

MISSOURI WARNS NEW YORK LIFE

Vandiver Demands Refunding of Campaign Contributions.

ALSO CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Tells McCall He Defrauded Policy-Holders, and Company Will Be Driven Out of Missouri Upon Refusal.

PLAN TO RUIN ROSENFELD

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 7.—State Superintendent of Insurance Vandiver today sent a communication to President John A. McCall of the New York Life Insurance Company...

Vandiver Talks Plainly.

The letter to full follows: "To Mr. J. A. McCall, President of the New York Life Insurance Company: "The most startling disclosures in regard to the management of the funds of the New York Life Insurance Company, and particularly the testimony of yourself and other officers of the company given before the investigating committee of the New York Legislature, make it my duty as Superintendent of Insurance for the State of Missouri to communicate to your company the views and requirements of this State to the end that the policyholders in this state may not be defrauded of any portion of the dividends or surplus earnings that are justly due them on the premiums that they have paid."

CUMMINS TURNS HIM DOWN

Will Not Interfere Unless Policy-Holders Request Him.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Cummins today declined to become a party to Lawson's plan of attack on the three New York life insurance companies. He received a telegram today similar in tenor to that sent by Lawson to the Governor of the Western States. In effect Cummins wired in reply that he could not become a member of the Lawson protective committee, which was made up of him, that a large number of policyholders wanted him to do so. In effect the Governor refused to ally himself with Lawson or his scheme unless it is shown that the policyholders themselves are interested in having him do so.

FOLK DECLINE INVITATION

Too Busy to Help Lawson in His Insurance Scheme.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Folk says he cannot accept Thomas W. Lawson's invitation to serve on the committee of Governors on the insurance disclosures. The Governor wired Mr. Lawson, saying he appreciated the invitation, but his official duties would not permit him to engage actively on such a committee, and he could not accept without knowing what was to be done and what other Governors would be on the committee.

Johnson Will Help Lawson.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 7.—Governor Johnson in receipt of a telegram from Thomas W. Lawson asking him to be one, with other governors, of a protective committee for the policyholders, to demand restitution of the money by the Mutual New York Life and Equitable Companies, and to punish the guilty officials. Governor Johnson replied to Mr. Lawson, accepting his proposition. Governor Johnson said, concerning his answer: "I am more than willing to aid Mr. Lawson in any reform of which he is the head, for I believe he is in earnest."

HOMESTEADS IN SIBERIA

Russia Adopts Policy to Settle Land and Reward Veterans.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—Realizing the advantages of retaining in the Far East a stock of sturdy and energetic colonists, and at the same time desiring to reward veterans of the war, the Ministers of the Interior and Agriculture have worked out a draft of a homesteading law under which officers and soldiers are entitled to pre-empt free within three years farms ranging from 135 acres, with a bonus of \$50 for enlisted men to 14,000 acres for the higher officers, and a loan of from \$25 to \$250 and exemption from taxes for five years.

RUSSIAN ELECTION OCTOBER 28

In Three Weeks Empire Will Have Taste of Freedom.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—All the preliminaries are to be ready for the elections to the National Assembly not later than October 28. The Minister of the Interior has instructed the various Governors to this effect, and has directed them to see that the officials and public functionaries, especially the district Governors and district police, abstain from any interference in the elections.

Russian Revenue Increases.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—Preliminary returns for the state revenue and expenditures for the first six months of the present fiscal year show that the ordinary receipts were \$45,522,998, an increase of \$1,266,000 over the corresponding period of the previous year. The ordinary expenditures were \$40,700,000, a decrease of \$1,350,000. The extraordinary receipts were \$21,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000. The extraordinary expenditures total \$21,000,000, an increase of \$10,000,000.

LAWSON'S RESTITUTION PLAN

Invitation to Governors to Reform Insurance Companies.

OBJECT TO TAX ON FRANCHISES

Consolidated Railway and East Portland Gas Company Protest Assessments.

TOTAL FOR TWO, \$650,000

Street-Car Company Declares Assessor's Action Illegal—Other Public Service Corporations Yield Reluctantly.

FRANCHISE ASSESSMENTS IN PORTLAND

Table with 2 columns: Franchise Name and Assessment Amount. Includes Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, Portland Gas Company, East Portland Gas Company, Portland General Electric Company, Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, Portland Consolidated Railway Company, and Portland Hydraulic Elevator Company.

Of the six franchise assessments made by Assessor Sliger, two may be fought by the owners of the grants—those of the Portland Consolidated Railway Company and of the East Portland Gas Company—protests on which were filed yesterday with the County Board of Equalization, asking that the assessments be canceled.

The owners of the two franchises hold them under ordinances of the City Council, and have privileged use of the city streets, in the one case for running streetcars in all parts of the city, and in the other for supplying gas to consumers in East Portland.

The owners of the other franchises have made no remonstrance to the Board of Equalization against taxation of the street franchises. As their time for protest to that body has passed they will have to make their fight by a different procedure than that adopted by the street-car company and the East Portland Gas Company, if they purpose to escape the franchise tax.

Gas Companies Position.

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MANZANITA SUNK IN THE COLUMBIA

In Collision With the Port of Portland Dredge Columbia.

ALL OF THE CREW ESCAPE

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COAXED TO MARRY WITH A REVOLVER

Frank Brown Finds His Own True Love in a Tacoma Restaurant.

SCREAMS MAKE HIM RUN

Lela Baker Is but Sixteen, and Some Weeks Ago She Disappeared on the Day Set for Her Wedding

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special.)

Lela Baker, the 16-year-old girl who abruptly deserted her ardent lover, Frank C. Brown, aged 28 years, two weeks ago, after the latter had reached the County Auditor's office and had applied for a marriage license, now wants her would-be husband arrested on the charge of threatening her life.

WAS ALL READY TO FIGHT

BRITAIN OFFERED FRANCE AID AGAINST GERMANY.

DISCLOSURES SHOW MOROCCAN AFFAIR GAVE EUROPE VERY NARROW ESCAPE FROM GREAT WAR.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The Matin's disclosures purporting to give details in connection with the resignation of the French Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse, because of the Moroccan situation, and the sensational statement that Great Britain would only communicate to France her intention of supporting France in the event of a war with Germany, but actually giving details of her intentions regarding the place for the landing of troops and the seizure of the Kiel canal, created much talk in diplomatic circles today and are published at length in all the afternoon newspapers. In official quarters, however, no expression of opinion was obtainable.

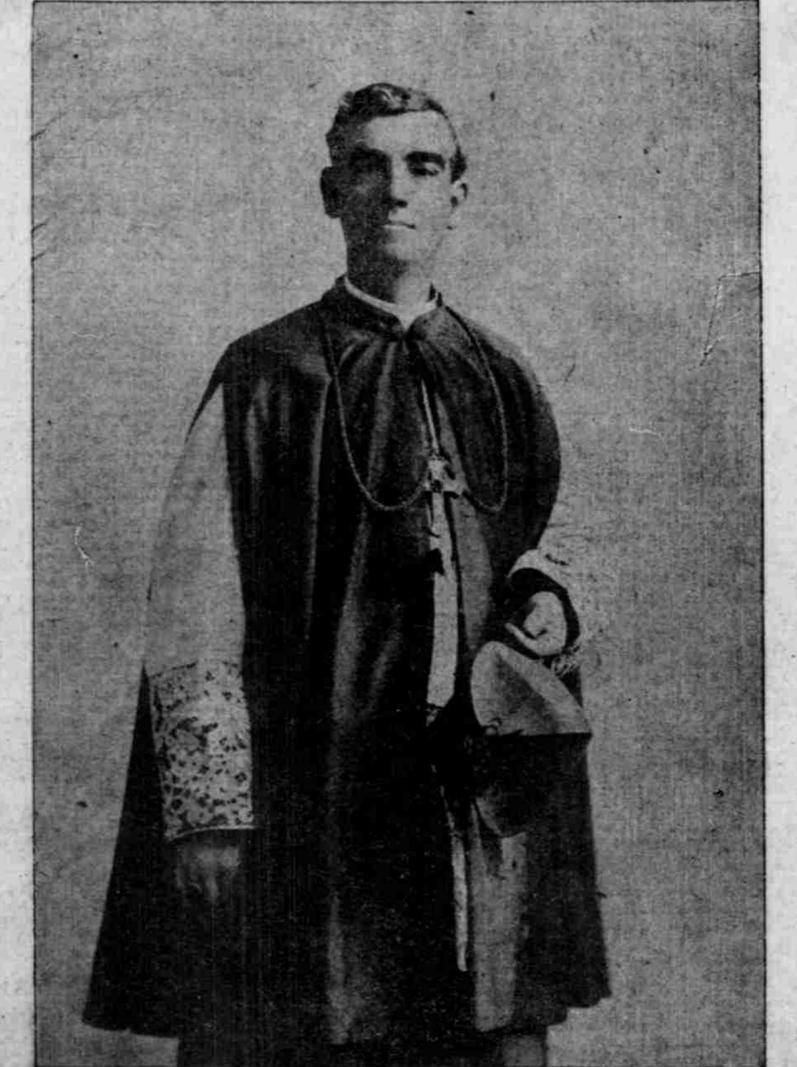
RENEW ATTACK ON GERMANY

French Papers Irritated at Her Flirtation With Russia.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—A marked reaction in public sentiment has followed the Franco-German accord concerning the Morocco conference. Many leading newspapers are renewing their campaign of criticism against Germany. This is due principally to Chancellor von Bulow's open statements favoring a Russo-German rapprochement.

Venezuela Orders Big Guns.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 7.—The Venezuelan government has ordered from the Krupp works, France, 30 batteries of field artillery and 12 batteries of modern guns of 75 millimeter caliber.



BISHOP O'REILLY, OF BAKER CITY, IS REPORTED SLIGHTLY IMPROVED BY THE ATTENDANTS AT ST. VINCENT'S