

HISTORIC SCANDAL MAY BE RIVALED

New York's Fire Insurance Inquiry Promises to Equal Life Insurance Affair.

LARGE SUMS WERE USED

Testimony Shows That Board of Underwriters Spent Considerable Money for Legislation—Legal Bill Passed.

NEW YORK, March 19.—With every indication that further astonishing revelations would be forthcoming, the inquiry begun yesterday into the methods employed in influencing legislation in Albany affecting fire insurance companies was resumed by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss here today.

Kennedy Handled Sack.

Testimony already has been presented to show that the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, composed of officers of the insurance companies doing business in New York, spent considerable sums for legislative purposes, and for many years the legislative representative of the insurance companies had been Elijah R. Kennedy, an elderly and wealthy Brooklyn man.

Valuable "Presents" Disbursed.

Other testimony was given to the effect that about \$5000 had been disbursed as presents to various persons with political influence to get the bill through the Legislature, including \$500 to George W. Aldridge of Rochester, a member of the Republican committee, and that a contribution of \$4000 had been made to the Republican state committee from funds in Mr. Kennedy's hands; also that Governor Odell was exposed to the bill and had decided to veto it, but, according to Mr. Kennedy's testimony, had after a most urgent presentation of the cause by Kennedy, reversed his position and finally signed the bill.

MOORE KNEW, IS IMPLIED

fact that the bank was in trouble, replied that he had learned of it August 25, the day before the bank closed. In some way through the officials, he said, the tellers and clerks had gleaned the information and discussed it during the day.

Mr. Moore, Schultz testified, had been about the bank the entire day busily engaged in his duties, and all the directors of the bank were seen there at 2 o'clock and went into the directors' room to hold a meeting, he presumed.

No Interest Paid.

A. T. Smith was called next. He said he had owned \$5000 worth of stock in the bank, had paid for it with his note, on which he had not paid any interest, and that when he sold his interest he merely received his note in return. He said he had not seen any stock certificates. Mr. Smith testified that he had been connected with the bank for more than a year and had attended one meeting of the directors, at which Moore was present.

Mr. Ralston, the last witness called, had not completed his testimony when the court adjourned for the day. He will be placed on the stand again on Monday morning. He is at present the president of the American Bank and Trust Company. He said he and Morris had organized the Oregon Savings Bank in 1904, each giving his note for \$25,000, and each depositing \$2500 in cash. C. A. Devins had subscribed for \$24,500, and a Mr. Lancaster for \$25,000. The stock was never delivered. The certificates were written out, he said, but were never torn out of the book. They were to be held there until the notes were paid, he said. In a short time, he testified, he and Morris reorganized the bank by returning Devins and Lancaster their notes for \$49,500.

MINERS VOTE TO COMBINE

Western Body Will Join American Federation of Labor.

DENVER, March 19.—Preliminary returns on the vote being taken by the unions of the Western Federation of Miners on the proposition to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, indicated that the issue would carry by a substantial majority. At headquarters here it was announced yesterday that the votes of the Montana unions, which strongly oppose the proposition, have not yet been received, but that, whichever way they vote, the result cannot be changed.

Notes Not Secured.

At this point in Mr. Ralston's testimony one of the jurors asked the banker if any of these notes were secured.

"No, they were not," he replied. "All of the men who were in the bank were wealthy men, worth ten times the amounts of their notes."

"Was Cooper Morris a wealthy man?" Mr. Fitzgerald asked the witness.

"He told me he was," the witness replied. "And you took his word for it, didn't you?" asked Mr. Fitzgerald.

"No, I did not," was the reply. "Then you let him have this \$25,000 worth of stock on his own statements"

of his worth and you took his word for it, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did, at that time," the witness replied. Mr. Ralston said some of the notes were interest-bearing, but that none of them had ever paid interest during his connection with the bank. He sold his stock to Moore for an advance of ten cents on the dollar. He said this price was asked because, at that time, he and Morris had declared a surplus of \$10,000, and, figuring on this surplus, he thought his stock was worth ten points more. Moore then paid him the difference and his note was taken out of the bank and Moore's deposited for the stock.

Ralston Wealth Told.

One of the jurors asked Mr. Ralston if he were really worth the amount of the note at that time. The witness answered that he was worth ten times that amount then. Mr. Fulton wanted to know if he were still worth that amount.

"I am worth 40 times that amount now," he replied. Mr. Ralston testified that the bank had never paid any dividends but that it had made money by lending on funds and that this money was taken to create the \$10,000 surplus.

Owing to demands on Judge Bronaugh by the Juvenile Court the Moore trial was not resumed in the afternoon, the case being continued until Monday morning.

HOW BOY CAUGHT COOK

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD TALKED NORTH POLE TO 'CRAIG'

What Happened on Steamer Ostris Between Montevideo and Valdivia Told in Lad's Letter Home.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Young Daniel C. Riker, aged 17 years, the son of C. B. Riker, a New York drug dealer, was one of the fellow passengers of Dr. Frederick A. Cook when the famous Arctic explorer was traveling along the South American Coast without the assistance under the alias of F. Craig. The boy was the traveling companion of F. L. Upholn, who dispersed the mystery of Cook's long disappearance.

In the following letter just received by the elder Riker here is the story of how suspicions were aroused and Dr. Cook's identity established, told in young Riker's own words:

On Board the S. S. Ostris, Coast of Chile, Feb. 11, 1910.—My Dear Home Folks: I had nearly at the end of our voyage from Buenos Aires to Valdivia, a small town in Chile.

I had to tell you a very interesting story: When we boarded this boat in Montevideo, we were surprised to find an American on board, so we asked the steward to please put us in with some people that could speak English.

We were, therefore, placed next to these Americans, a man and his wife. The natural tendency when meeting new people is to find out where they lived, their occupation, etc. On asking these two Americans different questions of that nature, we found that they liked to change the story, and by their peculiar actions we began to think that something was wrong somewhere. Mr. Upholn talked over with me and we wondered who the man was. We had learned from their conversation that they had mysteriously shipped from the United States.

They would not tell us exactly what date they left New York or on what boat they came. His wife once made a break and called him Fred, and then another time she called him doctor, and the name on the baggage tag at the stateroom table was Fred. Mr. Upholn came up from his cabin yesterday, and said to me, "I know now who the man is. Dr. Frederick Cook, who has shipped from New York. He cut off his beard and was known under an assumed name."

Today we said something about the North Pole and I never saw a fellow get nervous or protestation before. I thought I was going to faint. He began talking about something else, but I would not let him. He said the table, while his wife got as red as a beet, and also tried to change the subject. We then said, "Let us get them and we will try to get their pictures to see what happens."

We did get them and we said that we wanted to have the pictures of all the people at our table. They said, "No, no, we have not dressed yet enough." He said that he would go to his stateroom and get another suit, and we could then take his picture.

We knew that if he did that he wouldn't show up again, so we engaged a man as he was arguing whether he should go or not. We got them all together in a group and pulled him to stand behind the others and I sat at some one behind her. I then made out the picture by the picture. I waited until they started to separate, and then I got their pictures, both together and apart.

Mr. Upholn has known Cook before, and he says that he is the man. He says that he hasn't any mustache or beard like when he knew him; they are now like that and know who they are. There are no names up and I think they will get off at Valdivia, and then we will see them. Nobody on the boat will know where they are.

If by any chance this man is not Cook, he is a crook that has escaped. I have never seen any other man like him. I am able to determine, when I get home, if it is really Cook.

We got off at Valdivia tomorrow morning and so to Concepcion. Your loving son, DANIEL C. RIKER.

P. S.—We went ashore at Valdivia today and found some magazines in a hotel with a picture of Cook in it. We are now positive that Mr. Craig is really Mr. Cook. Mr. Upholn staggered the news and signed his name to it, so you probably read about it in the papers. If it had not been for us, he would never have been known out of his own country. I can say that I have beaten him nine times out of ten in sending you one of his signed wine cards.

Legation Secretary in Prison. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 19.—Frederick Taylor Faulkner, "Katie" Kentucky, second secretary of the American Legation at Shanghai, China, was brought back to the Federal prison here today to serve five years for embezzlement. Taylor was convicted in China of stealing \$5000 of legation funds.

"TRY" TAB BARRE

Chicago Election Board Wants Petition Checked.

50 MEN TO SCRUTINIZE

Document to Be Investigated Despite Protest, Result to Be Void if Hearing Denies Right to Examine Names.

CHICAGO, March 19.—(Special.)—Crusaders against the existence of the saloon in Chicago were brought to a halt today when the Board of Election Commissioners decided to investigate the legality of the petition through which it had been expected the voters would be given a chance on April 5, to pass on the question, "Shall the city become anti-saloon territory?"

With its order for a checking of the names on the petition with the poll-books of the city, following a formal protest against the petition filed yesterday afternoon by the United Societies, the Board also decided to hear arguments Monday morning as to the regularity of the proceedings to investigate the names. This apparently contradictory conclusion was in the interest of time, it being the understanding that if the Board finally decides it has no right to examine the names, then the work already done in that direction will be of no force or effect.

This second phase of the Commissioners' ruling was a concession to the anti-saloon advocates, who, through the attorneys, requested to be allowed a little time in which to outline their defense concerning the attack made by the United Societies. Attorneys for the Anti-Saloon League were told they would forfeit none of their rights by consenting that a start on the investigation be made at once.

Following the action of the Board, Chief Clerk John C. Cannon said he would set 35 teams of at least two men each, to work on the petition this afternoon and by working in three shifts of eight hours hoped to have the task completed sometime next Tuesday. That will give the Commissioners time in which to pass on the findings, and still be able to send the "copy" for the Spring election ballots to the printer Wednesday.

"BOGUS" PICTURE IS REAL

Artist, 72, Identifies Alleged "Fake" Canvas as Genuine.

NEW YORK, March 19.—F. Hopkinson Smith, painter and author, was the chief witness yesterday in the attack brought by William T. Evans against William Clausen, an art dealer, to recover \$3500 for two pictures Evans bought from Clausen, a genuine "Homer Martin," and which experts have pronounced bogus. Homer Martin was one of the early American landscape painters.

Mr. Smith said he is 72 years old, and some of his pictures had been hung in the Paris salon. He is very positive in his testimony that the picture in this picture, he said, was brought by William T. Evans against William Clausen, an art dealer, to recover \$3500 for two pictures Evans bought from Clausen, a genuine "Homer Martin," and which experts have pronounced bogus. Homer Martin was one of the early American landscape painters.

FOREIGN WOMEN IMPROVE

Mrs. Fairbanks, After World Tour, Says Weaker Sex Forge Ahead.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the ex-Vice President of the United States, returned back with her husband from their round-the-world trip, declared in an interview given out here today that she found in every country which she visited a wonderful awakening among women.

"The change is most notable in China and Japan," said Mrs. Fairbanks. "The Chinese women are forging rapidly to the front and it won't be long before they are heard from in alliance with the women of other countries."

"The Japanese women are by no means lumbering at the ground. The lower classes do every thing that men do, working beside them in the fields, carrying bricks and mortar and assisting in all the labor of the strongest sex."

NEW FRENCH CHALLIES 50c YARD. A complete showing of new gray fabrics, full 54 inches wide, plain panamas, novelty worsteds, herringbone serges, etc.; high-grade dress goods, perfect in weave and finish.

WHAT'S THE USE

Sticking to a Habit When It Means Discomfort!

Old King Coffee knocks subjects out tolerably flat at times, and there is no possible doubt of what did it. A Michigan woman gives her experience: "I used to have liver trouble nearly all of the time and took medicine which relieved me only for a little while. Then every once in a while I would be suddenly doubled up with an awful agony in my stomach. It seemed as though every time I took a breath I would die. No one could suffer more and live."

"Finally I got down so sick with catarrh of the stomach that I could not dress or get up, and my stomach would not digest even milk. The doctor finally told me that if I did not give up drinking coffee I would surely die, but I felt I could not give it up."

"However, Husband brought home a package of Postum and it was made strictly according to directions. It was the only thing that would stay on my stomach, and I soon got so I liked it very much."

"Gradually I began to get better, and weak by weak gained in strength and health. Now I am in perfect condition, and I am convinced that the whole cause of my trouble was coffee drinking, and my getting better was due to leaving off coffee and taking Postum."

A short time ago I tasted some coffee and found, to my astonishment, that I did not care anything about it. I never have to take medicine any more. I hope you will use this letter for the benefit of those suffering from the poisonous effects of coffee."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in 100 pages. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Fine Kid Gloves Special. Unequaled Values at \$1.00. A very important offering of women's fine kid gloves, made of the best quality lambskin; 2-clasp style, in all sizes, in colors: white, black, tan, brown, green, navy, gray, red, etc.; gloves that are regularly sold at \$1.25, pair are priced for this sale at \$1.00.

Mail Orders Carefully Filled. Purchases Promptly Delivered. Roberts Bros. THIRD AND MORRISON.

Cape Kid Walking Gloves. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. A full showing of women's cape kid walking gloves at prices to suit all. These popular gloves are made with outside seams and come in one-clasp style; shown in all sizes and colors; exceedingly good values at the above prices.

NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY YOUR EASTER OUTFIT. Here You Will Find Everything in Wearables That Dame Fashion Has Sanctioned for This Season's Service. The intervening days are few, Easter being in close proximity. Are you ready for this occasion? Have you selected those garments and requisites you will wear on the day that custom has established as the day when womanhood puts on the prettiest of her new Spring apparel? It's time you were ready—and a visit to this store now will prove that this is the place to purchase those things that will complete your Easter outfit.

Fashionable Spring Suits \$15, \$19.50, \$25



All that Spring fashion ordains in wearing apparel; stylish, but not to the extreme, and embracing all the new-season ideas; perfection in the minutest detail. A more complete and satisfactory showing of these new Spring styles you could not wish for. Coats that vary from 32 to 36 inches in length, in fitted and semi-fitted effects; skirts are the latest pleated styles; serge in plain weaves or self stripes, diagonals and other Spring suitings. All the popular colors of different \$15, \$19.50, \$25.

SILK DRESSES IN SPRING MODELS. Beautiful Spring models in fine quality messaline and taffeta Dresses; a fine presentation of styles; some are plain in effect, while others are more elaborate, finished with tucks or yokes of lace; another model artistically braided, several pretty skirt effects, plain, pleated, killed and paneled fronts; black and new shades of blue, brown, gray, tan, green and other \$12.50 to \$25.

SPRING COVERT COATS. Some real smart effects in these stylish garments of fine quality covert cloth, shown in the Spring shades of tan, plain colors, shadow stripes or diagonals; fitted or semi-fitted, in lengths varying from 32 to 44 inches; unlined or lined throughout with fine grade satin lining. Special for this sale Monday \$4.50 to \$12.50 and Tuesday at \$4.50 to \$12.50.

LINGERIE WAISTS AT \$1.50. Fine white lawn Waists in several pretty styles, tucked effects, embroidered fronts and others with lace yokes, the Bishop sleeve \$1.50.

CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES. Children's Dresses of French percale and gingham, in checks, stripes and plaids of different colors; styles include Russian blouse, sailor and other new-season creations; some very pretty effects of fine white lawn, finished with lace, while some are plain; sizes from 2 to 14 years. Exceptionally good Wash Dress values at from 85c to \$5.50.

Dress Goods for Spring, An Unsurpassed Showing. Exceptionally high-grade plain and novelty dress goods, and the prettiest shown this season, comprises this sale. There is practically no limit to your choice here, and the prices have been made especially attractive.

Exceptionally Pretty Weaves. IN COLORS AND PATTERNS THAT ARE MOST POPULAR AT \$1.00 AND \$1.25 YARD. An unsurpassed showing of domestic and imported fabrics for Spring 1910 is here and awaits your inspection. From the point of style and value it is the best we have ever had. They come from 48 to 54 inches wide, and are shown in rich, medium colorings. The assortment includes panamas, diagonals, shadow striped panamas and suitings of gray, tan, green, navy, brown, raisin and oxtarba, and in plain colors there are new browns, electric blue, red, navy, apple green, myrtle, rose, wistaria and gray. We cordially invite you to look at the new goods. You will not be asked to buy. It will help you plan your Spring sewing to the best advantage, and, quality for quality, you will find our prices the lowest.

Wm. F. Read's Gen. Lansdown, \$1.25 Yd., 42-in. Wide. A silk and wool fabric that is extremely fashionable, washes perfectly and is exceedingly durable. It is half wool and half silk, and comes in all the new shades for street and evening wear, as well as cream and black. A most favored fabric for evening gowns, waists and suits—at a remarkably moderate price, the yard \$1.25.

NEW GRAY FABRICS AT 75c YARD. The popular new gray fabrics are shown here in abundance. The new weaves in panamas, worsteds and serges, in the most correct shades, both plain and fancy; full 45 inches wide. SKINNER'S SATINS AT \$1.50 YARD. We have just received a full line of Skinner's celebrated Satins, shown in over 30 fashionable shades, as well as cream and black. None better made, always reliable, perfect in finish and unmatchable in quality; full 36 inches wide.

CREAM-COLORED FABRICS. Every weave that is new and up to date will be found in our enormous showing of cream-colored dress goods; fabrics made from fine selected yarns, thoroughly secured, perfect in weave and finish, and unmatchable in value: 38-inch cream Storm Serge \$59c, 46-inch cream French Henrietta \$1.00, 46-inch cream Storm Serge \$1.00.

NEW FRENCH CHALLIES 50c YARD. A complete showing of new gray fabrics, full 54 inches wide, plain panamas, novelty worsteds, herringbone serges, etc.; high-grade dress goods, perfect in weave and finish.

Easter Furnishings For Men At Special Reductions. MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS 85c. A special offering of men's fine Dress Shirts, made coat style, with cuffs attached; they are shown in plain white, with pleated or tucked bosom, also with fancy pleated bosoms and cuffs to match. Regular \$1.00 values, special \$85c for this sale at \$85c. NEW SPRING SHIRTS AT \$1.00 AND \$1.50. Just received a large shipment of the popular Cluett and Monarch Shirts, shown in all the new Spring styles; they come in plain white and a large range of fancy patterns; made negligee and coat style, with pleated soft or stiff bosoms, with separate or attached cuffs. Popularly priced for this sale at \$1.00 AND \$1.50.

NEW SPRING CORSETS The R. & G. LATEST MODELS \$1.00 and Up. For Display See Morrison-Street Window. In Corsets, the questions of style, comfort and durability have been solved better by the R. & G. Corsets than by any other. It's hard to say in which of these things R. & G.'s are best, but you are safe in all of them when you buy an R. & G. Corset. No matter what your figure is, there's an R. & G. model that will improve your appearance. They are made of lightweight batiste or medium-weight coutil, and are fully guaranteed. Price for this sale from \$1.00 to \$2.85.

Easter Gloves in Wide Assortment. Ever on the alert for the newest and best for our customers, we count ourselves favored indeed by those leading makers of Gloves whose productions contribute to render this opening sale unique in the many Spring novelties it presents. The color and shade display excels all past effort, assuring A PERFECT MATCH FOR THE NEW GOWN. FRENCH KID GLOVES, BEST \$2.00 VALUES AT \$1.50. Fine imported real French Kid Gloves of the highest quality, 2-clasp style, with Paris point stitching, finished with both pique and over-seams. They come in all sizes in the popular new shades of black, white, modes, gray, green, navy, red, etc. No better gloves are sold at \$2.00 a pair, now on sale at the pair \$1.50. KAYSER'S SILK GLOVES AT 50c. A full showing of Kayser's double-tipped Silk Gloves, the most satisfactory kind. They come in all sizes in the new shades of tan, brown, navy, gray, gun-metal; also black and white. Exceedingly good Gloves at a very low price.

Illustration of a man in a suit and tie, looking towards the camera.

Illustration of a woman in a corset, showing the front and side views.

Illustration of a woman in a long, light-colored dress, standing and looking to the side.