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INSURANCE REPORT

Armstrong Committee Would Sweep Away Old Methods.

ENTIRE REFORM OF PRESENT SYSTEMS

State Inspection Must Be More Zealous and Rigid—Publicity a Keynote. Will Cut Out Family Trusts and Reduce Salaries.

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—The Armstrong insurance inquiry committee demands that life insurance in its old form be swept out of existence.

After five months of constant effort and the examination of hundreds of witnesses the joint legislative committee on insurance has completed a draft of its report, which presents the most advanced scheme of life insurance legislation ever attempted in any state.

The main features of the report in concrete form as they have been decided upon to the present time were compiled, it is understood, by Messrs. Hughes, McKean and Fleming, counsel to the committee, and their associates. The many recommendations made are the joint work of the members of the committee.

The state insurance department is not seriously disturbed by the report. The superintendent, with his deputies and assistants, is permitted to control the insurance companies as now, save that absolute and vigorous supervision is required of the department.

The legislature will be asked to pass laws that will entirely reform the system that has prevailed in the big companies examined. Publicity is the keynote struck in all the recommendations made. The state department must be more zealous, and standard forms of policies are to be changed. Dividends must be paid annually, and death claims must be settled within thirty days of proof. Many radical changes in the plans of mutualization are recommended.

Salaries are to be cut down, and the existence of family trusts like those formed by the McCurdys and others will no longer be possible if plans proposed by the committee are put in effect.

The principal reform demands are as follows: The method of conducting insurance business is altered, but the office of superintendent of insurance is not abolished, and the organization of the office is preserved.

Standard forms of life insurance policies are provided for, equating all insurance in the state, while bonuses and rebates are forbidden under severe penalties.

Agents are placed under strict supervision, and their compensation must be either full salary or commission, mixed compensation being forbidden.

Life insurance companies are forbidden to control subsidiary companies, and their officers may not be stockholders in such companies.

State supervision of absolute character is provided, and publicity of all accounts, expenses and holdings of every nature is made obligatory.

Reform in investments is provided for, but no attempt is made to debar companies from holding safe stocks.

Universal mutualization of companies is advised and encouraged and provisions made for converting stock companies.

Open elections, fair ballots and a full and fair representation at annual elections is provided for and ballot box stuffing forbidden.

Surplus must be apportioned among the insured each year, and the present idea of deferred dividend is made illegal, while payments upon death are directed within thirty days.

Methods of bringing suit are provided, and all literature must be submitted to the superintendent of insurance.

Victrol Thrown at Saratoga. SARATOGA, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Jennie Cosgrove, who for two years has not lived with her husband, James D. Cosgrove of this place, arrived from Warrensburg and registered at the hotel. At her written request the hotel called at her room, and as he entered she buried a bottle of vitrol at him. He is seriously burned. Mrs. Cosgrove was arrested.

Condition of Heyburn and Hitt. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who is ill with an attack of appendicitis, is reported as slightly better. The attack is proving more severe than expected. The condition of Representative Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, continues encouraging, although he is still confined to his bed.

Youth Murdered at Park Place, Pa. MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Feb. 5.—Ignace Cichon, twenty years of age, was shot and killed and Joseph Heyholts seriously wounded by John Senechal, twenty-four years of age, an unbidden guest at a wedding celebration at Park Place, near here. The shooting was the result of a former quarrel. Senechal is in jail.

Lady Grey Dies of Injuries. LONDON, Feb. 5.—Lady Grey, wife of Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, who sustained a concussion of the brain by being thrown from her trap at Ealingham, Northumberland, last Thursday, died last night without having regained consciousness.

Carnegie Offers Swarthmore \$50,000. SWARTHMORE, Pa., Feb. 5.—President Swain of Swarthmore college announces that Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$50,000 for a new library building on condition that the college shall raise \$50,000 for the maintenance of the building.

Robert Whittaker Dead at Kingston. KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Egbert Whittaker, the oldest member of the Ulster county bar, is dead at Saugerties, aged ninety years. He studied for the ministry, but decided to become a lawyer upon leaving college. For several years after his admission to the bar he practiced at Des Moines, Ia., where he formed a lifelong friendship with Elihu B. Washburn and Amos Cattin.

Innovation in Sunday School. CAMPELLO, Mass., Feb. 5.—Whittling was introduced into the Sunday school service of the South Congregational church. A well known hymn was chosen, and after the orchestra had played the air every man, woman and child who could whistle the tune.

Oil Plant Destroyed. MACON, Ga., Feb. 5.—The plant of the Southern Oil company at Cordova, Ga., has been practically destroyed by fire; loss, \$20,000.

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HEIR TO A MILLION.

Poor Silk Weaver of Garfield, N. J., Has Princely Fortune.

GARFIELD, N. J., Feb. 5.—The hapless silk weaver that ever wove silk is Robert Hughes of this place, who has received word that he has fallen heir to \$1,000,000 in Ireland.

Hughes is forty-eight years old and has never known anything but the hardest kind of toil. He came to America from Ireland when he was a boy, and as he grew up he learned the silk weaver's trade. Day after day he toiled, with few pleasures and no prospect so far as he could see of ever bettering his condition. Like all men of his trade, he was peculiarly the slave of his business, for when work fell slack he dared not take employment at rough and ready jobs, for hard work never fails to make one's fingers stiff and rough, and it is absolutely necessary for silk weavers to keep their fingers soft.

By virtue of intelligence and industry Hughes was promoted to be a foreman, but was poorly paid. He managed to keep his head above water and bought a little house. Day after day he went to the mill and there toiled all day long, splashing shories for the adornment of the rich. Seemingly this was to be his fate until the end of the last chapter.

But a few days ago he received a formidable looking letter written in a clerical hand on legal paper. The writer, a firm of solicitors of Belfast, begged to inform "Robert Hughes, Esq., of the town of Garfield, state of New Jersey," that he was one of the three heirs of John Hughes, Esq., merchant, of Belfast, recently deceased, leaving a fortune of \$3,000,000.

Hughes was with a group of friends when a reporter found him. "Don't think I'm excited now," he said, "for I am not. I am only happy to be told of my good news. Do you blame me?"

"I tell you, I never expected such a thing as this. We heard very little from the relatives at home, though father all ways said Uncle John was rich. I never saw Uncle John nor heard from him until the letter came telling me I'm a rich man."

AN HONORED LIFE.

King Christian Lies Amid Bright Flowers in the "Garden" Room.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 5.—There was an impressive memorial service over the body of King Christian in the "garden" room of the palace last night. All the members of the royal family were present, but otherwise the ceremony was strictly private. The remains are covered with two Danish flags and lie amid banks of the rarest flowers and surrounded by wreaths of lilies, pink and white roses, violets, lilacs of the valley and carnations.

On the coffin in the brass helmet, with its plume and the crossed sword and scabbard, worn by King Christian when he was the captain of the Danish Horse guards, the standards of which regiment are planted on either side of the head flanking two enormous silver candelabra from the collection of the Danish kings at Rosenborg.

A massive silver crucifix stands on a white covered table, while palms and ferns are arranged in the corners of the room to complete the picture of impressive simplicity.

The entire absence of black from the "garden" room is noteworthy. The red walls, gilded window frames and the multicolored flowers, among which the king's favorite "Magna Charta" rose predominates, completely remove the gloom of the usual death chamber.

The whole grouping rather suggests the glorious crowning of an honored life.

Olsh! Mean! No Offense. TOKYO, Feb. 5.—Mr. Olsh, the leader of the Progressive party, who asked War Minister Terachi what he was going to do about strengthening the British army under article 7 of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of alliance, in order to bring it somewhere near the Japanese army in efficiency, is surprised at the British comments on his question. He authorizes the statement that he had not the slightest intention of giving offense. His only motive in raising the question was a sincere desire to "help our noble ally in effecting a most difficult but indispensable reform."

Our Trade With Italy. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A statement prepared by the department of commerce and labor shows that the commerce between Italy and the United States in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated \$77,500,000, almost equally divided between imports and exports.

As a market for American products Italy outranks Belgium, Cuba, Australasia or Argentina and exceeds by over 100 per cent the market offered by the entire continent of Africa.

Foreigners Fear Riots in China. HONGKONG, Feb. 5.—Foreigners in Canton are in a state of great apprehension owing to the insufficiency of police to protect them. After the looting of the residence of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Beattie, an American Presbyterian missionary at Fat, by an armed Chinese the guard boat was requested to send assistance, but the commander replied that he was not empowered to comply with the request.

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Agitation Against Our Goods Revived—Peking Annoyed at Refusal of Congress to Amend the Exclusion Laws.

PEKING, Feb. 5.—Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of the province of Chih, has discharged Professor C. D. Tenney, the foreign director of education, who organized the new school system in this province and within three years made it a model for the empire.

Strong opposition has arisen lately to foreign management of the schools and particularly against Dr. Tenney because he is an American. Yuan Shi Kai told Dr. Tenney that he appreciated his work, but Yuan Shi Kai has so many enemies that he could not afford to keep him.

Professor Tenney was an appointee of Yuan Shi Kai and started the construction of the college at Paoingfu. In July, 1900, at the time of the Boxer uprising, Dr. Tenney was president of the University of Tsientin. He became angry over the mighty enterprises given by the high officers of the allied troops and at the delay of the forces to march from Tientsin to Peking, offering to guide the army thither.

"This business is not progressing in accordance with Anglo-Saxon traditions," he said. "Twenty thousand soldiers staying here while women and children of their own race are starving and awaiting massacre eighty miles away, military and naval officers meanwhile wasting time in bickering over petty politics, is a sorry spectacle. It will be a dark blot on the reputation of every commanding officer here if the white people in Peking are allowed to perish without a desperate effort to save them."

The boycott agitation against American goods is being revived. When it began Mr. Rockhill, the American minister, and the American consuls urged the Chinese to wait until congress had time to act on their demands, and the failure of congress to do so has aroused their resentment.

Strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the government to remove E. B. Drew, the commissioner of customs at Canton, who is considered one of the ablest men in the establishment of Sir Robert Hart, director general of maritime customs, because he is an American.

Boy Mines Make Fortune. OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—Two youths from a little way station near Ottawa went out to the Cobalt district. About the beginning of summer they managed to strike some veins and sold their find for \$150,000, besides holding on to another claim, for which they were offered \$25,000. That the story is true was shown by inquiry at the bank where they deposited their money. They are not quite eighteen years old. Their names are William and George Darby, and they have been visiting Ottawa and Montreal during the last week or so, taking in the sights in a moderate manner.

Prominent Stamford Man Dead. STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 5.—Frederick P. Towne, general superintendent of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing company, is dead at his home here of acute Bright's disease. He was thirty-four years old and a son of Henry R. Towne, president of the company, who lives in New York city. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a member of the Engineers' club of New York and a former president of the National Founders' association.

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NOTED PREACHER RESIGNS.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford Leaves St. George's, New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The Rev. Dr. William S. Rainsford, for twenty-two years rector of St. George's Protestant Episcopal church, this city, has resigned the rectorship owing to continued ill health, and the Rev. Hugh Birckhead, the assistant rector, has been elected by the vestry in Dr. Rainsford's place.

The resignation of Dr. Rainsford was in the form of a letter to J. Pierpont Morgan, senior warden of the church, from Cairo, Egypt, dated Jan. 7 last. Dr. Rainsford wrote that while his health was better than it was a year ago he had definitely concluded that he had not strength enough to continue the rectorship.

Mr. Morgan presented the resignation at a meeting of the vestry, when it was accepted, and a series of resolutions were adopted expressive of the profound regret of that body at its receipt and its high appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Rainsford to the parish in the many years he had been attached to it. Dr. Rainsford's decision and the action of the vestry were announced to the congregation of St. George's at the service yesterday by H. Fulton Cutting, one of the vestrymen, who ascended to the pulpit and read without comment the letter to Mr. Morgan and the resolutions of the vestry. While the state of Dr. Rainsford's health, which has kept him from active duty about a year, was well known to the parishioners, the announcement was a great surprise and created a mild ripple of excitement and much whispered comment in the congregation.

Mr. Birckhead, the new rector of St. George's, has been assistant rector for several years. He is but twenty-nine years of age.

Dr. Rainsford came from England to become rector of St. George's parish in 1883. He was then thirty-two years of age. When he assumed charge the church was practically without a congregation. He lays down his charge leaving a congregation numbering 7,000 souls and an endowment fund increased by \$800,000. St. George's at the present day is one of the most prosperous churches in the city and one of the wealthiest.

CROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL.

Airship Makes Quick Voyage From London to Bernouville.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The balloon of the Aero club, which left London Saturday afternoon for France and later was sighted from Estourbeaux pier moving seaward, successfully crossed the English channel and descended in safety at Bernouville, twenty miles inland, in France.

The entire time consumed from London to the place of descent was four hours and ten minutes. The occupants of the balloon were Messrs. Pollock and Dale, who are members of the Aero club of the United Kingdom. The name of the balloon is the Vivienne III.

A strong northwest gale was blowing during the passage across the channel, which was made in an hour and three-quarters. Once the balloon ascended to 10,000 feet, where a snow-storm was encountered, and the entire airship was incumbered with frost.

Broad Sweep of Cold Wave. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The weather bureau has sent out the following special cold wave forecast: "The severe cold wave that covered the western states has swept southward to the gulf coast and eastward over the Atlantic coast states and the northern half of Florida. It has been felt from Texas north to Montana and including the states of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, upper Michigan, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, western Tennessee and Arkansas."

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Ancient City Scene of Andalusia's Favorite Sport.

HOME OF SPANISH BULLFIGHTER.

Many Delegates Witnessed Skill of Matadore With Mingle Admiration and Horror—Americans and Britishers Not Present.

ALGECIRAS, Feb. 5.—The brilliant though bloody spectacle of a bullfight in honor of the conference on Moroccan reforms was a grand event here. The crowds came from all parts of Andalusia to the vast stone amphitheater where the bull ring is situated, and more than 6,000 persons saw the fight.

A box gaily decorated with the Spanish colors accompanied the ambassadors and officials of many countries. Most of the delegations to the conference were represented, and many of the envoys were accompanied by their wives and daughters.

The Duke of Almodovar, the Spanish foreign president who is president of the conference, accompanied by the duchess, was the center of a group of ambassadors and white garbed Moorish and throngs of Spanish women in picturesque costumes lent the touch of quaintness to the animated scene. The American and British delegates did not attend.

Three celebrated bullfighters furnished the sport, and the bulls were from the famous herd of Don Moreno Santa Maria of Seville. The first animal brought into the ring, a huge black Andalusian beast, killed two horses before the matadore, Lagartijo, skillfully drove his sword to the hilt into the animal, which fell dead. Thousands cheered at this moment and the band played a Spanish fandango.

The second bull was ceremoniously dedicated to the Duke of Almodovar by Matadore Morenita, which is a custom of the country. It proved to be an ugly fighter and gored the hind horse of a picador. This bull also dispatched. Another bull killed five horses, four of them dying in the arena, while the fifth, terribly gored, singered outside and died.

The picadores were often unburied, but none of them was seriously hurt. The skill of the matadores was shown as they proucted before the bellowing animals, which were stung to madness by the darts with their gay streamers stuck into them.

The foreigners witnessed the scene with mingled admiration and horror at the audacity of the matadores and horror at its cruelty.

Miners to Deliver an Ultimatum. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 5.—It is said that the United Mine Workers of America before adjournment of the present session of the executive board Secretary W. B. Wilson will be instructed to prepare a formal strike or effective on April 1, in order to avoid the reassembling of the board after the adjournment of the present session. The question of the per capita tax of \$1 a week for the establishment of a national defense fund was the first subject taken up when that body resumed its meeting this morning.

The Largest Battleship Afloat. LONDON, Feb. 5.—Much interest attaches to the launching at Portsmouth, the largest and most powerful battleship in the world's navies. All the lessons that the experts learned from the Russo-Japanese naval battles have been considered in building this vessel, so that it is expected the finished product will present many innovations in naval construction. The keel was laid and the vessel finished within six months, a feat unparalleled heretofore in naval construction.

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