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CLEVELAND'S TASK.

Ex-President Finds Equitable Hard to Mutualize.

HYDE AND ASSOCIATES PROBED.

Mr. Hughes Read Letter From Great Assurance Society Trustee—Thomson A. Buckner Explains "Nylite" System.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The operations of the Equitable Life Assurance society were taken up by the insurance investigating committee and consumed the entire session.

Henry H. Winthrop, assistant secretary and financial manager of that society, was called to the stand and presented and swore to a record of syndicate participations of his company, also to a record of sales and purchases of securities for the past five years.

One of the operations was in Atlantic Coast line bonds, in which J. H. Hyde and associates, the Equitable participating as a member, paid \$1,570,000 on call and received \$114,500 profits.

The Equitable participated also in a Union Pacific syndicate in the name of J. H. Hyde, and when asked by what authority the society assumed the responsibility of Mr. Hyde's personal operations Mr. Winthrop produced the minutes of the finance committee in July, 1905, showing a written assignment to the company by Mr. Hyde of his interest in this syndicate.

Mr. Hughes read a long letter from Grover Cleveland, who is a trustee for the policy holders in the Equitable society under the Thomas F. Ryan agreement. The letter was referred in evidence.

Mr. Cleveland detailed the progress of the trustees in mutualizing the company and said "the obstacles that lie in the path of the proposed mutualization are so inherent that even with the greatest study and care they cannot be easily overcome."

In conclusion Mr. Cleveland said, "It is common with all others who desire the best conditions in this important field of business, where people have so much at stake, the trustees acting for the policy holders of the Equitable society will gladly welcome any aid in their work which may result from the labors of your committee."

Thomas A. Buckner, vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, described the agency system of the company and the method of paying bonuses. A "Nylite" system, inaugurated by this company, separating the agents who create business into grades according to the term of service, was explained, and these bonuses, Mr. Buckner testified, were charged to renewal premiums. Moneys received by agents from "Nylite," Mr. Buckner said, were in addition to the regular agents' commissions.

Witness said when asked how expensive such a system might be that the total payments to "Nylite" members aggregated less than 1 per cent of the total premiums.

Mr. Hughes asked for full statements of the business written in the United States and Canada, also separate statements relating to foreign countries showing premiums and commissions paid, that it might be ascertained how much if any the business of the New York Life Insurance company was being extended in the foreign field at the expense of the American policyholder.

The committee then adjourned until next Wednesday.

A Paris dispatch says that Andrew Hamilton, personal counsel to President John A. McCall of the New York Life Insurance company, has reached Biarritz after completing an automobile tour through the south of France.

He was met at Biarritz by a telegraphic inquiry relative to the \$100,000 check made out to him by the New York Life Insurance company, to which he replied by wire as follows: "You can deny for me that the check for \$100,000 to me from the New York Life in March, 1904, was, as asserted in New York, for purposes of influencing state legislation or that it was so used."

Commissioners Blame Kelly.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The state railroad commissioners as a result of their investigation of the disaster on the Ninth Avenue Elevated railroad, in which twelve persons were killed and scores seriously injured, found that Motorman Paul Kelly was responsible for the accident in running by the cautionary signals without reducing speed.

Emigrants Leaving Spain.

CORUNNA, Spain, Sept. 23.—Four hundred emigrants have left here for Argentina, 800 for Cuba and 1,800 for Buenos Ayres. Fifteen hundred have left for the United States, 300 have left Malaga for Brazil and 2,000 are waiting for transport to America.

France and Germany In Accord.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—It is officially announced that Dr. Rosen, the new German minister to Morocco, and the French government have reached a complete accord on the programme for the Moroccan conference.

SUIT CASE MYSTERY.

Boston Police Trying to Clear Up Murder of Unidentified Woman.

BOSTON, Sept. 23.—In an effort to clear up the mystery of the murder of a young woman, whose body, the head and limbs severed, was found in a dress suit case floating off the Winthrop Yacht club's pier, detectives searched the office of a physician in Howard street, in the west end of the city.

Medical Examiner Harris performed an autopsy and was assisted by Professor Francis Whitney of Harvard Medical school and Professor Brown of Tufts Medical school. Dr. Harris refused to discuss the results of the examination, saying he would make his report to District Attorney Suggs.

Professors Whitney and Brown carried away with them sealed jars containing parts of the organs of the woman for chemical analysis.

Deputy Chief Neal of the state police was informed by a man whose name is not divulged that a man had been seen walking toward a bridge in Winthrop carrying a suit case which resembled that found in the water.

The body was wrapped in a sheet of white olefin. That the suit case had not been in the water more than twenty-four hours is shown by the fact that the water had not penetrated the leather. The flesh appears to have been recently cut. At first the police believed that the find might be the result of a medical student's dissection, but the body had not been dismembered by the method used in dissections.

So far as can be judged the dismembering was done to prevent identification.

A prominent physician who viewed the body says that the surgery is the work of an expert.

The discovery created consternation in the fashionable region of the clubhouse. Alfred D. Allen and Randolph Pollard were painting a yacht at the end of the clubhouse float when they saw the sample case coming in on the tide.

They rowed out in a boat, thinking that they were getting treasure salvaged from some ship or passing yacht. They carried the case to the piazza of the clubhouse, where members gathered gleefully at the prospects of a rich reward, but all were horrified when the mutilated body was exposed to view.

AGAINST "JIM CROW" LAWS.

Western Negro Press Association Would Memorialize Congress.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Sept. 23.—The Western Negro Press association has adopted resolutions asserting that since 1865 the settled policy of the white people of southern states to abridge the political rights of the colored people a memorial should be presented to the president and to congress opposing statehood for Indian Territory and Oklahoma unless an absolute guarantee can be given that no "Jim Crow" laws and other laws discriminating between the races in public places will be passed.

The resolutions indorse the administration of President Roosevelt, and he is spoken of as "the greatest chief executive since the great emancipator, Lincoln."

Booker T. Washington's industrial policy was indorsed.

Fever Now Under Control.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23.—Believing after a conference with Dr. White, that the fever situation is under control, President Wilson will recommend to the school board that the public schools be opened on Oct. 2. Each school is to be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each week. The school in the heart of the originally infected area will remain closed for a month.

Death of Ex-Governor O'Ferrall.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 23.—Charles T. O'Ferrall, former congressman and former governor of Virginia, is dead here. Charles T. O'Ferrall was born on a farm near Bruceton, Va., on Oct. 21, 1810. When the civil war broke out the young man joined the Confederate cavalry service and distinguished himself in many battles, gaining the rank of colonel.

Panama and Costa Rica.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The republic of Panama has made overtures to Costa Rica looking to union of the two nations, and in the opinion of those in a position to speak with authority a coalition is the probable outcome of the negotiations now instituted.

May Recover With Broken Neck.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Frank Worrick, a farm laborer, lies with a broken neck at Union, and the physicians think that he has a fair chance of recovery. He was thrown from a load of straw, striking on the back of his head and dislocating his neck.

CUBAN LEADER SHOT

Villuendas and Chief of Police Dead at Cienfuegos.

SIX KILLED; TWENTY-FIVE WOUNDED

Result of Political Affray Between Liberals and Moderates—Officials Searching For Concealed Arms Were Fired On.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—Official dispatches received from Cienfuegos announced the killing of Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the Liberal party and the most able orator in the lower house, and the chief of police of Cienfuegos during a conflict between the two political parties, the Liberals and Moderates.

The government advised say the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited, and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter.

As the news was spread throughout Havana the Liberals and Moderates rapidly gathered in their respective clubs, and it is feared that unless the leaders give wise counsel a fatal clash may result here.

Later dispatches say that six persons were killed and twenty-five wounded during the conflict in Cienfuegos.

Besides Congressman Villuendas and Chief of Police Illance two policemen were killed and a number of policemen and civilians wounded.

A search of the hotel revealed two dynamite bombs in the room occupied by Villuendas. The police in searching the hotel were informed that explosives were hidden there.

The government has received a telegram from Senator Frias asking it to send reinforcements at once. The telegram says: "While in Cienfuegos at present the forces are keeping order, every precaution is needed, as there is danger of assault. I recommend that the authorities prevent the entrance into Cienfuegos of probable trouble makers who are liable to invade the city. There are fears of dynamite bomb throwing."

Acting on the advice of Senator Frias the government has sent a train of five cars loaded with rural guards, the largest number of whom are destined for Cienfuegos, while the others will be distributed in Matanzas and Santa Clara, where advisers received by the government indicate serious trouble may occur at any time. The train also carries artillery, and the troops are supplied with 13,000 rounds of ammunition.

The feeling in Havana is most intense. The Liberals are bitterly denouncing the government, saying they have received no advice from Cienfuegos, because the government will not permit the use of either the government telegraph lines or of the cable lines.

Silver Found Near Sing Sing.

OSSINGING, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Silver quartz was found near Sing Sing prison in rock which was blasted by electric railway contractors. The quartz was obtained near the site of an abandoned silver mine which was worked by the English before the Revolutionary war.

At the beginning of the war the miners, most of whom were English, were driven away and never returned to work the mine again. In 1820 and again in 1857 attempts were made to pump out and to operate the old mine, but the quantity of silver obtained was too small to be profitable, and these attempts were abandoned.

His New York Life Policy.

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 23.—Deputy Brousseau called the attention of the chamber of deputies to a transaction he had with the New York Life Insurance company. He said that in fifteen years he had paid the company \$4,000 in premiums, but that on liquidating the policy he received only \$2,000.

Another Advance in Price of Oil.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 23.—The Standard Oil company advanced the price of Pennsylvania oil 10 cents and Tiona oil 5 cents. Within two weeks Pennsylvania oil has advanced 10 cents and Tiona 14 cents. The other grades of oil were not changed.

Subject of the Kaiser Killed.

TRIFLIS, Sept. 23.—A German subject was killed near Shusha, and his body has not yet been recovered. The German consul has made vigorous representations to the local authorities in connection with the case.

Gambler Club Owner a Suicide.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 23.—W. W. Moroney of Virginia Beach, one of the proprietors of the Raleigh club, a gambling resort for wealthy men, committed suicide by blowing out his brain.

FAVORITE WAS BEATEN.

Dr. Spruill Won Sea Breeze Stakes at Gravesend.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Dr. Spruill, backed from 5 to 2 to 7 to 5, won the Sea Breeze selling stakes, the feature of the card at Gravesend.

The field ran in a bunch to the stretch, where Dr. Spruill and Ors drew away, and in a hard fought finish Burns' hand, Dr. Spruill a winner by a head over the 4 to 1 shot Oro.

The favorite, Rose of Dawn, was third, five lengths back. Ocean Tide in the last race was the only winning favorite. Summary:

First Race—Astartia, first; Oxford, second; Burleigh, third.

Second Race—Sufficiency, first; Toits Mock, second; Hamlet, third.

Third Race—Beag, first; Humo, second; Miss Crawford, third.

Fourth Race—Dr. Spruill, first; Oro, second; Rose of Dawn, third.

Fifth Race—Lillie B., first; Delude, second; St. Ursula, third.

Sixth Race—Ocean Tide, first; Lord Badge, second; Shawana, third.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Games Played Yesterday by the National and American League Clubs.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Chicago: Chicago, 7, Cincinnati, 1. Errors—Chicago, 1; Cincinnati, 1.

At New York: New York, 1, Chicago, 2. Errors—New York, 1; Chicago, 2.

At Cincinnati: Cincinnati, 9, Philadelphia, 0. Errors—Cincinnati, 4; Philadelphia, 1.

At Philadelphia: Philadelphia, 1, Pittsburgh, 1. Errors—Philadelphia, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.

At St. Louis: St. Louis, 3, Boston, 1. Errors—St. Louis, 1; Boston, 1.

At Boston: Boston, 10, Philadelphia, 8. Errors—Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 4.

At St. Louis: St. Louis, 1, Cincinnati, 1. Errors—St. Louis, 1; Cincinnati, 1.

At Cincinnati: Cincinnati, 1, Philadelphia, 3. Errors—Cincinnati, 1; Philadelphia, 3.

At Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh, 4, Philadelphia, 1. Errors—Pittsburgh, 2; Philadelphia, 1.

At Philadelphia: Philadelphia, 2, Pittsburgh, 1. Errors—Philadelphia, 1; Pittsburgh, 1.

FRANCE IS ANGRY.

Venezuela's Offensive Attitude Arouses Official Paris.

WILL TEACH CASTRO TO BE POLITE

M. Taigny Will Insist on Insult Being Withdrawn—Naval Demonstration to Ave Little Re-public Proposed.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The offensive attitude of Venezuela toward M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, has aroused indignation in official quarters here.

Although the ministry has not yet taken definite action, it is said in the highest quarters that Premier Rouvier undoubtedly will demand that Venezuela disavow the offensive action and adopt a course conformable with the usual courtesies of diplomatic intercourse.

The semi-official Temps has printed a leading article reflecting official sentiment on the subject.

It said M. Taigny has been ordered to insist on Venezuela's withdrawing her offensive refusal to deal with him.

If the withdrawal is made and President Castro makes an apology then the negotiations will continue.

If Venezuela does not accede it will be unwise immediately to break off diplomatic relations by the withdrawal of M. Taigny, as this would leave French interests unprotected.

The best course would be for France and the United States to make a joint naval demonstration, similar to that in which Great Britain, Germany and Italy took part. The paper adds: "Already to our knowledge the cabinets of Washington and Paris have examined certain questions. Mutual confidences will render easy an understanding for efficacious joint intervention. This intervention, in which firmness will not exclude moderation and prudence, appears now to be essential."

The authorities here say that exchanges will occur at Washington relative to the mutual interests involved in the pending controversy.

Canada Will Stop Fish Poachers.

PREVOST, Canadian minister of marine, with a party of Canadians, was a visitor to the yards of the American Shipbuilding company in this city. In an interview relative to the recent firing upon American fishing tugs by the Canadian cruiser Vigilant, Minister Prevost said that if it was necessary to protect the fishing rights of Canada in the great lakes Canada would build a second Vigilant and put it in patrol service on the great lakes. He said that Canada was determined to break up the practice of American fishermen poaching in Canadian waters.

Accident to Auto Racer.

LAKEVILLE, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Owing to the accident to Walter C. White in his automobile on the course of the Vanderbilt cup race it is feared that he will not be able to attend the preliminary contest over the course today. Mr. White's injuries are serious, as are those of his mechanic, who was in the car with Mr. White when the machine ran into a telegraph pole at a turn of the road and both thrown violently out into a ditch. The accident occurred through Mr. White attempting to take the turn at this place without any perceptible reduction in the terrific speed of the car.

Potato Crop Injured by Rot.

MALONE, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Farmers in northern New York who have just begun to dig potatoes are alarmed at the prevalence of rot. The conditions are so serious that some farmers whose yield gave promise of 225 to 250 bushels to the acre have abandoned their fields entirely because the few sound potatoes would not pay for digging. As potato raising is the most important farming industry in northern New York the loss of the major portion of the crop will be seriously felt.

"Little Jeff" Held For Diamond Theft

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 23.—Immediately after being released on bond to stand trial on the charge of obtaining \$250 worth of furniture fraudulently from a St. Louis firm a man known as F. J. Mason was rearrested as "Little Jeff" Sherman on complaint from Albany, N. Y., that "Little Jeff" is wanted there on a charge of having stolen diamonds valued at \$4,000. He admitted his identity, but had nothing to say regarding the diamond theft charge.

Western Union Loses Suit.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 23.—The state supreme court decided in favor of the state in the suit of the state of Minnesota against the Western Union Telegraph company. It was a suit to collect taxes on a valuation of the company's property in the amount of \$1,000,000. This valuation is based on an assessment upon the company's franchise.

Sad Death of a Little Girl.

GRAVEL SWITH, Ky., Sept. 23.—Jason Chamberly, a resident of this county, returned home to visit his wife and children. Upon his arrival he grasped his six-year-old daughter by the chin to kiss her, lifting her head back. The little one sank to the ground dead. A physician found that her neck had been broken by her father.

Big Strike at Los.

LODZ, Russian Poland, Sept. 23.—Twenty thousand workmen in the wool and cotton cloth factories here are on strike. They demand an increase in their wages of 40 per cent. Two more regiments of dragons have arrived, and patrols are guarding the streets.

Saturday Specials

Quiting Flannel

One case Quiting Flannel (2000 yards) best make, light and dark in stripes, checks and plaids sold everywhere for 10c, our price Saturday and Monday 8c.

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8c Linen Toweling, same as sold before. Saturday and Monday 6c.

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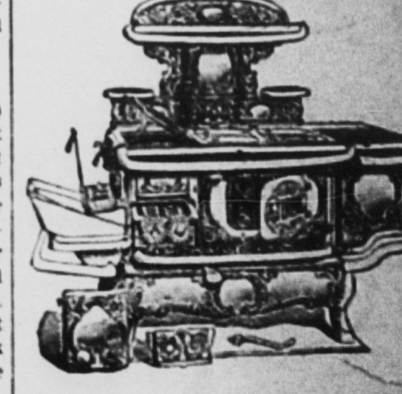
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