



LOBBY MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

Hamilton Keeps Secrets of His Trade.

HIS OPINION OF LAWMAKERS

Strike Legislation Insurance Companies Oppose.

LIE PASSED BY WITNESS

Appleton Denies Morgan's Statement. Payn Thinks President Burnham Crooked, and Would Forbid Lobbying.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Andrew Hamilton,

the legislative agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, who, according to testimony, has been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company and has not accounted for \$225,000, has been heard from by the legislative committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

A statement by Mr. Hamilton was read for the record today. It was presented by Secretary John C. McCall, of the New York Life, who went to Paris to secure an accounting from him. In his statement, Mr. Hamilton says that he is unable to produce any books or accounts, because he undertook the legislative matters for the insurance company with the express understanding that he was to make no accounting. Absolute secrecy was necessary in retaining assistants. Therefore no checks were used in making payments.

Mr. Hamilton went into an explanation of the reasons for organizing this confidential service, as he characterized it, covering his methods of work and citing a number of legislative bills in which he had been interested. A list of expenses from 1899 to 1904 was appended to the statement. The sum of \$225,000 unaccounted for, he says, would be greatly reduced by his running account still unsettled and open, and as a matter of fact he has deposited \$100,000 with the company.

Secretary McCall was highly indignant at Mr. Hamilton's statement, and during the examination was told that Mr. Morgan, ex-president of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, had testified that Mr. Appleton said it would cost the Bankers' Life \$50,000 to re-incorporate. Mr. Appleton somewhat heatedly said: "If Mr. Morgan said that, he is a liar."

Louis F. Payn, ex-Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, was called to the stand late in the day. The affairs of the Mutual Reserve Life Company were taken up, and during this line of examination Mr. Payn stated that he had been opposed to Mr. Burnham as president of the Mutual Reserve, and said he had tried to get him out.

Mr. Hughes asked why he had tried to get him out, and Mr. Payn flatly said: "Because I thought him a crook."

Mr. Payn will resume his testimony tomorrow.

Appleton's Strong Language.

When Mr. McCall was excused, Henry D. Appleton, of the State Insurance Department, was called. He completed his testimony begun last Friday, and during the examination was told that Mr. Morgan, ex-president of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, had testified that Mr. Appleton said it would cost the Bankers' Life \$50,000 to re-incorporate. Mr. Appleton somewhat heatedly said: "If Mr. Morgan said that, he is a liar."

Too Ill to Cross Ocean.

Mr. McCall said he saw Mr. Hamilton in France and that Mr. Hamilton was seriously ill, though able to walk about. Mr. McCall also presented a physician's certificate, describing Mr. Hamilton's illness and stating that the patient could not undertake a voyage or leave France within two months. Mr. McCall said he asked Mr. Hamilton for his checkbooks, but Mr. Hamilton refused to give them up, saying that the stubs related to his own personal business. Mr. McCall did, however, get a statement from Mr. Hamilton regarding the expenditures of the funds entrusted to him by insurance companies. The statement was then produced and put in evidence.

What He Saved the Company.

Mr. Hamilton sets forth that the tax measures alone defeated by him have saved the New York Life Company over \$2,500,000. In concluding his statement, Mr. Hamilton says that the "instructions" of the president of the New York Life to him were always unmistakably explicit that his expenditures and my work were to be strictly confined within the limitations of the law of the land. These instructions have been faithfully followed to the letter. There has never been a disbursement made by me of the company's funds which trespassed upon the instructions given me by the president of this company, and I want it thoroughly understood that not one dollar of any money ever paid to me by the New York Life Insurance Company has been used improperly or for improper purposes, or in a way that transgressed either the statutory law or the moral law.

Took Hamilton's Word.

A statement of legal expenditures other than those to Mr. Hamilton were produced. (Continued on Page 4.)

LONGWORTH IS HAPPIEST OF MEN

Deluged With Congratulations on His Arrival at Cincinnati.

TELLS HIS WEDDING PLANS

No Bridesmaid for Miss Roosevelt. He Expresses Delight at Wedding-Gift Scheme, but Roosevelt Opposes It.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)

Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived at home this morning. He breakfasted with Captain J. Benson Foraker, son of the Senator, and several other friends at the Queen City Club. Within two hours after his arrival he was in his office in the First National Bank building, engaged in the business of his estate and other things which bring him home at this time.

As a matter of course, Mr. Longworth attracted a whole lot of attention as he strode along downtown streets, sandwiched in between his friends, and all of course, because this was his first visit here since his engagement to Miss Roosevelt was announced.

"Thanks, thanks," came the hearty response, accompanied by a handshake, as the congratulations were extended to him on all sides. "Everybody seems to know all about it. There doesn't seem to be anything for me to tell," continued the happy voice.

Arrangements for Wedding.

Mr. Longworth said the wedding will probably take place at noon in the East room of the White House, and that Bishop Satterlee, of the Episcopal Church, will be the officiating clergyman; that Miss Roosevelt will probably have no bridesmaid at all, and that he has not yet fully decided upon his best man nor upon all his ushers; that the wedding invitations will necessarily be limited; that he supposes, but does not know for sure, that the wedding dress is to be made in America, and that he does not think the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will do any special entertaining previous to the wedding, but that a large number of official dinners is on the list.

Will Go Abroad Next Summer.

"We will not make a long wedding journey at once," Mr. Longworth said, "but later in the summer we will go abroad. Unquestionably Cincinnati will be our home and Rockwood our place of residence."

Rockwood is the famous old Longworth home on Grandin road.

Mr. Longworth will probably remain in Cincinnati until after New Year's day. He is here on business, but must necessarily devote his time to his old friends, who are already filling every moment with telephone calls of congratulation and invitations to dine. Mrs. Longworth, his mother, and his sister, Mrs. Wallingford, are in Washington. Mrs. Wallingford is to remain perhaps a fortnight longer.

DISLIKES BAKER CITY IDEA

President Asks Friends Not to Subscribe to Dowry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—The following announcement was made at the White House today:

"Upon being shown a dispatch from Baker City to the effect that a subscription was about to be started for a wedding present for Miss Roosevelt, the President stated that, while he deeply appreciated the intention of good will, he most earnestly requested that none of his friends take part in any such movement and very particularly wished that it should not be done."

This statement ought to put at rest all talk of a popular subscription for a wedding present for Miss Roosevelt. As stated in these dispatches yesterday, the Baker City idea is decidedly distasteful to the President and his family and it is hoped nothing further will be heard of it.

DELIGHTED, SAYS LONGWORTH

Wedding Gift Would Be Appreciated by Bride.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Although President Roosevelt, according to dispatches from Washington, and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, mother of the bridegroom-elect, of the President's daughter, are opposed to the popular subscription wedding present for Alice Roosevelt planned by citizens of Eastern Oregon, Congressman Longworth himself has opposite views on the matter.

"I'm delighted," and "I'm" were his words he used in expressing his opinion on the subject as he stepped from the train from Washington in Cincinnati today. "You don't say so," he exclaimed in surprise, when told of the Oregon plan, and a fresh bunch of smiles completely buried those he wore when he first set foot in Cincinnati.

"I had heard of it," he continued. "Say, that will be fine and I know it will be greatly appreciated by Miss Roosevelt. I'm delighted. Pardon me for using Mr. Roosevelt's favorite expression. Do you know, I almost feel like one of the family already."

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The trading in "bids" and "offers" has been conducted in the smoking-room of the Board of Trade building after the close of the regular market. Today when a crowd of brokers attempted to enter the room they found their way barred by a number of ushers, who informed them that the real estate committee of the Board had decided that there will be no more trading in "bids" and "offers" in the Board of Trade building. The dealers basted across the street and rented a vacant room on La Salle street, where they resumed trading.

Bring Prefontaine Home in State.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 27.—Sir Whitford Laurier has called to Lord Tweedmouth accepting the battleship Dominion to convey the Lord and Lady Prefontaine to Canada, but asking his Lordship to consult Solicitor-General Lemieux in Paris.

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