School, but we will make

the best of it." Mrs. Bailey talked at the home of her father, James A. Griffitha, 2728 North Nineteenth street. Her husband still lives with his parents at 2541 North Thirty-third street. "but when we find the kind of spartment we are looking for we will be still happier," said his wife.

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