

# A POOL FOR LEGISLATION

Life Insurance Companies Have Men at State Capitals.

DIRECTORS ARE ONLY DUMMIES

Mr. Schiff Declares They Have No Power and Are Negligible Quantities.

Alfred W. Maine, an associate auditor of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, before the legislative committee investigating life insurance, disclosed that the Equitable Life, the Mutual Life and the New York Life companies had formed a pool to look after legislation by the various State Legislatures.

Andrew Hamilton, former President of the Equitable Life, paid several checks, the purpose of which the counsel for the committee, Mr. Hughes, has not yet brought to light, was one of the chief members of the legal staff for these companies and was employed and received money for services from the Equitable.

Mr. Maine told of the division of the country to be looked after by Mr. Hamilton, in conjunction with E. L. Short and W. P. Thummel. Witnesses presented vouchers for moneys paid by his company to Mr. Hamilton and these showed that in eight years, from 1935 to 1943, the sum of \$65,599 was paid to Mr. Hamilton for legal services.

Jacob H. Schiff, senior member of the firm of Kahn, Loeb & Co., was another witness. Mr. Schiff was a former director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, but resigned when the directors of the society failed to adopt the Frick report. Schiff said that he had been a director of the Equitable since late in 1933.

Mr. Schiff took occasion to make the startling statement that in the general run of corporations or companies the directors were nothing more than dummies.

"Under the existing order of things," he said, "directors have no power, and in many instances are a negligible quantity. The executive officers are in full control, and they only come to the directors for advice. If the executive officers wish to conceal irregularities they can do so without the knowledge of the directors, who are powerless."

## FIVE MURDERED

Heads of the Victims Crushed and Their Throats Slashed.

Mrs. A. J. Condit and her four children, a daughter of 13 and three boys ranging in age from 6 to 19 years, were murdered in cold blood at their home near Edna, Texas.

The mother and daughter were assaulted and their bodies were brutally disfigured. A baby about 2 years old was the only one left alive. All of them seemed to have been murdered with some blunt instrument. Their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor.

The husband was working in the rice fields. A negro boy was plowing near the house and heard the children screaming. He saw a man rush after the woman, who was running around the house. Being afraid to go to the house, he ran to a neighbor's and told what he had seen.

An investigation revealed the tragedy. There is no trace to the assassin, although a posse with bloodhounds started in pursuit.

## WHY JAPAN YIELDED

Financial Disaster Threatened Owing to Poor Crops This Year.

Notwithstanding silence of the Government the real fact is disclosed that Japan made peace at Portsmouth in fear of a financial breakdown. The war proved more costly than had been calculated, and the rice and cereal crops seemed doomed to failure.

While some improvement may still be in store, it is certain that the rice crop promises to be from 15 to 20 per cent below the average and far below last year's crop.

Six months more of war would have meant very hard times, for the masses of the people are very poor and rice is their bread and meat.

## ORDER RESTORED AT BAKU

With Guarantee of Reforms and Protection to Property.

With the formal ratification of peace between the Tartars and Armenians here traffic and the ordinary course of life is being resumed.

Investigation of the damage done during the riots established the fact that two-fifths of the property in the oil field has not been destroyed.

The oil men decline to resume pumping from the remaining wells or engage in the work of reconstruction until the conclusion of the paptha conference at St. Petersburg. In anticipation, however, that the government will grant reforms guaranteeing the safety of life and property in the future, the oil men are placing large orders for machinery and material to be used in the reconstruction.

## BANK IS ROBBED

Burglars Carry Off Large Sum of Money.

Burglars entered the private bank of C. B. Burnett & Sons at Eldora, Ill., wrecked the vault and carried off between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in currency and gold.

Many shots were exchanged between the burglars and citizens but owing to the darkness none of the shots took effect. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the burglars.

## DUNN'S WEEKLY SUMMARY

September Makes Remarkable Record in Structural and Railway Supplies.

Lower temperature stimulates retail trade and fall openings are largely attended, but the weather is not cold enough to menace late crops that are maturing satisfactorily. Certainty of a successful season on the farms contributes more than any other single factor to the confidence that is felt in all sections of the country. Comparatively little new grain has been marketed thus far, which is largely due to the planting of winter wheat and other preparations for next year that are unusually extensive. Manufacturing activity is fully maintained, the leading industries having contracts assuring little or no strike during the balance of the year, and it is probable that more business will be carried over into 1946 than at the opening of any previous year.

The growing disposition to place orders for distant delivery testify to the well nigh universal faith that no setback will be experienced. Railway traffic reports suggest that more rolling stock and motive power could be used if obtainable, as is customary at this season, and gross earnings thus far reported for September surpass last year's by 1.1 per cent, which in turn were 6.3 per cent greater than those of 1945.

September has made a remarkable record in the iron and steel inquiry. In favored departments, notably structural and railway supplies, business was beyond the capacity of the mills. Quiet conditions are customary at this season of the year in the primary markets for textile fabrics, but the fall is much less marked than usual. Mills and factories have orders on hand assuring activity for some time to come, and there is no anxiety regarding the future. Heavy receipts of cattle at Chicago and other Western markets do not weaken the tone of hides, packers maintaining full quotations because of the tight holdings by tanners. Foreign dry hides are also firm, offerings being limited.

## RESTRICT NEGRO SUFFRAGE

Democratic Convention Declares Against the Colored Man.

At the Democratic State convention of Maryland in Baltimore, Comptroller of the State Gordon T. Atkinson was renominated and a platform adopted advocating the proposed constitutional amendment to restrict negro suffrage which will be voted upon at the November election. The platform declares as follows:

By common consent the only issue in this campaign is whether negro suffrage, now upon us against our will by force, shall be restricted and its power for evil destroyed. This Democratic convention, representing two-thirds of the white people of the State reaffirms the declaration of our party in our platforms of 1899 and 1904 upon this subject and now proclaims anew our resolute purpose to maintain the supremacy of our race and its control by all lawful and constitutional means of the administration of the political affairs of the State.

Believing that the proposed constitutional amendment will operate as an effective remedy for the evils of our situation, without prejudice or injury to any race or class; regarding it, moreover, as a complete response to the clearly expressed mandate of the people, we unreservedly commend and approve it. We make it the single issue of this campaign. We declare it to be our battle cry. The negro vote as it stands today is a perpetual menace to the prosperity and peace of Maryland, a menace to our very civilization, for it is ignorant, corrupt, the blind instrument of unscrupulous and selfish leaders.

Against Picture Post Cards.

Acting Postmaster General Hitchcock in a circular mailed to all postmasters has renewed the campaign started recently against objectionable picture post cards and has constituted every postmaster a judge of the card mailed. If there is doubt as to the indecency of the card Mr. Hitchcock is to act as the highest court.

## CHILDREN BURN

Five Little Ones Cremated While Parent Was Visiting.

Five children were cremated in a fire which destroyed the home of Edward Adamson, a railway switchman, at Fort Dodge, Ia., while they were asleep. A gasoline explosion caused the fire.

The father had gone to work and the mother was visiting a neighbor. Neighbors discovered the fire, but could do nothing. It was with great difficulty that the mother was restrained from throwing herself into the flames.

Punishment Too Light.

At Magnolia, Miss., Bessie Perkins a white woman, was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary for marrying and living with a negro, Robert Brown. Judge Wilkinson in passing sentence, regretted he could make the punishment no heavier. The woman declared she did not know Brown was a negro.

Five Italians were killed by a dynamite explosion near Cumberland, Md.

## Run Closes Bank.

Following the closing of the bank at Smithville, O., there was a run on the First National at Orrville, which resulted in its doors being closed.

L. J. Alcorn, cashier of the local bank, was a director in the Smithville bank, and this fact caused the run. Alcorn says the bank will pay dollar for dollar.

Wheeler H. Peckham, former district attorney of New York and Boss Tweed's prosecutor is dead.

# ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY

Object is Maintenance of Peace in the Orient.

WILL AID EACH OTHER IN WAR

Japan's Rights in Korea and England's Rights in India Are Recognized.

The text of the Anglo-Japanese treaty signed August 12 has been issued from the foreign British office, together with a dispatch to the British ambassador at St. Petersburg, forwarding a copy of the agreement with instructions to communicate it to the Russian government. The treaty contains eight clauses and a long preamble. The latter states the object of the treaty is the maintenance of general peace in Asia and India and the preservation of the interests of all the powers in China by insuring the integrity of China.

The main features of the new agreement have already been forecasted. The treaty articles of the official text, however, bring out forcefully the tremendous importance to both countries of this alliance which practically makes Great Britain and Japan one for the purposes of defense "in the regions of East Asia and India."

Article III. of the treaty says: "Japan possessing paramount political, military and economic rights in Korea, Great Britain recognizes Japan's right to take such measures for the guidance, control and protection of those interests, providing the measures are not contrary to the principle of equal opportunity for all concerned."

Article IV. says: "Japan recognizes the rights of Great Britain to take such measures in proximity to her Indian frontier as are necessary to safeguard her Indian possessions."

Article VI. states: "As regards the present war between Japan and Russia Great Britain will continue to maintain strict neutrality unless another power or powers join in hostilities against Japan, in which case Great Britain will come to the assistance of Japan, will conduct war in common and will make peace in mutual agreement with Japan."

## JOHN W. HILL INDICTED

Philadelphia Grand Jury Finds 133 Counts Against Him.

The Grand Jury at Philadelphia found a true bill of indictment against John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau of the city, presented by Assistant Attorney Robert S. The general charge against him is practically the same as in the indictment previously found against Mr. Hill, namely, falsifying and concealing in making false entries and material omissions in papers and documents of the city while an officer thereof.

This is a second indictment in connection with the charges against Mr. Hill in the conduct of his office as head of the filtration bureau.

The indictment was the most comprehensive ever returned by a Philadelphia county Grand Jury. It contains 133 counts, which among other things charge falsification of records, favoring the Durham-McNichol firm and causing a loss to the city of more than \$2,000,000.

## STREET RAILWAY CONTROL

Important Link in the System from Pittsburgh to Wheeling.

The syndicate which has been at work for several months securing control of street railways at East Liverpool and Wellsville, O., has succeeded in getting ordinances through the councils of both places. All is now in readiness for rebuilding the old East Liverpool-Wellsville line, making it an up-to-date, double track interurban railway which, with extensions to be built, will make it one of the most important links in a trolley chain from Pittsburgh to Wheeling.

The Hon. W. Cary Ely of Buffalo, president of the American Street Railway association, is looking after the financing of the enterprise, and Van Horn Ely, also of Buffalo, is president of the new company, which will absorb the East Liverpool Railway Company, its branches the East Liverpool & Rock Springs line to Chester, W. Va., and the pleasure resort known as Rock Springs park. Work on the promised improvements will begin at once.

## POWERS WILL ACT

Decision to Take Control of Macedonia's Finances Unalterable.

A collective note from the six powers has been handed to the Porte, declaring that their decision to assume international control of the finances of Macedonia, is unalterable.

There is increasing friction between the British embassy and the Porte, in consequence of the delay in the payments of an indemnity to the owners of British shows, attacked by Arab pirates in the Red sea. The embassies last night pointed out that unless the matter was soon satisfactorily settled the incident would resume a graver aspect.

## RECORD FLOUR ORDER

It is for 180,000 Barrels to Be Shipped Immediately to Vladivostok.

An order for 180,000 barrels of flour to be delivered immediately has been placed with a Seattle flour mill by Vladivostok flour merchants. This is the largest single order ever placed on the Pacific coast.

New orders for Hongkong and Shanghai delivery are being received and all orders placed before the boycott was proclaimed have been confirmed.

## Gen. Gomez has withdrawn from race for Governorship of Cuba.

## FATAL BATTLE.

Mexican Desperado Killed by Texas Rangers.

A battle between Mexican desperados and Texas Rangers resulted in the killing of one of the bad men and the wounding of two. The fight was on La Portia creek, near Minerva, a small border town in Wilson county, Texas.

The Rangers were led by Captain Ben Tumlinson. After two days' riding on the trail of Garcia and Enrique Martinez brothers, and two of their associates, they came upon them in an adobe house.

A horse was shot under Captain Tumlinson, and one of his men was wounded in the first volley. The Rangers gradually worked closer to the building, and when near to it, the desperados made a dash for a thicket. Garcia Martinez was shot dead. Two others fell, wounded, but succeeded in getting into the underbrush.

Martinez who was killed, is known to have committed four murders in Texas and several in Mexico, where a large reward is offered for him, dead or alive. His 194 victim was Captain Goff, a Ranger, whom he killed in Minerva last week.

## WILL OPEN MUCH COAL.

The Pennsylvania Will Extend Its Monongahela Division.

Work has been started by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on an extension of its Monongahela division, which will develop a rich coal region heretofore destitute of transportation facilities except where Monongahela river frontage could be had.

This extension will take the division from its present terminus at West Brownsville to a point near Rice Landing, and the 12 miles of this line have been placed under contract. The work is to be completed in time for the opening of the line next spring. Then there will be continued a development which will give the Pennsylvania a loop through that corner of Washington county back to its Ellsworth branch.

The loop will start at Millshoro and run via Clarksville three miles to Zollersville, four miles, and to Bentleyville, seven miles, tapping the Ellsworth branch.

## TYPHOON AT MANILA

Ten Natives Killed and Damage to Extent of \$500,000 Done.

A typhoon swept over the city of Manila September 26. The storm lasted three hours and the wind attained a velocity of 195 miles an hour.

The property damage is estimated at \$500,000. Ten natives were killed and 1,000 rendered homeless. The botanical gardens and the telephone system were wrecked. Slight damage was done to the United States quartermasters' storehouses and the city was thrown into darkness.

## CANAL WORK ADVANCING

Chief Engineer Stevens is Getting Good Results.

The work of John F. Stevens, the chief engineer of the Panama canal and general manager of the Panama railroad, is beginning to show results. The new 1,900 foot dock at La Boca is about finished, the dock at Cristobal will be completed by the middle of October, and the work on the railroad to be connected with the canal zone is advancing satisfactorily.

Over 2,000 new laborers from Barbadoes and Colombia have been employed since September 1.

## CROPS WILL BE BIG

Secretary Wilson Brings Good News From the West.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture returned to Washington from a visit to the Middle West. He says the glowing reports of enormous crops have not been exaggerated. In the Dakotas the small grain has surpassed in yield and quality the crops of the last six or seven years, and in these States, and Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois the corn crop is the best ever known. He says the entire crop is beyond the danger of frosts.

Indiana Richards set October 9 for the hearing. A restraining order was issued to temporarily prevent the three defendants from "selling, contracting to sell, transferring or parting with" any property of the Kanawha syndicate.

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## INSURANCE AGENTS INDICTED

Complaints of Violations of the Anti-Trust Laws of Ohio.

The Grand Jury of Ashland county, O., returned indictments against 28 fire insurance agents of the county and representing some 63 different fire insurance companies, and against Albert Ross, of Columbus, of the inspection bureau maintained by the companies.

The agents are charged in the indictments with violating the anti-trust laws of Ohio. It is alleged that they have formed an organization for the maintenance of rates and that all competition in the business is destroyed by their agreements.

## Yellow Fever Record.

The official report of the Yellow Fever cases in New Orleans up to 6 o'clock p.m. Sept. 29 is summarized as follows:

New cases, 28.  
Total to date, 2,962.  
Deaths, 2.  
Total deaths to date, 398.

## Colon Escapes Serious Fire.

By sheer good luck the city of Colon was saved from complete destruction by fire. The fire broke out in a building next to the residence of the Spanish consul and soon destroyed the Phoenix hotel and two other hotels, several liquor saloons and several tenement buildings. The postoffice and treasury building were also burned.

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# PRIVATE CAR TELESCOPED

New York Limited Ran into Local Near Philadelphia.

WERE TESTING A NEW CAR

Crossover Was Not Closed Before Fast Train Came Along—Engine Plowed Through Car.

A rear-end collision between the eastbound New York limited express from St. Louis and a local passenger train, which was standing at the Paoli station, 15 miles west of Philadelphia, resulted in the death of five men and the injuring of more than 20 others.

The dead: Frank A. Brastow, of Haverford; George M. Pennypacker, foreman of car inspectors in the West Philadelphia yards; S. S. Walton, Altoona, Pa.; Richard Y. Garland, Narberth, a suburb of Philadelphia; Carl Dunbar, Philadelphia.

Paoli is the terminus of the Pennsylvania railroad's suburban traffic on the main line, and a large yard is located there for the storage of cars and engines. The local was made up on the north side and switched across to the eastbound track, No. 1, on the south side, and came to a stop at the station. Before the switches could be set the New York limited came along at moderate speed on the No. 2 eastbound track, took the crossover switch and crashed into the local.

The force of the collision was so great that the engine of the limited ploughed 10 feet into the private car, and the latter was forced half way through the day coach ahead.

All those who met death were in the private car of General Manager Atterbury, which was attached to the rear of the local train. Mr. Atterbury is on his vacation in Maine. He expected to return about October 1, and his car had been prepared for sending to Maine to bring him home. It was sent out in the forenoon for a test run, and was attached to a late afternoon local train from Paoli for this city. In the car at the time of the collision were about a dozen men who had been engaged in overhauling the car. Those who were not killed were injured.

Another cyclone caused enormous damage in Calabria. A gradual clearance of the buildings ruined by the recent earthquakes shows that the number of persons that perished was greater than given in the first estimates. Large numbers of bodies are being discovered daily.

The work of constructing wooden catlins under government supervision is progressing rapidly. Two thousand more will be erected to shelter the homeless people who are sleeping in the railroad depots.

According to statistics, 20,000 cattle perished during the earthquakes.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw will leave the cabinet February 1, 1906. He makes the definite announcement in a letter to the Polk County, (Ga.) Republican club.

## APPLIED FOR RECEIVER

Little Kanawha Syndicate Deal Tied Up in Court.

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## YELLOW FEVER GERM FOUND

Important Discovery Made in New Orleans Hospital.

The yellow fever germ has been discovered. Careful tests made during a period of four weeks at the Emergency Hospital in New Orleans, by Dr. P. E. Archinard, Dr. J. Birney Guthrie and Professor J. C. Smith, a biologist of fame, have resulted in the discovery, identification and positive proof of the germ, whose conveyance by the stegomyia mosquito caused yellow fever in all whom it inoculated.

This is one of the most radically important discoveries in the field of medicine for 50 years, or since Pasteur made his famous experiments with cholera. Any physician, it is said, can identify the disease in its first stages before any ordinarily recognized symptoms have declared themselves.

After protracted sessions extending over some weeks, the Norwegian and Swedish delegates who met at Karlstad to settle the terms of separation of the two countries, arrived at an agreement on all points. The terms were not made public.

That Sweden never objected to an arbitration treaty, is shown by the riksdag's decision in which arbitration was first mentioned and which agreed perfectly with Sweden's expressed desire for peace.

A protocol is now being drawn up which will be presented to the representatives of both nations for their signatures. The protocol will be published simultaneously in Stockholm and Christiania.

It is announced that a merger of 75 breweries in Michigan is in