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PADLOCK IS TAKEN OFF CONFERENCE

Washington State Officers Indulge in Anger, Pleas and Even Tears.

STRONGLY OPPOSE INQUIRY

Resolution to Probe Conduct of Affairs of Commonwealth Met With Storm of Heated Denials, With Charges, Countercharges.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 3.—(Special).—The pledge of secrecy concerning what occurred in the stormy conference of last Friday when acting-Governor Hay failed to induce the state officers to endorse an appeal for a general investigation of state departments was lifted today. This is preliminary to a resumption of the attempt to secure the adoption of a resolution calling for the conduct of a probing inquiry.

Governor Hay is now thoroughly in earnest and there are those who believe that if no provision is made by this Legislature for such an investigation, he will summon an extra session for the express purpose of going into such matters. The next resolution that is introduced in the Legislature will likely be accompanied by documentary evidence now in the hands of the Governor concerning the conduct of the State Insurance Department.

Storm and Stress at Conference

Discussion among state officers of the present conference called by the Governor indicates that a breach has started between the executive and some of those who were summoned to his office. It is said that one personal encounter between a Senator and a state officer was narrowly averted; that tears were shed; defiance uttered and that the speeches became so loud the windows were lowered, shades drawn and the doors locked.

This conference was attended by the members of the Railroad and Tax Commissions, all the state officers except the Attorney-General, who was out of the city. Speaker Meigs, Representatives Scott, McManis, Bell and Johnson, Senators Ruth, Falconer, Paulhamus and Bassett. A resolution was presented for the consideration calling for a general investigation.

Land Commissioner Ross condemned the resolution in the strongest terms as tending to create doubts in the minds of the people concerning the honesty of officials about whom never a question had been raised. He recalled with extreme emotion the investigation of his own office two years ago, declaring he had "been crucified on the cross of newspaper persecution," and forced to demand an investigation, but would never consent to it again.

The accusation was made by Senator Paulhamus that Insurance Commissioner Schively had accepted \$200 each from two insurance companies for writing letters informing them, Falconer and McManis, of the fact that the company had been investigated and declared he now believed he had been misled two years ago by Schively into taking certain action on insurance legislation then pending. Mr. Schively was also accused of having drawn a salary from the state as Deputy Insurance Commissioner, while acting as paid agent of the Pacific Livestock Association of Spokane.

Representative Scott, of Adams, said people in his county had been led into investing in that company because the Deputy Insurance Commissioner was connected with it, and had lost their money through the failure of the company. They were demanding an investigation, declared Scott.

Schively did not deny the double salary charge, but appealed to Secretary of State Nichols to bear him out in the statement that he had returned to the state after his resignation.

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The deceased was a native of Germany, 39 years of age, and had been sailing on coasting vessels for fully 25 years. He was a member of Aberdeen Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of the Coast Seamen's Union.

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SALEM WOOLEN MILLS CLOTHING COMPANY

LATHROP GRANTED PARDON Commercial Traveler Sentenced for Perjury Given Freedom.

SALEM, Or., March 3.—(Special).—It was learned today that one of the last official acts of Governor Chamberlain was the issuance of a pardon in favor of P. N. Lathrop, a well-known commercial traveler, who was last summer convicted of perjury after trial in this county. The charges against Lathrop was that he swore falsely in the Savage divorce suit, in which he was named as co-respondent. He was sentenced to four years in prison, but appealed the case, and had not yet begun to serve his term.

SECOND MATE IS KILLED Emil Holz Meets Death Just as Vessel Lifts Anchor at Astoria.

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