

APPEAL TO SOCIETY

Morton Would Prevent Adverse Legislation.

EQUITABLE IS ALL RIGHT

Policy-Holders Are Urged to See to It That No Unfair Laws Are Enacted in Their Various States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An appeal to the policy-holders in all the states of the Union to lend their assistance in preventing adverse legislation is made by President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in a circular letter which is being sent to policy-holders.

President Morton says that the insurance business is certain to be the subject of great consideration by Legislatures soon to convene as a result of what has been printed and said about insurance during the last six months.

"But you cannot give men character nor make them honest by preamble, resolution or enactment," says the letter.

"What the life insurance business needs above everything is honesty and good business administration. There can be no objection to proper legislation safeguarding the business, but it should be sound and sane. The society depends upon its policy-holders to see that there is no unreasonable legislation enacted."

It may from time to time call their attention to measures calculated to do them harm, but under no circumstances will it be party to any corrupt methods in preventing strikes legislation. We aim to meet the just requirements of every state and government and rely upon our policy-holders to see that no injustice is done them.

"Any unfair insurance law or unfair insurance law measure enacted by your state Legislature injures you and reduces the dividend earnings of your policy. Your friends would be nearly 10 per cent larger if it were not for the state taxes and license fees that the society is obliged to pay."

Mr. Morton expresses the opinion that the Equitable has no right to contribute to political campaign funds and inform the policy-holders that no such contributions will be made by the society in the future.

He says in the letter that the society will be invested in real estate mortgages or the securities of other well-established corporations serving those sections of the country which produce the premiums.

The president of the company assures the policy-holders that the financial condition of the society, as disclosed by a most careful examination by independent and disinterested accountants, is excellent, and that many economies already in practice and others yet to be made surely will enhance the dividends payable to policy-holders to continue the payment of the premiums and says the investigation of the society has convinced him that there is no cheaper way than this for him to have sound life insurance.

MAY DRIVE OUT OF FRANCE

American Insurance Companies Are Threatened by Retroactive Law.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Some large American insurance companies threaten to withdraw from France as a result of the sharp controversy over the new French insurance laws. The issue has now reached an acute stage, owing to the insurance department of the Ministry of Commerce having framed rules under which the insurance law becomes retroactive.

The law has not yet been officially promulgated, and the insurance companies are making a final effort to induce members of the cabinet not to permit their going into effect. The retroactive law is a serious detriment to American interests.

The law as originally passed required foreign insurance companies to purchase and deposit French securities here as a protection for French policy-holders. The American companies are willing to accept this as applying to further business, but not on policies already written. A committee representing the insurance companies, the United States Embassy and the insurance companies has gone over to the subject. At this conference it was decided to reject the American companies' contention.

The entire outstanding American business in France amounts to many millions of dollars, and many retroactive laws will compel the deposit by these companies of a large amount of French bonds with the government as a guarantee to French policy-holders. The American Embassy has submitted a written protest, asking the Council of State to suppress the objectionable retroactive clause before the regulations are promulgated.

FIRST GUN LETS WITTE OUT

Premier Has No Confidence in Policy of Minister Durnovo.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—(7:35 P. M.)—A report that Count Witte has resigned is in circulation, but it is false. It may, however, become true at any moment, and General Count Alexis Ignatieff is being held in reserve.

A close friend of the Premier tells the Associated Press that Count Witte had no faith in the policy of Minister of the Interior Durnovo, and only consented to it on condition that he should confine himself to legal means. The same informant says that an official communication declaring a resort to legal measures to be the policy of the government, will be issued tomorrow.

It is the opinion of many Liberals, as well as revolutionaries, that "with the discharge of cannon Count Witte will go." They say it matters little whether the Premier is or is not sympathetic with the policy of reaction, he cannot shirk responsibility for it. A prominent personage said to the Associated Press:

"The step taken toward reaction marks the beginning of the end, and the policy which has been inaugurated is bound to fail."

"The government's task will not merely be the arrest of a small group of leaders, but that of the whole population. The officers conferred on the provincial authorities by the imperial ukase is tantamount to a declaration of martial law throughout the country, and the irresponsible repression which the officers of the old regime will be sure to commit when it loses can only serve to fan the flames."

The Russ expects to come out tomorrow under his old franchise as the Melva, wearing "fame."

News from the interior tonight is very scarce. The revolt in the Baltic has prevailed southward to the Province of Kovno, on the border of Poland, which belonged to the old Kingdom of Lithuania. The rebellion in Kursk is beyond control, and the government has information that big uprisings are in course of preparation in the Ural regions.

An officer who has just returned from Manchuria told the Associated Press that a spirit of mutiny prevailed among a large portion of the army, and that the Russians from Japan had been saturated

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New Train to Los Angeles. CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Los Angeles Limited, a new train, was put into service tonight on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, leaving here at 10 o'clock. The route of the limited will be over the

Mexican Congress Adjourns. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—Congress has adjourned until next April, and a permanent Congress has been organized to sit during the recess.

Columbia Arrives at Colon. COLON, Dec. 17.—The United States cruiser Columbia arrived here today, with 22 marines and 30 officers, who will relieve the marines stationed at Bas Obispo.