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INSURANCE MESSAGE

President Roosevelt Urges Strict Laws Against Graft.

CHICAGO CONVENTION DRAFTED BILL

"We Are Not to Be Pardoned if We Fail to Take Every Step in Our Power to Prevent Such Scandals in Future."

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Roosevelt has transmitted to congress an important message relating to insurance legislation.

The president urges the enactment of the proposed measure, as, he says, "we are not to be pardoned if we fail to take every step in our power to prevent the possibility of the repetition of such scandals as those that have occurred in connection with the insurance business as disclosed by the Armstrong committee."

The text of the president's message follows:

"I herewith transmit the report and recommendations of the Chicago insurance convention. The convention was called because of the extraordinary disclosures of wrongful insurance methods recently made by the Armstrong legislative committee of the state of New York, the suggestion that it should be called coming to me originally from Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota through Commissioner of Insurance Thomas O'Brien of that state."

"The convention consisted of about a hundred governors, attorneys general and commissioners of insurance of the states and territories of the Union. The convention was seeking to accomplish uniformity of insurance legislation throughout the states and territories and as a prime step toward this purpose decided to endeavor to secure the enactment by the congress of the United States of a proper insurance code for the District of Columbia, which might serve as a model for the several states."

"Before adjourning the convention appointed a committee of three attorneys general and twelve commissioners of insurance of the various states to prepare and have presented to the congress a bill which should embody the features suggested by the convention. The committee recently met in Chicago and in thorough and painstaking fashion sought to prepare a bill which should be at once protective of policy holders and fair and just to insurance companies and which should prevent the graver evils and abuses of the business and at the same time forestall any wild or drastic legislation which would be more harmful than beneficial."

"I very earnestly hope that the congress at the earliest opportunity will enact this bill into law, with such changes as its wisdom indicates. I have no expert familiarity with the business, but I have entire faith in the right judgment and single minded purpose of the insurance convention which met at Chicago and of the committee of that convention which formulated the measures herein advocated."

Striking Miners' Wives Create Riot.

LENS, France, April 18.—There was a renewal of the disturbances consequent on the strike of miners in the Pas-de-Calais district. The wife of a miner who had refused to strike was attacked in her home by 150 women, the wives of strikers, her clothing torn off her and her furniture wrecked.

Northy Murder Trial.

AUGUSTA, Me., April 18.—Professor O. B. Knight, who has been engaged for a number of years in chemical and microscopical work at the University of Maine, testified at the Northy murder trial that he had made a minute examination of some of the hairs that were taken from Northy's skull.

Olympic Team at Brindisi.

BRINDISI, April 18.—The American athletes who are to compete in the Olympic games at Athens have arrived here. James S. Mitchell, the weight thrower of the New York Athletic club, whose left shoulder was dislocated by a sea which boarded the steamer Barbosca on the voyage across the Atlantic, is still lame.

Explosion on Warship at Malta.

MALTA, April 18.—Three members of the crew of the British battleship Prince of Wales were killed and four were injured by a boiler explosion while the vessel was undergoing her speed trials. The connecting rod bolts on the high pressure engine and the top cylinder cover were fractured.

Issued a False Report.

PERKINS, April 18.—The governor of the province of Kiangsi was dismissed for issuing false reports of the murder of French Catholic missionaries at Nanchang. The Tonal Bang, who investigated the massacre, reports that the missionaries at Nanchang committed suicide.

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO IS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

Terrific Earthquake on the Pacific Coast This Morning Wrecks Business Section of the Western Metropolis and Fire Which Follows is Likely to Consume Entire City.

1100 PERSONS ARE REPORTED KILLED

Telegraphic Dispatches Indicate that the "City of the Golden Gate" Has Suffered the Worst Catastrophe Ever Known in This Country.

According to advices received by wire at the Waverly stock exchange this forenoon the city of San Francisco has been visited by one of the worst earthquakes that has ever been known to occur in this part of the world, and the city is threatened with complete destruction by fire which almost immediately followed the first shock.

The shock came at 5:15 o'clock, while the majority of the residents were still sleeping. Business blocks and dwellings were shaken from their foundations and collapsed and fires immediately broke out in various parts of the city.

RUSSIA IN FUNDS.

Loan of \$450,000,000 at Business Rates Supplies Her For Present. ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—The successful negotiation of a foreign loan of \$450,000,000, ruinous as are the rates which Russia is obliged to pay for the money, extricates the government from much of its embarrassment and enables it to clear the decks of the accumulation of debts and furnish the cash necessary to keep the treasury above water at least for two years irrespective of the attitude of the national parliament.

Premier Witte has definitely got the upper hand of Minister of the Interior Turonov. The downfall of the latter is a matter of only days or weeks at the most, as Emperor Nicholas has promised to dismiss him before the national parliament meets.

The government's intentions are to allow the national parliament to sit two months before the summer vacation and reconvene it at the end of September. The opposition, and especially the revolutionists, are correspondingly crestfallen over the decision of foreign bankers to come to the government's rescue in the present crisis. They believe that it is apt to prove a severe blow to the entire liberal movement.

Experience has taught them that the government never is conciliatory except when it is driven into a corner. With the necessity of consulting the parliament in order to secure money removed, the government will be in a position to continue in the path of reaction if it so chooses.

Matineers Killed at Tiflis.

TIFLIS, Russia, April 18.—After a meeting of soldiers here to present certain grievances of which they complained 100 of the men were arrested. Fighting occurred between different companies of the Mlugrelaki regiment arising out of a demand for the liberation of the arrested soldiers. The commander of the regiment later reported that there had been bloodshed owing to the malcontents trying to force a loyal company to join with them in the demand for the release of the prisoners. This company barricaded itself in its barracks, from whence it fired a volley at the matineers, killing seven of them. After other troops had been summoned the matineers submitted to authority.

Madon Man Browning Near Tampa.

TAMPA, Fla., April 18.—George Garvey, member of the Tampa Electric company and recently from Sayre, was drowned in Hillsborough bay, near Tampa, while out with a pleasure party.

The entire fire department was summoned but was unable to battle with the flames which raged fiercely in over a dozen places in various parts of the city. Dynamiting buildings in the path of the flames was resorted to, but this method was also ineffectual.

Further advices received at a late hour this afternoon say that the city is likely to be almost totally destroyed. The business and banking district of the city is a seething mass of flames and the city buildings are doomed. The firemen are utterly helpless. The city water mains have been damaged so badly that they are inoperative and the firemen have absolutely nothing left with which to give battle to the flames.

Outside aid is being quickly despatched to the burning city, but the indications are that the fire will burn until there is nothing left to consume.

OPERATORS ANSWER

Mitchell Told They Have Nothing More to Offer.

"YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDUP"

"There Was No Reason For Ordering Miners to Stop Work Pending Negotiations Which Had Been Delayed by You."

NEW YORK, April 18.—A subcommittee of presidents of the anthracite coal carrying railroads and mine operators held a meeting in this city and drew up a letter to President John Mitchell of the Mine Workers of America, in which the operators again declare that there is nothing to arbitrate except the question whether there shall be any arbitration.

This reply is made in response to President Mitchell's recent amended proposition of arbitration. The operators do not, however, refuse point blank to accept Mr. Mitchell's latest plan. They assert that all the differences between the miners and their employers have been decided by the strike commission and that there is no reason why another attempt should be made to arbitrate them.

After describing the previous steps of the two sides and commenting upon the plans suggested by the miners the operators aver that the miners have rejected all the propositions and that they have nothing further to offer.

"The fundamental principles regarding the conduct of this business have all been established by the strike commission," the operators declare. "No reason is suggested why they should be retried. As to the only matters regarding which you have made the least suggestion that conditions have changed, we have suggested that the existence and effect of such change be considered by the strike commission and that its award be in force for three years, so that political considerations may have as little influence as possible upon these business questions."

"You are responsible for the suspension of work. There was no good reason for ordering the men to stop work pending our negotiations, which had been delayed by you, especially in view of the fact that they were willing to continue to pay the wages fixed by the strike commission."

"We have no other suggestions to make than those contained in our former propositions, and we regret that you have declined both of them. We have nothing further to offer."

The shock of the earthquake destroyed many dwellings and business places, and hundreds of people, who were in bed, were caught beneath the debris. Some were killed outright, while others were so badly injured that they died in a few minutes.

Three miles of railroad track in the center of the city sank completely out of sight, and hardly a building in the business portion of the city escaped damage. The city at this writing (3:00 p. m.) is entirely cut off from outside communication, and the exact condition of affairs will not be definitely known until it is re-established.

Many of the residents are fleeing to places of safety. The gas plants, the water plants, and nearly all the public utilities have been destroyed by the shock of the earthquake or the flames.

regions is perplexing, and it is difficult to forecast what effect the reply of the operators to the miners' latest proposition will have upon the latter. The miners almost to a man have signified their intention of standing by President Mitchell, but at the same time the operators have been quietly preparing for the operation of their mines. That the mine owners contemplate an extended strike is evident.

The operators assert that the miners' offer to waive formal recognition of the miners' union is not material and declare that the miners' programme would increase the cost of domestic sizes of coal \$1.20 per ton.

Trouble With Zulus Expected. DURBAN, Natal, April 18.—The expedition which was sent in pursuit of Bambasani, the Zulu chief who is in rebellion against the Natal government, is proving to be a more serious undertaking than was at first anticipated. Two Zulu chiefs, Sigauandi and Ndubi, have refused to co-operate in the pursuit of Bambasani, and it is rumored at Esobwa, a town in Zululand, that the whole tribe of which Sigauandi is the chief has joined Bambasani. The military authorities at Esobwa have requested the colonial government to dispatch troops to Zululand, and a large picked force will be sent there.

Convention Adopted 1902 Scale. PITTSBURGH, Kan., April 18.—The eighth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America of the Kansas district, which has been in session here for several days, has finished its business and adjourned sine die. The convention adopted the 1902 scale, with 3 cents additional on tonnage in Cherokee and Crawford counties and a proportionate advance in Osage and Pleasonton.

Two More Deaths on Kenearrage. WASHINGTON, April 18.—Two more deaths were reported to the navy department as the result of the explosion on the battleship Kenearrage. Frederick Thomas Fisher, chief gunner's mate, died last Sunday night and James S. McArdle, electrician, first class, on Monday. Frederick T. Fisher was a resident of San Francisco, and James S. McArdle was a resident of New York.

Southern Women Thank Roosevelt. WASHINGTON, April 18.—A series of resolutions recently adopted by the J. M. Kelly chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Little Rock, Ark., thanking the president for his recommendations as to the care of the graves of the Confederate dead in the north was presented to the president by Senator Berry of Arkansas.

Mrs. Briggs Dead, Aged 100 Years. BALLSTON, N. Y., April 18.—Mrs. Jane Briggs is dead here at the age of 100 years. Her parents were among the first settlers in Saratoga county.

Mrs. Sarah Hopper Chason Dead. LONDON, April 18.—Mrs. Nora Hopper Chason, poet and novelist, is dead here, aged thirty-five years.

Weather Probabilities. Fair, south winds.

ZION WAR RENEWED

Elijah III. Declines to Turn Over \$21,000,000 Estate.

DOWIE WOULD CAST OUT HIS ENEMY

Legal Fight on to Declare General Overseer's Acts For Dethronement of the Aged "Prophet" Null and Void.

CHICAGO, April 18.—All negotiations looking to a peaceful settlement of the question as to who shall control Zion City and its vast resources are broken off.

John Alexander Dowie, through his attorneys, Emil C. Wetten and P. C. Haley, threw down the gauntlet to General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva and his followers when a proposition advanced by Voliva to the effect that the \$21,000,000 estate be turned over to a board of control was rejected by Dowie.

According to the provisions of this proposition, the board was to consist of nine members, four of them to be selected by Dowie and a like number by Voliva. The sixth man was to be selected by the board as created. It was stipulated that both Dowie and Voliva be active members of this board and that the action of the members thereof be final in determining whether or not the deposed "first apostle" or Voliva be the recognized head of the Christian Catholic church.

Dowie rejected the proposal on the grounds that not only would he not acquiesce in the appointment of Voliva on the board, but that he no longer recognized the new leader as a member of the church. In speaking of the ultimatum Attorney P. C. Haley, representing Dowie, said:

"As soon as we can obtain the necessary information we shall file a bill of chancery. This instrument will be a petition that the transfer of the property of Zion City, executed by General Overseer Voliva, giving to Deacon Alexander Granger full title thereof, be declared void."

According to the statements of his attorneys and of his followers who are with him, Dr. Dowie will go to Zion City some time this week. It is declared that when Dowie enters the city which he founded he will do so as the head of the church.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Games Played Yesterday by the National and American Leagues.

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King of Spain's Warnings. COWES, Isle of Wight, April 18.—King Alfonso of Spain is here with Princess Ena of Battenberg and her mother. The young couple were warmly greeted by the people on all sides.

White's Farewell to Chicago. CHICAGO, April 18.—A dinner at which over 200 writers and newspaper workers were present was given Trumbull White last night at the Auditorium hotel as a farewell before his departure for New York to take the editorship of Appleton's Booklovers' Magazine. Emerson Hugh presided, and Rex E. Beach was toastmaster.

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