

INSURANCE FUNDS PAID TO HAMILTON

American Surety Official Tells of Cost of Obtaining Tax Exemption.

BUCKLEY IS GO-BETWEEN

Bill of \$10,000 Protested, but Concerns Finally Paid \$8999 in View of Obligations Incurred by Noted Lobbyists.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Hon. William H. Buckley, accelerator of insurance legislation, and the late "Andy" Hamilton, keeper of the life insurance "yellow dog" fund of former years, worked shoulder to shoulder, until the wheels at Albany, were brought out today at the fire insurance inquiry conducted by William H. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance. Hamilton, the evidence showed, received no less than \$8999 from certain companies in 1909.

Hamilton's name was put on the record through the testimony of Henry C. Wilcox, vice-president of the American Surety Company. In 1907, Wilcox testified, the fire insurance companies caused to be introduced in the Legislature a bill to exempt from taxation the liability reserves from taxation. Mr. Wilcox wanted to have the liability and surety companies included in the exemption, and accordingly went to Albany. He tried to get Senator Haines and Assemblyman Lewis interested, but failed. Then he hunted up Buckley and told him his troubles.

Bill of \$10,000 Submitted. Buckley, he said, told him that Hamilton was the one to help him. Buckley telephoned to Hamilton and said that Hamilton agreed to take it up. Wilcox left Albany and the amendment went through as desired. When it was all over Hamilton sent a bill for \$10,000 to the American Surety Company.

"Did he tell you he had to pay out of his money?" the witness was asked. "He conveyed to me the suggestion that he had assumed obligations which he could not meet unless the full amount were paid."

This was as strong as Mr. Wilcox would put it. He thought the bill too large, but as a compromise, he said, he sent three checks to Hamilton, totaling \$8999. Later the National Surety Company paid \$3999 to Hamilton.

"Big Tim" Involved. George F. Seward's charge that Edward A. Brown offered, in 1892, in behalf of Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan to have an insurance bill killed for \$10,000 was corroborated in some details by E. E. Clapp, formerly of the Fidelity & Casualty Company, of which Mr. Seward is president.

In 1892 there was before the Legislature a bill which would have restricted the business of the Fidelity & Casualty Company. Clapp said it was suggested to him that Edward A. Brown, then purchasing agent at Sing Sing, might know of some way in which the bill could be defeated.

The witness said he arranged the meeting and later heard from Mr. Seward that he had rejected Mr. Brown's proposition.

Ellah R. Kennedy testified at the afternoon session. Superintendent Hotchkiss wanted to know if his memory had grown any better as to his transactions. Kennedy, in 1901, got through a bill exempting fire insurance reserves from taxation at a cost of \$13,311 to the fire insurance companies.

Underwriters Make Payment. Mr. Hotchkiss produced a transcript of Kennedy's account with the Nassau Bank. It showed the deposit of \$3311 from the underwriters. Kennedy paid \$5000 of the \$13,311. The \$5000 was afterward made up to Kennedy by the late George F. Sheldon, who collected the fund from the companies.

The check by which \$5000 was paid to George F. Sheldon, today was produced by Mr. Hotchkiss and identified by Kennedy.

Commodore W. Vedder got \$2500 of the \$3311 instead of \$500, as Kennedy testified last week.

Emmett Rhodes, an insurance man of Auburn, got \$300 of the \$3311. Kennedy said, "for argument" with individual members of the Legislature."

NEGRO WINS DAMAGE SUIT Court's Recognition of Color Line is Reversed.

FATAL BLAST IS MYSTERY

RULING STIRS IMPORTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The announcement that Port Collector Stratton will assess the maximum tariff on all goods imported from China on and after April 1, and collect the highest duty on all merchandise in bonded warehouses on which the tax has not been paid, stirred commercial circles yesterday, and importers, it is said, are preparing to enter protests.

Merchandise valued at almost \$2,000,000 is stored in bonded warehouses here and the steamship Sberia is due Friday morning, immediately after the maximum tariff goes into effect. It may mean, it is estimated, an increased duty of \$500,000 on the cargo.

The market duty is 25 per cent higher than the minimum, which forms the basis of the schedule fixed by the Payne tariff law. Should the action taken on the merchandise in the warehouse by Collector Stratton be sustained by the Treasury Department, it will make a difference to Pacific Coast importers of about \$250,000.

Collector of Customs Malcolm will make no announcement of the course he will pursue in the matter of maximum or minimum rates on goods imported from China and stored in bonded warehouses until after he has thoroughly gone over the question today. Mr. Malcolm telegraphed the Treasury Department for a ruling yesterday, but up to a late hour last night no answer had been received. Of the large amount of Chinese goods received at Portland only a small amount is kept in bond.

PINCHOT AVOIDS REPLY

EX-FORESTER TO STUDY AGRICULTURE IN DENMARK.

No Answer Given to Question Whether Roosevelt Summoned Him for Conference.

COPENHAGEN, March 31.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, arrived tonight. He is a guest at the British Legation, where he is visiting his sister, Lady Johnstone, wife of Sir John Johnstone, the British Minister to Denmark.

Mr. Pinchot, when seen soon after his arrival, refused to discuss politics, but in the correspondence that he intended to study Danish agriculture and probably the co-operation system and the Danish forest administration.

He added that he expected to meet Colonel Roosevelt either in Copenhagen or London, but he was silent when asked whether he had been summoned to a conference with the ex-President or was seeking a meeting with Colonel Roosevelt on his own initiative.

NAME CHANGED AS PASSENGER "Gaylord Smith" Admits Identity.

HAMBURG, March 31.—According to cables, passengers on the President Grant, Gifford Pinchot landed here yesterday. He remained over night, and proceeded this morning for Copenhagen. He appeared on the passenger list as Gaylord Smith. When the steamer arrived the officials of the ship company asserted they had no knowledge of Pinchot's presence on board.

On embarking at New York, Mr. Pinchot was listed as "Gaylord Smith," in which name he might avoid reporters. However, once out of New York harbor, he made no attempt to conceal his name. He appeared on the passenger list as Gaylord Smith. When the steamer arrived the officials of the ship company asserted they had no knowledge of Pinchot's presence on board.

His visit to Copenhagen is for the purpose of calling upon his sister, Lady Alan Johnstone, wife of the British Minister to Denmark, who is ill.

JAPAN SOON TAKES COREA

Annexation Imminent, According to Advice Received Here.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—(Special.)—Japanese newspapers received here today announce that the annexation of Korea is now imminent. News also reached here that Captain Lorenz Peterson, a sea adventurer who had been engaged in the United States, had been at Yokohama. He was one of the first to organize an expedition to seek the reputed treasures of Cocos Island, in the early seventies.

He raided the Russian rookeries of Copper Island in the old schooner Diana, and his two partners, Smith and Van Well, were wounded and several members of the crew were killed.

Captain Peterson was arranging to take out a schooner under the Japanese flag to engage in sealing in Bering sea when death occurred.

Commenting on the report of Banker Jacob Schiff's recent speech in New York relative to Japan's warlike purposes, the Jih Shimpo says it regrets that Mr. Schiff should harbor the feelings indicated in his speech and considers his utterance due to the failure of the proposals for neutralization of Manchurian railways.

WITHDRAWAL ACT TALKED

Three Representatives and Taft Confer on Conservation Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Representative Smith of Iowa, and Representative Smith of California had an extended talk with the President today regarding the conservation bill which is to be presented to the President a definite right to withdraw public lands from entry pending legislation by Congress. For a long time there has been a question as to whether the President has that right.

Both President Roosevelt and President Taft have exercised the right, but President Taft has expressed doubt as to the authority of the law. Mr. Taft so declared himself to the congressmen today and again expressed the hope that the bill would be passed at this session.

GAYNOR FIGHTS COURT ACT

Appointment of Ousted Bronx President to Commission Angers Mayor.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The recent appointment by Supreme Court Justice Vernon M. Davis of Louis F. Haffen, the ousted president of the Bronx Borough, as a condemnation commissioner in connection with street-opening proceedings, has aroused Mayor Gaynor's indignation. The Mayor today sent a letter to Corporation Counsel Watson regarding the case, in which he intimated that if Haffen were retained on the commission he would lay the case before the State Legislature.

Tariff Agreement Celebrated.

PARIS, March 31.—M. Dupuy, Minister of Commerce, gave a luncheon today in celebration of the conclusion of the Franco-American tariff agreement. American Ambassador Bacon was the guest of honor and many Americans were present, including Frank H. Mason, American Consul-General.

AMERICA MAY OPEN WORLD CONFLICT

Fournier Forecasts War With Japan, Which Would Draw in Europe.

CHINA AS AMERICAN ALLY

Noted French Admiral Gives Star Role to Kaiser—American Navy to Equal Britain's, but Inferior to British-Japanese Fleet.

PARIS, March 31.—The memoirs of Vice-Admiral Fournier, commander of the Mediterranean squadron of the French navy, in which he discusses particularly the possibility of a war between the United States and Japan and the resultant danger of dragging all Europe into a terrific conflict, were issued in book form tonight. The memoirs have caused much comment in political and diplomatic circles.

Admiral Fournier says it is useless to deny there is a possibility of war between the United States and Japan as a result of popular irritation in America should Japan's demands or Japan's policies of absorption prove intolerable to America's excessive self esteem or interests in the Far East.

These interests, the Admiral adds, are antagonistic to those of Japan, which, pushed on by fate to expand in the Asiatic continent by conquest or by diplomatic victory, seeks to be predominant in the very regions where the United States is supporting the integrity of China and the policy of the open door.

World May Line Up for War.

Admiral Fournier accords the star role on the stage of international politics to the German Emperor, not only in Europe, says the writer, where the Emperor is trying desperately to break the league of powers against him, but also indirectly as an influential factor in the relations between the United States and Japan.

The Admiral declares that Japan's great fear is that friendly relations between the United States and China will culminate in an out-and-out alliance and thus, in event of war, the United States would have bases of operations and general resources vastly superior to the Philippines. Japan's increased armaments, therefore, are explainable, not as a menace to Russia, but in preparation to combat, before it is too late, the peril contained in America's policies.

United States Outdone.

"Without intervention in Europe of navies of the triple alliance in a way to help the American fleet, the moment now seriously engaged in the Atlantic and the Pacific, the decisive superiority in that struggle," declares the Vice-Admiral, "would rest with the forces of Japan and England. Under these circumstances, which spell defeat, the United States would undoubtedly resist the temptation to set her differences with Japan by an appeal to arms."

IRRIGATION CONTRACT LET

Spokane Firm to Construct Main Laterals of Project.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 31.—Secretary of the Police Department, Mayor Gaynor, today announced that he had let a contract to George Cooke & Sons, of Spokane, for the construction of the main laterals of the distribution system under the Cowiche and Yakima branch of the Tilton irrigation project.

This work consists of the construction of 36 miles of ditch near Naches and involves the excavation of about 385,000 cubic yards of material. The contract price is \$138,000.

GAYNOR SHAKES POLICE

Removal of Detective Bureau Head Forebodes Ax-Swinging.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The first move in the impending shake-up in the Police Department since Mayor Gaynor took over what is virtually a personal control of that branch of the city government, came today with the removal of Inspector James McCafferty from the head of the Detective Bureau and the selection of Captain John H. Russell to succeed him.

Globe Express Gobbled, Too.

DENVER, March 31.—The Times today says: "The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad is negotiating a deal whereby the Globe Express Company will be absorbed by the Pacific Express Company. Basis for this belief is found in an Associated Press dispatch from New York stating the Goulds had purchased \$2,400,000 stock in the Pacific Express Company, which carried with it control, as all stock now included in this deal is owned by the Wabash and Missouri Pacific Railroads."

8 Years "Marrying Count's" Term.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Eight years in the New Jersey State Prison was the sentence imposed by Judge Blair today upon Emil Karl von Muller, the "marrying count," who was convicted last Tuesday of bigamy. The testimony showed that von Muller married various women.

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