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INSURANCE EVILS

Official Report of Armstrong Committee In.

PROPOSES DRASTIC REMEDIES

Senator Depew Did Not Earn His Big Salary.

REAL POWER FOR POLICY HOLDERS

Investigators Plan to Change Many Insurance Laws—Would Curb Extravagance in Management and in Salaries of Officials. Do Away With Syndicate Deals, Prohibit Contributions to Political Campaigns, Stamp Out All Lobbying and Grant, Abolish Preferred Dividends and Limit Big Companies' Business to Safe Proportions.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The official report of the Armstrong investigating committee, recommending drastic and sweeping reforms in life insurance business, has been at last presented to the legislature. With it were the bills embodying the committee's recommendations. Senator Armstrong has obtained permission to submit a supplemental report concerning the standard forms of life insurance policies, which the committee was unable to get in shape in time to go before the legislature at this time.

The committee in its report has recommended drastic remedies for all the insurance evils disclosed in its recent investigation. It would mutualize all life insurance companies, make the policy holders a factor in their management, curb extravagance in management and in salaries to officers, do away with syndicate transactions, safeguard investments, prohibit contributions for political purposes, stamp out lobbying, prevent the big companies from increasing their business to the danger point, abolish preferred dividends and make agents' commissions uniform.

The following are a few of the chief recommendations:
That the insurance law be amended to permit the organization of mutual corporations without capital stock; that all stock companies be converted eventually into purely mutual companies; that all present proxies be rescinded and that the life of proxies hereafter be limited to two months preceding election; that provision be made to give "a free and effective expression to the wish of the policy holders in elections"; that the terms of all present trustees or directors shall expire on Nov. 15 next and that the next elections be held under the supervision of the superintendent of insurance; that stock investments of the companies be prohibited except in stocks of municipal corporations; that the limit of annual new business be fixed at \$150,000,000; that a drastic measure be passed to prevent political contributions; that lobbying be restricted and that each company submit itemized accounts of its legislative expenses; that all salaries over \$5,000 a year be fixed by the trustees and not by a committee or officer; that the rebate law be amended to make the receiver equally guilty with the giver; that syndicate transactions be prohibited; that dividends be distributed annually and that the issuance of so called deferred dividend policies be prohibited; that agents' commissions be made uniform and bonuses and prizes prohibited; that provision be made for publicity in the transactions of the companies.

Regarding Governor Odell's connection with the shipbuilding matter the committee says:
"Upon the testimony it cannot be said that apart from the introduction of the Ambler bill any threat was made, but it would seem as the time of the negotiations that the situation was such as to make it appear that there would be no effort of retaliation."
"Although the bill was not passed and Mr. Odell's suit was not brought until a month later, it may be that the fact of its introduction was sufficient to induce a fear on the part of the officers of the trust company that proceedings inimical to its interests might be taken if those who could initiate them were not appeased."

Regarding the insurance department, the report says that, while the department has ample facilities and power, "the supervision by the department does not prove a sufficient protection against extravagance and misadministration, and it practically may be said that in the case of these large companies no serious efforts to insure the correct administration of their affairs has been made until within the last year."

The report says that the accounts of the Mutual Life Insurance company should be thoroughly examined in order that the extent to which moneys have been misapplied and the responsibility for any misapplication which may be shown may be determined.
Concerning the New York Life Insurance company, the committee found that its transactions with Andrew Hamilton showed extraordinary abuses and that the statement sent from Paris by Hamilton was without antible specifications.
The directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society are censured by the

committee for nonperformance of the functions with which they were charged. "For the most part they have been figureheads," says the report. The payment of \$20,000 a year to Senator Depew by the Equitable was not warranted, the testimony as to the services rendered by Senator Depew not appearing to be sufficient for such payment. The committee also sets forth that it does not appear what services were rendered by former Senator Hill, who was paid \$5,000 a year. In justice to Mr. Hill, the committee says it was not able to get his testimony upon this subject because he was too ill to appear.

The committee finds that in spite of the irregularities shown there is no reason to question the solvency of the Mutual Life Insurance company, the New York Life Insurance company nor the Equitable Life Assurance society.

A WASHINGTON BANQUET.

Ambassador Reid, at London, Eulogizes the American Navy.

LONDON, March 23.—Washington's birthday was honored in London by a dinner under the auspices of the local branch of the Navy League of the United States at the Savoy hotel. Ambassador Reid presided, and about 150 Americans were present. The decorations were elaborate, the stars and stripes predominating.

After toasts to President Roosevelt, King Edward and George Washington, Mr. Reid in a brilliant speech said that the London section of the Navy League of the United States was happily inspired to appropriate the anniversary of the birth of the greatest American for its own use, for it was Washington who set forth, even in the infancy of the republic, the necessity for the immediate development of naval strength.

The philosophy of the big stick, he said, began in our presidential records with Washington and merely was accepted in all honesty and put into picturesque language by Theodore Roosevelt. Therefore the Navy league in undertaking to back up Theodore Roosevelt in his full purpose to follow in the footsteps of George Washington at home seems to need activity in that direction, and so he advised the Navy league to enlist Americans visiting in London in the Navy league. Mr. Reid concluded with an eulogy of the personnel of the American navy.

Other speakers of the evening were Lieutenant Commander J. H. Gibbons, the naval attaché of the American embassy; Major John A. Beacom, the military attaché; Louis Hay and F. E. Bliss. Among the cable messages of greeting were dispatches from Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Bonaparte, Admiral Dewey and General Horace Porter.

LARK FLIES SKYWARD.

Charles Levee Left Hillburn for New York by Air Line.

HILLBURN, N. Y., Feb. 23.—And the cheering of hundreds who had come from every quarter to view the ascent, Charles Levee, in his balloon, the Lark, flying the colors of the new Aero club of New York, sailed skyward from an open field near here.

The balloon took 400 feet into the air and started toward the southeast. The wind, which early in the day set in from the northwest, held true, and Levee stuck to his promise to pass over New York, although it was too dark for Pa. Kalkreuth to see him, even with night glasses. Levee hopes to land somewhere near New York.

Many members of the Aero club reached here on a special train from New York, accompanied by Aeronaut Levee. The latter's balloon, the Lark, was in the baggage car in canvas covering.

This ascension is the second of a series planned by the Aero Club of America, which hopes to duplicate in America the popularity which ballooning has achieved in Paris. In the club are admirers of aerial navigation in all three of its phases, including advocates of dirigible airships, auxiliary balloons, which are balloons fitted with light gasoline engines to be used when the wind fails as a motive power, just as small sailing craft are so fitted, and the ordinary balloon.

Washington Banquet at the Capital. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A distinguished gathering attended the second annual dinner last night of the University club of Washington. Secretary Taft is president of the club, but in his absence in the west L. A. Goodridge presided. The chief speaker was President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university, whose topic was "Washington, the Ideal American Citizen."

Natives Revolt in Sokoto. LAGOS, British West Africa, Feb. 23.—A force of religious fanatics is reported to have invaded and overrun a portion of Sokoto from the north, to have destroyed a French post near the frontier, killing five French officers and capturing two and to have overwhelmed a British detachment, whose casualties are not given.

German Double Their Sentries. PEKING, Feb. 23.—The court is nervous over the possibility of trouble tomorrow. The president of the Chinese foreign board appreciates the possibility of an anti-foreign rising. The German legation last night doubled its sentries on account of the posting of anti-foreign placards at Tientsin.

St. Victor's College Destroyed. KANKAKEE, Ill., Feb. 23.—St. Victor's college at Kankakee, Ill., two miles north of Kankakee, has been destroyed by fire, resulting from crossed electric light wires; loss, \$175,000. The college is a Roman Catholic institution and was founded in 1865. It has 200 students.

LAWSON ON BOSSISM

Author of "Frenzied Finance" at Peoria Banquet.

TELLS OF POLITICAL UPHEAVAL.

Chicago Surprised World by Turning Out Organized Craft-Good Work of Philadelphia's Lawful Mob. Exposes "System."

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 23.—The eighth annual banquet of the Creve Coeur club, with Thomas W. Lawson, Rear Admiral Schley, A. B. Stickney and Congressman J. Adam Bede and Charles A. Towne as the principal speakers, was held at the Coliseum last night. Eight hundred guests sat down to the tables, while 1,500 persons, including many women, crowded the galleries.

Special committees met the guests of honor at Chicago. An elaborate luncheon at the Country club and a reception at the Creve Coeur club preceded the banquet.

In honor of the day the speakers' stage was made in imitation of the Washington home at Mount Vernon. Many railroad men were scattered through the auditorium.

George T. Page, president of the Illinois Bar association, was toastmaster. Mr. Lawson after thanking the Creve Coeur club for the happy way in which it had smoothed away a misunderstanding which arose between him and the club led up to the subject of the insurance companies and the "system" with a review of the political upheaval in various parts of the United States.

He said in part:
"Chicago arose and surprised the world by turning out the organized grafters and political parties and proclaiming for municipal ownership. Now, I am no municipal ownershipist, but the fact that the people of the greatest city in your state found vent for their feelings in municipal ownership means nothing more than that the people spoke and in impressive tones. If it had not been municipal ownership it would have been something else, which only meant that they had begun to feel the fetters."

"Next came Philadelphia, where the people arose between night and morning and marched the streets in lawful mobs and drove out of their strongholds the most slyly entrenched band of political crafters this country has ever seen, drove them into exile and disgrace, as though they had been a group of mice pursued by an army of elephants."

"Soon came an overturn in Florida, notoriously boss ridden by the Flaxlers and the Standard Oil clique, when one man, a fearless citizen, Napoleon B. Broward, rose out of the ranks of the people and in his begrimed tunic and overalls stumped the state and was elected governor for four years."

"In New York the fearless Jerome, turned down by each and all the different political parties, was elected with thousands of votes to spare."
"In Wisconsin you know what La Follette is doing with the people at his back."
"These are but a few instances of how during the last twenty months the people have shown the spirit that is in them."

Mr. Lawson referred to the failure of the DeWitt properties in Kansas and to the speculations of Bank President Bigelow of Milwaukee as "system" representatives who stabbed their toes while speculating with other persons' money in a game of "heads I win, tails you lose." In this way Mr. Lawson led up to the exposition of his financial views, which are familiar to the reading public.

Woman Held as Train Wrecker. TIFFIN, O., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Cora Carpenter was arrested here, accused of wrecking a Pennsylvania freight train and attempting to wreck a passenger train at two different times.

Mrs. Carpenter is a member of a prominent family of this county and is a beautiful woman, highly educated and apparently refined. The authorities declare it was a miracle that a fast train crowded with passengers was not wrecked on the first and second attempts to ditch it.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 23.—The New Jersey grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, closed a two days' session here by the election of the following officers: Grand chancellor, Joseph Wilson, Jr., South Amboy; grand vice chancellor, William T. Hilliard, Salem; grand prelate, Abraham Klener, Paterson; grand keeper of records and seals, Elmer E. Margerum, Trenton; grand master of the exchequer, John Patrick, Rutherford.

Governor Talked to Newsboys' Union. BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., went to the headquarters of the Boston Newsboys' union and talked to the boys about George Washington. Several hundred lads were crowded into the hall where the exercises were held, and the governor was repeatedly applauded during his brief remarks.

Donnaught at Washington Reception. TOKYO, Feb. 23.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, head of the British mission which is here to convey the insignia of the Order of the Garter to the emperor of Japan, attended the Washington birthday reception at the American embassy.

Knox Introduces His Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Senator Knox has introduced his interstate commerce bill. It broadens the house bill and contains a provision for review by the courts of the orders of the interstate commerce commission.

PAYNE WHITNEY WON.

New Yorker Successful at Boston Racket Tournament.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Four Boston players and a New Yorker were successful in the first day's play of the national racket championship, which began on the court of the Boston Athletic association. The contest between Payne Whitney of New York and M. Bartlett of the Boston Tennis and Racket club was particularly well contested.

The Whitney-Bartlett match closed the day's play and proved the feature. Bartlett won the first set, 15 to 9, but Whitney braced in the second and won after duce had been called. He took the third without difficulty, but Bartlett rallied in the last set, and the game reached 12 all, after which Whitney took the next three and the match.

Another well fought match was that between Percy D. Haughton, a local player, and G. C. Clarke of New York, which the former won by his excellent service.

Records Broken at Exeter.

EXETER, N. H., Feb. 23.—Three school records and one intercollegiate record were broken here at the tenth annual indoor games of the Phillips Exeter Athletic association. The intercollegiate record was lowered by D. K. Robbins in an exhibition in the forty-five yard high hurdles. Robbins made the distance in 6.25 seconds, one-fifth under the record. The school records were broken by R. W. Hitchcock, E. J. Hart and J. Breckman. Hitchcock reduced the record in the 600 yard run by four-fifths of a second to 1 minute 16 1/5 seconds.

National Stakes at City Park.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—The National stakes, at half a mile and won by \$1,380 to the winner, was the feature of the City park card. Karama and Lens were equal favorites at 11 to 5 in the betting, while as good as 7 to 1 was laid against Blue Dale. Karama had all the early speed, but tired in the last furlong and fouled Lens. Blue Dale won out in a drive by a length from Karama, which was disqualified. Lens was placed second and Bossier third. Alma Dufour, Garnish and Margaret M. were the other beaten favorites.

Lawson's Dogs Prize Winners.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The hunting and toy dogs had their day at the bench show of the New England Kennel club, although the bulldogs and collies were also in evidence in the prize ring. Nearly 100 separate awards were made during the day, including a great number of special cups. Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamworld kennels were much in evidence as ribbon takers, especially in the bulldog and English toy spaniel breeds. In the bulldogs Mrs. R. Lobban of Newark, N. J., took the winner's prize for dogs.

Borghesi Captures Ascot Cup.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 23.—Borghesi, carrying 118 pounds, won the Ascot cup race, covering the two miles in 2:27 1/2. This is five and a quarter seconds faster than the previous record for Ascot and within one and a fifth seconds of the world's record for the distance, which is held by Judge DeWing, made at Oakland in 1898. The mile handicap went to Chimney Sweep.

Los Angeles Won.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 23.—Radtke continued to monopolize the winning mounts at Oakland, taking four races, making a total of eighteen winners out of twenty-nine mounts. The feature of the six selling events of the card was the defeat of Legatee. The odds on favorite in the fourth race. Los Angeles won by five lengths in a common gallop.

Lawns Tennis at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The championship doubles of the national indoor lawn tennis tournament on the courts of the Seventh Regiment armory is providing the best kind of sport. Haslett and Alexander, formerly of Yale and Princeton respectively, won a place in the final round of this event by capturing the first of the semifinal matches.

Good Luck Landed the Derby.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—A big crowd went to Oakland to see the running of the rich California Derby, which was won by Good Luck. The winner, which is held by Judge DeWing, made at Oakland in 1898. The mile handicap went to Chimney Sweep.

Queen Margherita's Visit to America.

ROME, Feb. 23.—The Dowager Queen Margherita has ordered her attendants to hasten the preparations for her journey to America, wishing to leave Italy at the end of April. Her majesty expects to stop a week in New York before beginning her automobile journey.

Was a Philadelphia Glassmaker.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—An investigation by the police has disclosed the fact that the man who committed suicide at the Colorado hotel here by shooting was Charles W. Heers, Jr., of Philadelphia, an expert maker of glass.

Explosion at Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 23.—An explosion in the foundry of the Klauwer-Weldon Dyeing Machine company here seriously injured several men, and James Spore, a foreman, is expected to die.

Cooper's Death Sentence Revoked.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 23.—After a long session of the board of pardons considering the Cooper case Governor Broward revoked the death warrant on the condemned man.

WAR ON GAMBLERS

Governor McLane Asks Supreme Court For Ruling.

TO FIGHT POOL SELLING AT SALEM

Committee, Headed by Senator Chandler, Brought on Action of New Hampshire's Executive in Big Agitation at Concord.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 23.—The agitation against holding the proposed running races at Salem and the accompanying pool selling which has been started by the New Hampshire Sunday School association was crystallized here when Governor John McLane and his council asked the supreme court of the state to render an opinion as to the right of the owners of the track to permit or countenance pool selling, bookmaking and betting on races.

The communication to the supreme court expresses the opinion that unless such proceedings are already prohibited by law it may be necessary to call a special session of the legislature to act.

The races which the New England Breeders' club plans to conduct at Salem will be under the jurisdiction of the Jockey club. The Breeders' club was granted a special charter by the legislature in 1905 and is given exclusive police jurisdiction on its own grounds. Under such conditions, it is charged, it would be impossible for the state officials to prevent gambling at the track.

A committee of twelve, including former United States Senator William E. Chandler, President Tucker of Dartmouth college and Rev. Thomas Chalmers of Manchester, was appointed by the Sunday School association to bring the matter to the attention of Governor McLane.

It is estimated that \$500,000 has been expended in building the track and beautifying the race grounds. Andrew Miller of New York is president of the club and O. H. P. Belmont and Harry Payne Whitney, also of New York, are members of the board of stewards.

One Hand on Flag, One in Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Severe criticism was indulged in in the house regarding the effect of the retirement system of the war department. Mr. Prince (Ill.) opened the question and was asked many questions, bringing out the fact that in three years sixty-two brigadier generals had been made who held that rank for a day and then retired. "These officers have one hand on the flag and the other in the treasury, getting money they have not earned," declared Mr. Prince. When asked who was responsible he said the president was the only one having authority to make promotions and the senate confirmed his actions.

Longworths in Cuba.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth are at Mariano, the Cuban home of Edwin V. Morgan, the new United States minister to the island republic, who accompanied the couple from Tampa, Fla. They were taken out to Mr. Morgan's big touring car and will reside there as his guests during their stay on the island. Frank Steinhardt, the American consul general here, Jacob Sleeper, secretary of legislation, and committee members from the American club and the Cuban house of representatives gave the Longworths a formal welcome to Cuba, greeting Mrs. Longworth as "the daughter of Cuba's friend."

Fatal Wreck on Panhandle.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23.—Engineer Edward McKenna was killed, Fireman R. W. Young fatally hurt and eight other trainmen were injured, three seriously, at Carnegie, Pa., near here, when a through freight train, west-bound on the Panhandle division of the Pennsylvania company lines, met in collision with a yard engine and caboose. Eight freight cars were demolished, and both locomotives were badly damaged.

Woman Missionary Dead in Japan.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 23.—Miss Lizzie E. Wimbush, a native of Montgomery and one of the best known southern female missionaries of the Presbyterian church in the orient, is dead in Kobe, Japan. Miss Wimbush was fifty-one years of age and had been engaged in foreign mission-work since 1887.

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12 1/2c......11
10c......09
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11c......20 in.....10
10c......19 in.....09
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8c......17 in.....07
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