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Notemakers Among Those
Summoned in Pension
Mutual Inquiry

HEARING OPENS MONDAY

Notemakers and others familiar with the insurance methods of Lyndon D. Wood, "Insurance Wizard of America," were notified by the State Insurance Department today to appear in Harrisburg next Monday. On that day arguments will be made in the Dauphin County Court on the application to have a receiver appointed for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which State Insurance Commissioner J. Danny O'Neil says has a deficiency of more than \$1,000,000.

"We have a great mass of evidence," said O'Neil, as he went to the Attorney General's office in Harrisburg for a final conference, "and, notwithstanding all that has been printed, we have much that has not been revealed, but which will come out at the hearing."

It is known, however, that notemakers and policy holders of both the Pension Mutual and Union Casualty Companies have volunteered as witnesses, and the Commissioner has been asked to lay before the courts evidence of the lax financial methods of the companies named operating outside of Pennsylvania.

A great mass of letters from dissatisfied policy holders has been turned over to the Attorney General, and the documentary testimony will be more voluminous than has been submitted to the local courts in any similar cases in many years. The Commissioner has ransacked the department for records, which he has turned up in large numbers, and in addition he has been flooded with communications from all parts of the State, as well as Ohio, Indiana, Delaware and elsewhere.

It is the opinion of lawyers who have gone over this mass of matter as well as the reports of the examiners that Lyndon D. Wood and his associates "have not a leg left to stand on," and Commissioner O'Neil said today that his preparations have been so thorough that he has entire confidence in the outcome.

SUSPICIONS AROUSED

A painstaking search of the files in the Insurance Department today failed to reveal any trace of a letter in reply to the

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On Saturday evening, December 16, at 8 P. M. the greatest fraternal event in recent years will take place in Scottish Rite Hall, Broad and Race streets. A program extraordinary may have been arranged, to include as speakers:

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request for an examination of the books of the Pension Mutual made by Senator Thompson during the summer of 1914, but there are numerous other letters and replies on record of the same period showing that the suspicions of insurance men and the public at large had been aroused concerning the affairs of the company and that of its insecure condition.

M. A. Seuresman, district insurance agent, located at Wilkes-Barre, on January 21, 1914, wrote to former Commissioner Johnson, asking as to the condition of the Pension Mutual, and replying as of February 4, Mr. Johnson wrote that "these people are operating under a special charter granted by the Legislature prior to the organization of this department, but they have not complied with the law and are not authorized to issue policies or to transact an insurance business." The commissioner added that an examination was to follow immediately.

UNION CASUALTY STATUS

Although Wood, the dominating power of the Consolidated Investment Company, insists that the Union Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia is solvent, the real condition of that concern is outlined in a letter sent by former Insurance Commissioner Johnson to Attorney General Brown. The letter, which is dated February 16, 1914, reads as follows:

Hon. Francis Shunk Brown, Attorney General, Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir—An examination of the books and accounts of the Union Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia discloses the fact that the company is insolvent, and I am satisfied from the results of such examination that the company is in such a condition that its further transaction of business will be hazardous to its policy holders, its creditors and to the public.

I would, therefore, respectfully request, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the act of June 1, 1913 (P. L. 229), that you apply to the Dauphin County Court for a decree of dissolution and an order for the Insurance Commissioner to liquidate its affairs.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES JOHNSON,
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February 16, 1914.

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