

INSURANCE FRAUD BLOWN TO LISTER

Washington Governor Personally Investigates Stealing of \$15,000.

NO ARRESTS YET MADE

Negligence and Faulty Methods Are Urged Against Commissioners—Burns Agents Hired. Crooked Ring Sought.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Governor Lister's administration has suffered its most serious blow in the exposure of the stealing of \$15,000 from the industrial insurance funds. The investigation, taken over personally by the executive last Tuesday, will determine soon to what extent members of the commission were responsible for the existence of the frauds for nearly a year before their discovery. Governor Lister was in conference with Attorney-General W. V. Tanner for nearly an hour today on the industrial insurance commission. After the interview Mr. Tanner left for Tacoma. The Governor announced that he would remain here until the investigation is completed, unless business connected with it required his presence elsewhere. He has canceled all conflicting engagements.

It has been hinted around Olympia that one or more of the industrial insurance commissioners may lose their official heads as the result of the situation. The three members are Chairman Floyd L. Duggett, of Spokane, former Mayor of that city; A. B. Ernst, of Seattle, and Clarence Parker, of Tacoma.

Commissioners Acknowledge Deeds. Chairman Duggett is the commissioner who has been in closest touch with Governor Lister since the latter took over the investigation. Commissioners Ernst and Parker have both acknowledged being connected in stock and mining transactions with Chairman Duggett, J. P. Gillies, the suspended employee of the commission.

The chief ground of negligence urged against the commissioners is that in the cases of several of the fraudulent claims, they were approved without the initial "M," indicating that they had not passed through the hands of Dr. J. W. Maxwell, the commission's medical advisor. It is also urged that a system by which any fraudulent claim could be allowed is faulty.

The answer of Chairman Duggett to these allegations has been that the system itself is not faulty, but that the system was "beaten" by one or more employees, who took the claims through a short route to avoid some of the checks provided by the system. The commission points out that with approximately 1200 claims handled monthly close inspection is impossible.

Burns Agents Are Appointed. The investigation was started by the Industrial Insurance Commission November 8. A few days later, as soon as the commission was reasonably satisfied that fraud had been practiced, Governor Lister was notified and advised the immediate appointment of Burns detectives, which step was taken. The first publication of the probe occurred November 22.

The following day the Governor personally took over the investigation. No arrests have yet been made, although three weeks have elapsed since the investigation was begun.

It is reasonably well established by this time that help of others than the Burns force has been sought. It is reported on excellent authority that claims departments of the large railroad systems are co-operating with the state in the investigation. Claimants giving the same names as those on the fraudulent state claims are said to have been compensated recently for similar accidents by the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee railroads.

Criminal Ring Suspected. Disclosure may show the existence of a well organized ring of criminals, with headquarters in saloons in all cities of Puget Sound, engaged in furnishing ripples upon order either as claimants for state compensation or for railroad awards.

The Industrial Insurance Commission announced today changes in the process of passing claims, indicating a further tightening of the funds. After employees' employers' and physicians' reports are submitted, claims now pass through the hands of the assistant claim agent, the claim agent and the medical adviser then coming to the commission. In future they must also pass through the hands of the assistant claim agent and the O. K. of all these employees must appear upon the record before allowance can be made.

As a further guard against forging of employees' reports, a return postal will be sent when each employee's report is received, with a blank on the return card for the employer to acknowledge that the person who signed the report was delegated to do so.

A post card has heretofore been sent to employers only, after the claim was allowed, and the fraudulent allowances have been made possible by the side-tracking of these cards.

REVOLT IN EGYPT DENIED

British Embassy Says There Is No Truth in German Story.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Denial of reports published in the United States of a revolutionary conspiracy in Egypt was made by the British Embassy here today on instructions from the London Foreign Office. The Embassy issued this statement: "German reports circulated in the United States announce that a great conspiracy had been discovered in Cairo headed by persons in the entourage of the British Consul-General. The conspirators are alleged to have plotted to kill the ruler and Ministers and liberate Egypt from the British yoke. Forty persons are said to have been arrested and 25 already executed. The British Foreign Office has issued an official contradiction of this rumor, in which there is no word of truth."

WILSON SHOWS INTEREST

Plan for Pensioning Aged Preachers Elicits Letter.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A letter from President Wilson, expressing deep interest in the campaign being made by Protestant churches to raise an endowment fund aggregating \$1,000,000 for pensioning preachers, was received today by Rev. John B. Smith, of the board of conference claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the letter President Wilson said: "I take pleasure in expressing my deep interest in the effort which you present to be an instrument which will supply the means of provisioning aged preachers. This is a matter in

which I have long had a great interest, for I have seen on many cases which demonstrated the necessity of such action.

Dr. Smith announced that the Presbyterians have obtained \$4,000,000 of its proposed \$10,000,000 endowment, the Methodists \$5,000,000 of its \$15,000,000 fund and the Congregationalists have begun the work of raising a fund of \$2,000,000. Other Protestant denominations are asking for funds aggregating \$17,000,000.

STATION A BID SELECTED

Broadway Investment Company Has Lowest Offer for Quarters.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Post-office Department has notified Senator Chamberlain that it favors the acceptance of the Broadway Investment Company's bid for the quarters of the post-office.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF PORTLAND CELEBRATES 86TH BIRTHDAY ON THANKSGIVING.



Joseph Bergman, pioneer resident of Portland, and a citizen here since 1854, received many congratulations upon his 86th birthday, which came on Thanksgiving, November 25, 1915. When young he emigrated to the United States and came to Oregon in 1836. Ever since that time he has lived in Portland.

Mr. Bergman wears his years easily. He is in splendid health and enjoys life to the utmost. He has a family consisting of a wife, two sons and a daughter, all living in this city, and the entire party was assembled on Thanksgiving day to observe the birthday as well as Mr. Bergman's birthday.

stance of the Broadway Investment Company's bid to furnish Station A postoffice quarters adjoining the present quarters. Nine bids were submitted, the lowest being the Broadway Investment for \$1175 a year. Final decision was deferred until December 10.

The offer of the Broadway Investment Company to provide space and equipment for postoffice Station A in East Portland refers to the adjoining quarters in the same building as that now occupied by the station at the corner of Union avenue and East Alder street. The company is the same lessee with which the Government now deals. It is proposed by the company to reconstruct the building and supply new equipment.

SURVEY BOATS FOR SALE

Bids Asked for Vessels Long in Service in Alaskan Waters.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Nov. 27.—The Coast Survey will receive bids until December 20 for the purchase of the survey steamers Gedyne and McArthur, which have been working many years in Alaskan waters. Both vessels have been condemned as unseaworthy. They now lie at Seattle, and are expected to bring only what they are worth as junk.

Under reports made on them by steamboat inspectors, they could not be operated by private owners unless they first underwent extensive repairs.

PENDLETON PIONEER DEAD

Mrs. Susanna Kopitke Dies Suddenly From Apoplexy.

PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susanna Kopitke, Pendleton pioneer, aged 56 years, died this morning from a stroke of apoplexy. By a singular coincidence her death occurred in the same manner as her husband's seven months ago. She arose this morning in apparently good health.

Mrs. Kopitke came from Switzerland to Pendleton when a small girl. In 1886 she was married to Mr. Kopitke. Two daughters, Mrs. Louis A. Sutton and Miss Letta Kopitke, of this city, survive.

Everybody Buys Talk Now

Phonographs are selling to beat the band at Eilers Music House, and no wonder, for this is the only place where all the various makes and all the records for them may be heard and compared and tested.

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I consider this a very good investment, as it gives me back about 4% compound interest on my money, besides having had my protection for fifteen years.

Thanking you for the promptness in making settlement and assuring you that I can heartily recommend the Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Company to all who wish insurance, I beg to remain, Very truly yours, ALBERT L. WHITEFORD.

DEFENSE PLAN HELD NOT STRONG ENOUGH

Security League Says Navy Is Not Provided With Sufficient Personnel.

BATTLESHIPS NOT MANNED

Service More Than 50,000 Short of Number Required—Continental Army Is Indorsed Merely as "First Step."

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The preparedness programme of President Wilson and his Cabinet was indorsed as a step in the right direction in committee reports on the Army, Navy and the militia read before a conference of the National Security League here today. On each aspect of the problem, however, the committee findings were that the Administration had not indicated a desire to go far enough.

The proposed Army increases, it was pointed out, should be broadened to provide for extensive and continuous education of officers and for collection of large reserve stocks of supplies. The Navy plan was criticized as extending over too long a period for completion and as making no provision for adequate personnel on ships built, building and proposed.

Continental Army "First Step." The project for a "continental army" was indorsed merely as a "first step" and the suggestion was made that all men between the ages of 15 and 21 should be enrolled and have military education.

The main report was in part as follows: "The league believes that an essential weakness in the proposed increase of our naval establishment, as reported in the press, lies in the failure to provide for an adequate increase in the personnel."

Figures were then quoted tending to show that the Navy is short between \$8,000 and \$5,000 men of the number required to man the ships already built or building, and it was said that because of the impossibility of manning present reserve ships, 11 destroyers were unable to participate in the war maneuvers of October.

Another statement was that four battleships of the Atlantic fleet would have to be placed in reserve next winter to get crews to man the new super-dreadnoughts Nevada and Oklahoma. "To correct a popular misapprehension, it must be made clear that this shortage of men is not due to difficulty in recruiting," said the report. "The sole trouble lies in the fact that Congress has limited the number of men to 51,500."

It was added that the proposed recommendation of the Secretary of Navy for 10,000 more men was inadequate and that there was also a shortage of at least 3000 officers. The proposed increase of 250 midshipmen was criticized on the ground that the first-year building programme alone requires 475 additional officers.

Full Beginning Favored. The committee indorsed the building programme, "so far as it follows the recommendations of the general board," and declared that since no Congress can bind succeeding Congresses, the ships contemplated should all be laid down at once.

A radical upbuilding of the Naval Militia and Navy Reserve" was also favored.

The committee on militia presented a double report. The first section dealt with conclusions drawn up after a meeting last March, declaring for the "enrollment and education of the entire citizen soldiery" and the "maintenance of the militia on the basis of proper training, not on the basis of the regular soldier, but as volunteer citizen soldiers of as high order as practicable."

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive processes and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

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Richelieu Union Suits shown in low neck, sleeveless styles, in ankle or knee length, made with hand crocheted yokes, fine lisle top and heavy cotton pants. Regular sizes at \$1.75. Out-sizes at \$2.00.

Richelieu Union Suits shown in the above styles, in heavy Fall and Winter weight. The regular sizes are priced at \$1.25 the suit, and the out-sizes at \$1.50.

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An elegant line of high-class Embroideries, including the most desirable patterns; 27-inch baby flouncings; 18-inch Dress and Baby Flouncings; also Corset Cover Embroideries; lines selling regularly up to 75¢ a yard. This sale 29¢

10¢ a Yard for Laces Formerly Selling at 20¢ to 35¢

In this assortment are to be found Shadow Flouncings, Oriental Edges, Cluny Sets, Camisole and many other popular laces that formerly sold from 20¢ to 35¢ a yard. This Sale Only 10¢

Ribbons Specially Priced at 8½¢ to 35¢ Yard

An elegant assortment of Warp Print, Stripe, Plaid and Novelty Ribbons; also the most wanted plain shades. Tempting values at, yard 8½¢, 15¢, 19¢, 25¢ and 35¢

Neckwear Specially Priced at 25¢ to \$1.00 Each

A complete showing of all the latest styles in Collars, Sets, Guimpes, Vestees, Fichus, Ruffs, etc. Unmatchable values at 25¢, 50¢ up to \$1.00

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Select From at, box 19¢ up to \$1.75

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Women's Fine Outing Flannel Gowns

75¢ to \$1.00 grades in pink, blue or gray. 59¢

Your choice in this sale at 59¢

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Garments of \$1.50 Quality

Again fortune has favored us—and you. We have secured a splendid lot of Women's Outing Flannel Nightgowns at a full third below real worth, and here is your opportunity to share in the saving. Included are the best styles, with pajamas, low or high neck, and with short or long sleeves. They are extra well made throughout and neatly trimmed with ribbons, tucks, braid, etc. They come in pink, blue, brown and white in plain colors, neat stripes and various patterns. Regular \$1.50 lines. This Sale 98¢

Only at Low Price of 98¢

Regular \$1.75 grade reduced to \$1.19

Notion Specials

10c Wood Coat Hangers for 8¢

5c Wood Coat Hangers for 3¢

5c Wire Coat Hangers for 2½¢

25c Writing Paper now only 19¢

20c Round Garters reduced to 10¢

50c Red Rubber reduced to 25¢

Crepe de Chine Silks \$1.25

A new shipment of these extremely beautiful 40-inch Silks. They come full 40 inches wide, in double warp and in a perfect weave, and are shown in all wanted plain colors for street or evening wear and are matchless in quality at \$1.25

Satin Sublime, \$1.25 Yd.

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Small Bath Towels at 19¢ and 35¢

A complete assortment of small Bath Towels, shown with colored borders or scalloped ends. Stamped in several designs.

Large Bath Towels at 50¢, 69¢, 75¢, 85¢

A fine lot to select from. Large-size Bath Towels, shown in all white, also colored borders. Pretty designs in satin stitch, cross-stitch and darned stitch.

Stamped Gowns at 65¢, 69¢ and 79¢

In this lot you have choice of ready-made gowns—made of good grade longcloth, with the popular kimono sleeves and either round, square or V-shaped neck. They are stamped in many pretty designs.